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**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Elida Local School District
Allen County
4380 Sunnydale Road
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Elida Local School District, Allen County, (the School District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 (B) requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, as discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the modified cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, we cannot determine at this time.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Elida Local School District, Allen County, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2009, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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

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

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

January 15, 2009

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
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The discussion and analysis of the Elida Local School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for fiscal year 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets increased \$38,809,313. The fund most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents was the Building Fund, which realized 98 percent of the increase. The General Fund net assets increased by \$575,742.
- The School District's general receipts, those being primarily property taxes and unrestricted state entitlements and the addition of the note proceeds for the new building project, were 93 percent of the total cash received during the fiscal year. Dependence on the property taxes and unrestricted state entitlements is significant.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the School District's modified cash basis of accounting.

The School District has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting is a reference to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses, and the related assets and liabilities. Under the School District's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result in cash transactions.

As a result of using the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion with this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the whole School District.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds, with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in a single column. For Elida Local School District, the General Fund and Building Fund are the most significant funds.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the basic financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

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Reporting the School District as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the School District did financially during fiscal year 2008, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the School District is responsible.

Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the School District's general receipts.

These statements report the School District's cash position and the changes in each position. Factors which contribute to these changes may also include the School District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, all of the School District activities are presented as governmental activities. All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, non-instructional services, food services, extracurricular activities, and capital outlay disbursements.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. While the School District uses many funds to account for its financial transactions, the fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General Fund and Building Fund.

Governmental Funds – Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year end for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from these funds are not available to support the School District's programs.

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The School District as a Whole

This year's financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis utilizing the GASB Statement No. 34 format. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007:

**Table 1
Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,577,122	\$4,056,527
Investments	38,288,718	
Total Assets	42,865,840	4,056,527
Net Assets:		
Restricted	39,234,315	981,070
Unrestricted	3,631,525	3,075,457
Total Net Assets	\$42,865,840	\$4,056,527

As mentioned previously, total net assets increased \$38,809,313. The primary reasons contributing to the increases in cash balances are as follows:

- Passage of a \$38,250,000 bond issue for a new high school in March 2008, and the issuance of the bond anticipation notes.
- The School District is still benefiting from cost savings measures that were put into action after two failed levies.
- This is the fifth year in a row of Elida Local Schools operating in a profit situation.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008.

**Table 2
Change in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007	Net Increase (Decrease)
Receipts:			
Program Receipts:			
Charges for Service and Sales	\$ 1,770,795	\$1,616,104	\$ 154,691
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,021,385	1,900,626	120,759
Capital Grants and Contributions	345,140	112,444	232,696
Total Program Receipts	4,137,320	3,629,174	508,146
General Receipts:			
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	9,266,302	9,407,570	(141,268)
Grants and Entitlements	8,678,343	8,594,036	84,307
Sale on Notes	38,250,000		38,250,000
Premium/Discount on Note Sale	30,983		30,983
Interest	245,739	186,976	58,763
Miscellaneous	254,957	169,159	85,798
Total General Receipts	56,726,324	18,357,741	38,368,583
Total Receipts	60,863,644	21,986,915	38,876,729

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**Table 2
Change in Net Assets
(Continued)**

	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007	Net Increase (Decrease)
Disbursements:			
Instruction:			
Regular	11,294,474	11,019,008	275,466
Special	1,803,642	1,609,636	194,006
Vocational	20,665	25,329	(4,664)
Adult/Continuing	2,970	6,544	(3,574)
Support Services:			
Pupil	1,016,874	996,198	20,676
Instructional Staff	730,262	610,073	120,189
Board of Education	18,454	17,869	585
Administration	1,415,591	1,355,242	60,349
Fiscal	405,279	428,305	(23,026)
Business	184,057	176,160	7,897
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,885,115	1,935,272	(50,157)
Pupil Transportation	1,359,025	1,131,989	227,036
Operation of Non-Instructional	154,086	108,011	46,075
Food Services	858,889	849,843	9,046
Extracurricular Activities	683,085	686,976	(3,891)
Capital Outlay	121,121	26,791	94,330
Principal	52,924	50,883	2,041
Interest and Fiscal Charges	47,818	18,733	29,085
Total Governmental Activities	<u>22,054,331</u>	<u>21,052,862</u>	<u>1,001,469</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$38,809,313</u>	<u>\$ 934,053</u>	<u>\$37,875,260</u>

Program receipts only represent 7 percent of total receipts and are primarily represented by restricted intergovernmental receipts, charges for tuition and fees, extracurricular activities, and food service sales. General receipts represent 93 percent of the School District's total receipts. Of the general receipts, 15 percent is the result of unrestricted grants and entitlements, which primarily represent the State foundation resources, property taxes make up 16 percent of the general receipts and the sale of notes for a new building construction project represents 67 percent of the general receipts. Other receipts, such as interest and rent are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for instruction, which accounts for 59 percent of all governmental disbursements. Other programs which support the instruction process, including pupils, instructional staff, and pupil transportation account for approximately 14 percent of governmental disbursements. Maintenance of the School District's facilities also represents a significant expense, 9 percent. Therefore, over 82 percent of the School District's disbursements are related to the primary functions of providing facilities and delivering education.

Table 3 indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services for governmental activities. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted state entitlements. Table 3 presents a comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost for both fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

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**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services 2008	Net Cost of Services 2008	Total Cost of Services 2007	Net Cost of Services 2007
Instruction:				
Regular	\$11,294,474	(\$10,109,664)	\$11,019,008	(\$ 9,887,223)
Special	1,803,642	(447,034)	1,609,636	(386,975)
Vocational	20,665	(8,453)	25,329	(16,252)
Adult/Continuing	2,970	(2,970)	6,544	(6,544)
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,016,874	(1,008,744)	996,198	(988,118)
Instructional Staff	730,262	(730,262)	610,073	(610,073)
Board of Education	18,454	(18,454)	17,869	(17,869)
Administration	1,415,591	(1,415,591)	1,355,242	(1,355,242)
Fiscal	405,279	(405,279)	428,305	(428,305)
Business	184,057	(184,057)	176,160	(176,160)
Plant Operation and Maintenance	1,885,115	(1,885,115)	1,935,272	(1,935,272)
Pupil Transportation	1,359,025	(1,000,386)	1,131,989	(1,009,187)
Central		12,000		9,000
Operation of Non- Instructional	154,086	(154,086)	108,011	(108,011)
Food Services	858,889	87,044	849,843	11,827
Extracurricular Activities	683,085	(455,623)	686,976	(458,841)
Capital Outlay	121,121	(89,595)	26,791	9,173
Principal	52,924	(52,924)	50,883	(50,883)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	47,818	(47,818)	18,733	(18,733)
Total Government Activities	\$22,054,331	(\$17,917,011)	\$21,052,862	(\$17,423,688)

The dependence upon tax receipts and unrestricted state entitlements is apparent as over 80 percent of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general receipts. However, it should be noted that special instruction activities are largely provided for through program receipts, by 75 percent. This is the result of operating grants and contributions restricted for special instruction purposes.

100 percent of food services were covered by program receipts for fiscal year 2008. This is primarily due to cafeteria sales, and state and federal subsidies and donated commodities for food service. 33 percent of extracurricular activities disbursements are covered by program receipts. This is the result of pay to participate fees.

The School District's Funds

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified cash basis of accounting. Total governmental funds (excluding advances in and advances out) had receipts of \$60,863,644 and disbursements of \$22,054,331. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the Building Fund as the result of passing a \$38,250,000 bond issue to construct a new high school.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During fiscal year 2008, the School District amended its General Fund budget as needed. Final budgeted receipts are in the amount of \$20,888,995 (excluding advances). The final budget was within 4 percent of actual.

Final disbursements were budgeted at \$20,679,247 while actual disbursements were \$19,612,100 (excluding advances). The School District was able to keep spending very close to budgeted amounts as demonstrated by the minor changes which occurred.

Actual General Fund receipts were more than disbursements by \$365,727. This also indicates that the School District has a balanced budget for fiscal year 2008 and the cost saving measures has worked.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the School District's outstanding debt totaled \$365,066. For further information regarding the School District's debt, refer to Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The School District is gaining financial strength and has operated in the black for 5 years in a row. In March 2008, the School District passed a \$38,250,000 bond issue to construct a new high school. The bond issue is for 28 years.

Other Current Issues Include:

- Flat funding from the state continues to be an issue.
- Food service operated in the black by \$87,044.
- Bus fuel increased by \$66,572 to \$193,371 for fiscal year 2008.
- Drivers Education operated in the black by \$20,722.
- Repairs to all buildings totaled \$254,445.
- Educational supplies purchased totaled \$428,366.
- Interest income has increased by 28 percent to \$245,739 (General Fund amount).
- Increased health care will be a concern over the next 2 years.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Joel Parker, Treasurer of Elida Local School District, 4380 Sunndydale Road, Elida, Ohio 45807.

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,132,897
Investments	38,288,718
Restricted Cash	444,225
Total Assets	<u><u>42,865,840</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Unclaimed Monies	4,463
Bus Purchase	164,147
Set Asides	275,615
Other Purposes	621,983
Capital Outlay	38,168,107
Unrestricted	3,631,525
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$42,865,840</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Program Cash Receipts</u>			<u>Net Disbursements Receipts and Changes In Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$11,294,474	\$862,960	\$321,850		(\$10,109,664)
Special	1,803,642	143,174	1,213,434		(447,034)
Vocational	20,665		12,212		(8,453)
Adult/Continuing	2,970				(2,970)
Support Services:					
Pupil	1,016,874		8,130		(1,008,744)
Instructional Staff	730,262				(730,262)
Board of Education	18,454				(18,454)
Administration	1,415,591				(1,415,591)
Fiscal	405,279				(405,279)
Business	184,057				(184,057)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,885,115				(1,885,115)
Pupil Transportation	1,359,025		45,025	313,614	(1,000,386)
Central			12,000		12,000
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	154,086				(154,086)
Operation of Food Services	858,889	544,257	401,676		87,044
Extracurricular Activities	683,085	220,404	7,058		(455,623)
Capital Outlay	121,121			31,526	(89,595)
Debt Service	100,742				(100,742)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$22,054,331</u>	<u>\$1,770,795</u>	<u>\$2,021,385</u>	<u>\$345,140</u>	(17,917,011)
General Receipts					
Property Taxes Levied for:					
General Purposes					
					9,266,302
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted					
to Specific Programs					
					8,678,343
Sale of Notes					
					38,250,000
Premium/Discount on Note Sale					
					30,983
Interest					
					245,739
Miscellaneous					
					254,957
Total General Receipts					
					56,726,324
Change in Net Assets					
					38,809,313
Net Assets Beginning of Year					
					4,056,527
Net Assets End of Year					
					<u>\$42,865,840</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,510,914		\$621,983	\$4,132,897
Investments	120,611	\$38,168,107		38,288,718
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	444,225			444,225
Total Assets	<u>4,075,750</u>	<u>38,168,107</u>	<u>621,983</u>	<u>42,865,840</u>
Fund Balances				
Reserved for Encumbrances	210,015	4,052,835	16,882	4,279,732
Reserved for Bus Purchases	164,147			164,147
Reserved for Unclaimed Monies	4,463			4,463
Reserved for Textbooks	275,615			275,615
Unreserved:				
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:				
General Fund	3,421,510			3,421,510
Special Revenue Funds			605,101	605,101
Debt Service Fund				
Capital Projects Funds		34,115,272		34,115,272
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$4,075,750</u>	<u>\$38,168,107</u>	<u>\$621,983</u>	<u>\$42,865,840</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts				
Property Taxes	\$9,266,302			\$9,266,302
Intergovernmental	9,074,544		\$1,774,327	10,848,871
Interest	245,739	\$38,861	13,004	297,604
Tuition and Fees	1,103,442			1,103,442
Extracurricular Activities	23,322		156,365	179,687
Charges for Services			533,793	533,793
Miscellaneous	268,876		83,136	352,012
Total Receipts	<u>19,982,225</u>	<u>38,861</u>	<u>2,560,625</u>	<u>22,581,711</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	11,123,499		170,975	11,294,474
Special	1,421,908		381,734	1,803,642
Vocational	1,549		19,116	20,665
Adult /Continuing			2,970	2,970
Support Services:				
Pupil	659,045		357,829	1,016,874
Instructional Staff	526,551		203,711	730,262
Board of Education	18,454			18,454
Administration	1,289,153		126,438	1,415,591
Fiscal	405,279			405,279
Business	124,237		59,820	184,057
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,885,115			1,885,115
Pupil Transportation	1,359,025			1,359,025
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	27,503		126,583	154,086
Operation of Food Services			858,889	858,889
Extracurricular Activities	490,641		192,444	683,085
Capital Outlay	510	120,611		121,121
Debt Service:				
Principal	52,924			52,924
Interest and Fiscal Charges	16,692	31,126		47,818
Total Disbursements	<u>19,402,085</u>	<u>151,737</u>	<u>2,500,509</u>	<u>22,054,331</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	580,140	(112,876)	60,116	527,380
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances In	12,000		16,398	28,398
Sale of Notes		38,250,000		38,250,000
Premium on Note Sale		94,096		94,096
Discount on Note Sale		(63,113)		(63,113)
Sale of Fixed Assets			950	950
Advances Out	(16,398)		(12,000)	(28,398)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(4,398)</u>	<u>38,280,983</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>38,281,933</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	575,742	38,168,107	65,464	38,809,313
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	<u>3,500,008</u>		<u>556,519</u>	<u>4,056,527</u>
Fund Balances End of Year	<u>\$4,075,750</u>	<u>\$38,168,107</u>	<u>\$621,983</u>	<u>\$42,865,840</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts				
Property Taxes	\$9,470,000	\$9,571,846	\$9,266,302	(\$305,544)
Intergovernmental	8,960,500	9,679,046	9,074,544	(604,502)
Interest	185,616	235,616	245,739	10,123
Tuition and Fees	942,000	1,114,821	1,103,442	(11,379)
Extracurricular Activities	26,000	24,000	23,322	(678)
Miscellaneous	180,600	263,666	268,876	5,210
Total Receipts	<u>19,764,716</u>	<u>20,888,995</u>	<u>19,982,225</u>	<u>(906,770)</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Instruction				
Regular	11,300,536	11,638,015	11,135,955	502,060
Special	1,453,010	1,569,010	1,421,908	147,102
Vocational Education	1,225	1,225	1,549	(324)
Support Services				
Pupil	639,717	651,717	663,740	(12,023)
Instructional Staff	498,433	514,033	526,651	(12,618)
Board of Education	20,175	20,175	18,454	1,721
Administration	1,293,359	1,299,135	1,312,316	(13,181)
Fiscal	438,924	438,924	405,279	33,645
Business	127,400	127,400	124,237	3,163
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,145,869	2,196,869	1,890,570	306,299
Pupil Transportation	1,300,643	1,594,947	1,523,171	71,776
Extracurricular Activities	508,572	508,572	490,641	17,931
Operations of Non-Instructional Services	13,630	28,630	27,503	1,127
Capital Outlay	20,900	20,900	510	20,390
Debt Service				
Principal	53,055	52,995	52,924	71
Interest	16,640	16,700	16,692	8
Total Disbursements	<u>19,832,088</u>	<u>20,679,247</u>	<u>19,612,100</u>	<u>1,067,147</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(67,372)	209,748	370,125	160,377
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances-In	20,000	12,000	12,000	
Contingencies	(20,000)	(20,000)		20,000
Advances-Out	(25,000)	(25,000)	(16,398)	8,602
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>(4,398)</u>	<u>28,602</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(92,372)	176,748	365,727	188,979
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,174,512	3,174,512	3,174,512	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>325,496</u>	<u>325,496</u>	<u>325,496</u>	
Fund Balance End of Year	<u><u>\$3,407,636</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,676,756</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,865,735</u></u>	<u><u>\$188,979</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$57,190	\$65,826
Total Assets	<u>57,190</u>	<u>65,826</u>
Net Assets		
Held for Student Activities		65,826
Held in Trust for Scholarships	57,190	
Total Net Assets	<u>\$57,190</u>	<u>\$65,826</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
Additions	
Contributions	\$23,022
Interest	2,436
Total Additions	<u>25,458</u>
Deductions	
Scholarships	<u>15,100</u>
Total Deductions	<u>15,100</u>
Change in Net Assets	10,358
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>46,832</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u><u>\$57,190</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The District is located in a prosperous community within Allen County, consisting of residences and significant office and retail commercial development. The School District is staffed by 105 non-certificated employees and 166 certificated employees who provide services to 2,384 students and other community members.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure the financial statements are not misleading.

A. Primary Government

The primary government of the School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Elida Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities.

B. Component Units

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

The Elida Education Foundation, Inc. - (the foundation) was organized under the non-profit corporation law of Ohio to operate exclusively for the benefit of the School District. The foundation receives and administers donations for educational and public charitable purposes for which the School District was formed. The foundation is governed by a five member board of trustees. One trustee shall at all times be a member of the Board of Education, appointed by the Board of Education. One Trustee shall at all times be the Superintendent of the Elida Board of Education and one trustee shall at all times be the Treasurer of the Elida Board of Education. The remaining two Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members. Based on the above information, the foundation is a blended component unit of the School District. The School District acts as fiscal agent for the Foundation. Based upon the purpose of the various funds included in the Foundation, a portion of the funds are included with the private purpose trust funds and the remaining funds are included as part of the other governmental funds of the School District. Additional financial information can be obtained from the Treasurer of the School District.

The School District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the School District is financially accountable.

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

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

The School District participates in three jointly governed organizations and three public entity risk pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC), Apollo Joint Vocational School, West Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center, Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative Workers' Compensation Rating Plan Program, Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan, and the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Insurance Program. These organizations are presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the basic financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Note 2.A, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the School District's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code Sections 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the School District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e. when an encumbrance is approved). Difference between disbursements reported in the fund statements versus budgetary expenditures are due to encumbrances outstanding at the beginning and end of the fiscal year.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year end.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible.

Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on the modified cash basis or draws from the School District's general receipts.

2. Fund Financial Statements

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

C. Fund Accounting

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

1. Governmental Funds

The School District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The School District's major funds are the General Fund and the Building Fund.

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

Building Fund - The Building Fund is used to account for all financial activity for the purpose of constructing a high school building, constructing additions to, renovating, and improving existing school facilities.

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fiduciary Funds

The fiduciary fund category is split into private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District's private purpose trust fund accounts for programs that provide college scholarships to students after graduation. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The School District's agency fund accounts for various student-managed activities.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund, object level for the General Fund and the fund level for all other funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

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

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds.

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2008, the School District invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, mutual funds, federal agency securities and STAR Ohio. Investments are reported at cost, except for STAR Ohio. 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, 2008.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2008 was \$245,739, which included \$9,605 assigned from other School District funds.

F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets represent amounts required by State statute to be set aside for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements, bus purchases, unclaimed monies, acquisition of textbooks and instructional materials.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The School District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The School District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

J. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the School District's modified cash basis of accounting.

K. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The School District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

L. Long-Term Obligations

The School District's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

M. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

N. Intergovernmental Revenues

Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues received on the basis of entitlement are recorded as receipts when the entitlement is received.

O. Equity Classifications

1. Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net assets, and displayed in separate components:

a. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

b. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted."

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance.

The School District reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances, bus purchases, textbooks, and unclaimed monies.

Under Ohio law, unclaimed monies must be held for five years before it becomes available for appropriation. Monies not yet held for the five year period are presented as reserved. The reserve for textbooks represents money required to be set-aside by state statute for the purchase of textbooks and instructional materials.

P. Receipts and Expenditures

In the Statement of Activities, receipts that are derived directly from each activity or from parties outside the School District's taxpayers are reported as program receipts. The School District has the following program receipts: charges for service, operating and capital grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

3. COMPLIANCE

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the School District prepared its financial statements on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net assets/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The School District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the School District.

4. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of cash, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major difference between the budget basis and the modified cash basis is that encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis). The adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund are as follows:

Change in Fund Balance	
Cash Basis	\$4,075,750
Increase (Decrease) Due To:	
Encumbrances Outstanding at Fiscal Year End (Budget Basis)	<u>(210,015)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$3,865,735</u></u>

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

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.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

At year end, the School District had \$100 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

A. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Protection of District cash and deposits is provided by the federal deposit insurance corporation as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets. By law, financial institutions must collateralize all public deposits. The face value of the pooled collateral must equal at least 105 percent of public funds deposited. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institutions.

At year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,583,353 and the bank balance was \$2,915,284. At year end, \$2,104,803 of the School District's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

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

B. Investments

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

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
Federal Home Loan Banks	\$18,134,331	6 to 28 months
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	10,176,738	9 to 18 months
Federal National Mortgage Association	4,067,081	9 to 18 months
Government & Agency Mutual Funds	5,910,568	
STAR Ohio	2,116,685	
Total Carrying Value	<u>\$40,405,403</u>	

C. Interest Rate Risk

The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. Interest rate risk arises because potential purchases of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring that the School District's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations.

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

D. Credit Risk

The Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Federal National Mortgage Association Notes carry a rating of AAA by Moody's and Standard and Poor's. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The mutual funds carry a rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Federal National Mortgage Association Notes are exposed to custodial credit risk as they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name.

The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirements of ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payments for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

6. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the School District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First-half tax distributions are received by the School District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second-half tax distributions are received in the first half of the following fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the School District.

Real property tax receipts received in calendar year 2008 represent the collection of calendar year 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after October 1, 2007, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2007, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in calendar year 2008 represent the collection of calendar year 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 became a lien on December 31, 2006, were levied after October 1, 2007, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in calendar year 2008 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of calendar year 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2008, on the value as of December 31, 2007. In prior years, tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. The tangible personal property tax is being phased out. The assessment percentage for all property, including inventory, for 2008 is 6.25 percent and zero for 2009.

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6. PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)

Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Allen County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties by June 30, 2008, are available to finance fiscal year 2009 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

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

	2007 Second- Half Collections		2008 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Property:				
Agricultural/Residential	\$338,023,660	92.50%	\$343,700,440	96.70%
Industrial/Commercial				
Public Utility Property	8,919,930	2.40	6,906,750	1.90
Tangible Personal Property	18,362,998	5.10	5,116,935	1.40
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$365,306,588</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$355,724,125</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$32.64		\$32.85	

7. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

At June 30, 2008, the General Fund had unpaid interfund cash advances for short term loans, in the amount of \$93 to the Learn and Serve fund, \$3,850 to the Social Studies fund, and \$12,455 to the Title V fund. These are expected to be repaid within one year. At June 30, 2008, the General Fund had made cash advances from October 1, 2002 through October 31, 2004 totaling \$100,000 to the Food Service Fund. These are expected to be repaid as funds become available from cost reduction measures applied to this area.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the School District contracted through the Southwestern Ohio Education Purchasing Council with various companies for the following insurance coverage:

Property	\$250,000,000
Boiler & Machinery	50,000,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000
Educator's Legal Liability	1,000,000
General Liability	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate	3,000,000
Umbrella Coverage	5,000,000

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

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

A. Health Care Benefits

The School District participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan (the Plan), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Plan for employee medical and dental benefits. The Plan is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon withdrawal from the Plan, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Plan liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of the withdrawal.

B. Workers' Compensation

The School District participates in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), and insurance purchasing pool (Note 16). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium GRP. The worker's 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 Cooperative 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 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.

9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215-3746.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current school district rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were 254,144, \$267,924, and \$246,070, respectively; 58.86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

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9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web Site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DP) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contribution for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$1,129,110, \$1,099,075 and \$1,056,576 respectively; 96.47 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007. There were no contributions to the DC or Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008.

C. Social Security System

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

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10. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$39,296.

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

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$115,974, \$88,951, and \$85,874 respectively; 58.86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The School District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$18,312, \$18,219, and \$19,585 respectively; 58.86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions.

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10. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$86,855, \$84,544, and \$81,275 respectively; 96.47 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

11. NOTES PAYABLE

The changes in the School District's notes payable during fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/08</u>
Governmental Activities					
Bond Anticipation Note 2008 Issue	2.6%	\$0	\$38,250,000	\$0	\$38,250,000

This note is issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$38,250,000. This Note is issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing a high school building and constructing additions to, renovating, and improving existing school facilities, all under the Ohio School Facilities Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land, under authority of, pursuant to and in full compliance with the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapter 133, Ohio Revised Code, and legislation of the Board of Education of the School District duly passed on March 18, 2008 (the "Note Legislation"). The due date for this note is November 13, 2008.

The Note is issued in anticipation of the bonds authorized by a majority vote of the electors of said School District cast at the election held therein on March 4, 2008, upon the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$38,250,000 and levying taxes outside of the limitations imposed by Article XII, Section 2, of the Ohio Constitution to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds.

12. DEBT

Debt obligations of the School District at June 30, 2008, consisted of the following:

	<u>Principal Outstanding 6/30/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding 6/30/08</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Energy Conservation Note	\$417,990	\$0	\$52,924	\$365,066	\$55,200
Interest Rate 4.65%					

Energy conservation notes were issued on July 15, 1998, for \$764,180 for the purpose of the improvement and renovation of buildings. The notes were issued for a fifteen year period with the final maturity during fiscal year 2014. The loan will be retired from the General and Debt Service funds.

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12. DEBT (Continued)

Future Debt Requirements

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$55,200	\$14,521	\$69,721
2010	57,791	12,318	70,109
2011	60,001	10,025	70,026
2012	62,051	7,642	69,693
2013	65,021	5,163	70,184
2014	65,002	2,585	67,587
Total	<u>\$365,066</u>	<u>\$52,254</u>	<u>\$417,320</u>

13. SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials, and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years. The following cash basis information identifies the changes in fund balance reserves for textbooks and capital improvements during fiscal year 2008.

	Textbooks	Capital Improvements
Balance June 30, 2007	\$335,200	(\$592,226)
Current Year Set Aside Requirement	368,781	368,781
Qualifying Cash Disbursements	(428,366)	(368,781)
Amount Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2008	<u>\$275,615</u>	<u>(\$592,226)</u>

For capital improvements, the extra amount was the result of capital expenditures from bond or note proceeds which can be used to reduce the set aside requirements of future years.

14. CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The District had the following construction and contractual commitments as of June 30:

Contractor	Project	Amount Outstanding
Cardinal Bus Sales	School Buses	\$320,304
Embarq	Central Office Phone System	23,162
State of Ohio	BCI Checks	5,000
Queen City Reprographics	Copies of Drawings (Building Project)	5,000
Garman/Miller	Architect (Building Project)	2,203,667
Saf-T-Net	Alert Now	6,000
Choice One Engineering	Land Survey (Building Project)	5,875
Touchstone CPM	Construction Manager (Building Project)	1,943,872
Total Commitments		<u>\$4,512,880</u>

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15. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative

The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) is a jointly governed organization among forty-seven school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOACSC based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. The NOACSC Assembly consists of a representative from each participating school district and the superintendent from the fiscal agent. The Board of Directors consists of the superintendent from the fiscal agent, the two Assembly members from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation of the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, at 645 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45804.

B. Apollo Joint Vocational School

The Apollo Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Apollo Joint Vocational School, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806.

C. West Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center (the Center)

The Center is a jointly governed organization among the school districts located in Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of establishing an articulated, regional structure for professional development, in which school districts, the business community, higher education and other groups cooperatively plan and implement effective professional development activities than are tied directly to school improvement, and in particular, to improvements to instructional programs. The Center is governed by a board made up of 52 representatives of the participating school districts, the business community, and two institutions of higher learning whose term rotates every two years. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information may be obtained by contacting Hancock County Educational Service Center, 604 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840-3087.

16. GROUP INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The School District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Group Rating Plan was established through the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative as a group insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a twenty-five member Board of Directors consisting of two representatives from each county elected by a majority vote of all charter member schools within each county plus one representative from the fiscal agency A-site. The treasurer of Findlay City Schools serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating Districts pay an enrollment fee to cover the costs of administering the program.

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16. GROUP INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

B. Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan

The School District participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan (the plan), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The Trust is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(9) and provides medical, accident and other benefits to the employees of the participating school districts.

Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Trustees which advises the Trustee, Allied Benefit Systems, concerning aspects of the administration of the Trust. Each school district decides which plans offered by the Board of Trustees will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Trust is by written application subject to the acceptance by the Board of Trustees and payment of the monthly premium. Financial information can be obtained from Brian Rockhold who serves as chairman, at the Allen County Educational Service Center, 1920 Slabtown Rd, Lima, Ohio 45804.

C. Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Insurance Programs (SOEPC)

The School District participates in a public entity shared risk pool of thirty-two school districts. The SOEPC Insurance Program provides for property, fleet and liability insurance coverage. The Program's business and affairs are conducted by an Executive Council of seven participating school administrators. Participation in the Program is by written application subject to acceptance by the Executive Council and the payment of an annual premium. The Administrator of the program is Public Entity Marsh which coordinates the management, administration, claims management, and actuarial studies of the Program. Insurance premiums are paid to the Purchasing Council. Financial information can be obtained from Public Entity Marsh, 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

17. CONTINGENCIES

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and 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 adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2008.

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						
(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)						
Food Donations Program	2008	10.550		\$56,687		\$56,687
Nutrition Cluster:						
School Breakfast Program	2008	10.553	\$43,839		\$43,839	
National School Lunch Program	2008	10.555	342,171		342,171	
Total Nutrition Cluster			<u>386,010</u>		<u>386,010</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			386,010	56,687	386,010	56,687
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						
(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)						
Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2007	84.010	41,404		40,658	
	2008		315,707		311,197	
Total Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>357,111</u>		<u>351,855</u>	
Special Education Grants to States	2007	84.027	5,529		28,513	
	2008		534,959		517,396	
Total Special Education Grants to States			<u>540,488</u>		<u>545,909</u>	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	2008	84.186	9,794		9,794	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	2008	84.298	6,104		18,559	
Education Technology State Grant	2008	84.318	3,714		3,714	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	2007	84.367	12,993		14,044	
	2008		104,045		99,310	
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			<u>117,038</u>		<u>113,354</u>	
Total U. S. Department of Education			1,034,249		1,043,185	
Corporation for National and Community Service						
(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)						
Learn and Serve America - School and Community Programs	2006	94.004	1,873		1,000	
	2007		29,293		29,386	
Total Corporation for National and Community Service			<u>31,166</u>		<u>30,386</u>	
Total Federal Assistance			<u>\$1,451,425</u>	<u>\$56,687</u>	<u>\$1,459,581</u>	<u>\$56,687</u>

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

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

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 -- CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE C -- FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

At June 30, 2008, the District had no significant food commodities in inventory

NOTE D -- MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require that the School District contribute non-Federal funds (match funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The School District has complied with the matching requirements. The expenditure of non-Federal matching funds is not included in the Schedule.



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

Elida Local School District
Allen County
4380 Sunnydale Road
Elida, Ohio 45807

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Elida Local School District, Allen County, (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2009, wherein, we noted the School District uses a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting: 2008-002.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
(Continued)**

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe the significant deficiency described above as finding number 2008-002 is a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the School District's management in a separate letter dated January 15, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matter that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2008-001. In a separate letter to the School District's management dated January 15, 2009, we also reported a certain matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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

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



Mary Taylor
Auditor of State

January 15, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

Elida Local School District
Allen County
4380 Sunnydale Road
Elida, Ohio 45807

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

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

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

In our opinion, Elida Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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**Internal Control Over Compliance
(Continued)**

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

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

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

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

January 15, 2009

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

NONCOMPLIANCE – OHIO REVISED CODE

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 states, in part, that each public office, shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38.

Ohio Admin Code Section 117-2-03 (B) requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The School District prepared its financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Auditor of State for governmental entities not required to prepare annual reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38, the School District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the School District should prepare their financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Officials Response:

The Elida Board of Education continues to support their decision in processing the OCBOA statements as a means to save time and money for the District.

ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2008

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
2007-001	ORC 117.38 and OAC 117-2-03 (B) – District filed cash basis financial statements rather than GAAP.	No	Repeated as Finding 2008-001



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALLEN 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
FEBRUARY 26, 2009