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**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Northwest Local School District
Stark County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Northwest Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Northwest Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2011, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The federal awards receipts and expenditure schedule provides additional information required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The federal awards receipts and expenditure schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The federal awards receipts and expenditure schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 31, 2011

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Northwest Local School District's ("the District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2010 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities increased \$30,238,918 during fiscal year 2010, from \$888,409 to \$31,127,327, due to grant revenues received for the District's Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC) construction project.
- General revenues accounted for \$47,451,046 in revenue or 93.25% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$3,433,040 or 6.75% of total revenues of \$50,884,086.
- The District had \$20,645,168 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$3,433,040 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and grants and entitlements) of \$47,451,046 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District has two major governmental funds. They are the general fund and classroom facilities fund. The general fund had \$16,764,268 in revenues and other financing sources and \$15,729,642 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2010, the general fund's deficit balance decreased \$1,055,771 from a deficit balance of \$3,301,823 to a deficit balance of \$2,246,052.
- The classroom facilities fund, which was created during the fiscal year to account for the District's OSFC construction project, had \$3,665,711 in revenues and other financing sources and \$947,039 in expenditures. At June 30, 2010, the classroom facilities fund's fund balance was \$2,718,672.

Using these Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

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

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

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Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2010?" The statement of net assets and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include *all non-fiduciary assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

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

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and classroom facilities fund; all other governmental funds are considered non-major.

Governmental Funds

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

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for students. These activities are reported in an agency fund. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets on page 20. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 21-49 of this report.

The District as a Whole

The statement of net assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2010 and 2009.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities <u>2010</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2009</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 40,685,023	\$ 8,666,842
Capital assets, net	<u>25,823,314</u>	<u>25,788,751</u>
Total assets	<u>66,508,337</u>	<u>34,455,593</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	10,957,479	10,059,098
Long-term liabilities	<u>24,423,531</u>	<u>23,508,086</u>
Total liabilities	<u>35,381,010</u>	<u>33,567,184</u>
<u>Net assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,573,571	3,814,657
Restricted	31,016,587	2,243,382
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(4,462,831)</u>	<u>(5,169,630)</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 31,127,327</u>	<u>\$ 888,409</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2010, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$31,127,327. Of this total, \$31,016,587 is restricted in use leaving the District with an unrestricted net assets deficit of \$4,462,831. The large increase in net assets can be attributed to the District's grants from OSFC for the construction project. These assets are reported as restricted since they are only allowed to be used for construction expenditures.

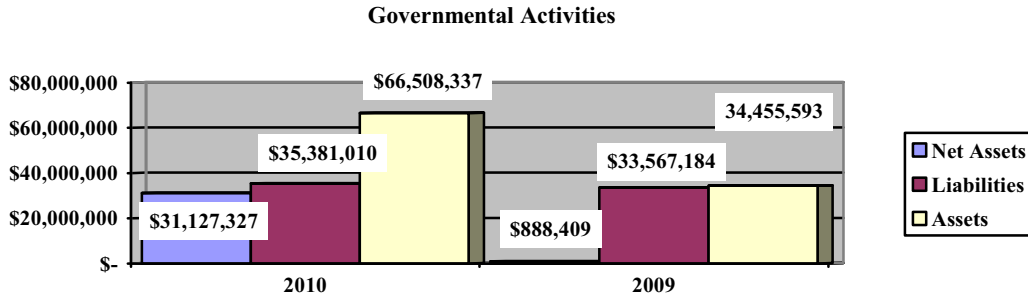
At year-end, capital assets represented 38.83% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2010, were \$4,573,571. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net assets, \$31,016,587 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets is a deficit of \$4,462,831.

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The graph below presents the District's assets, liabilities and net assets for fiscal years 2010 and 2009.



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal years 2010 and 2009.

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2010	Governmental Activities 2009
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,270,706	\$ 1,382,162
Operating grants and contributions	2,157,175	1,820,219
Capital grants and contributions	5,159	85,348
General revenues:		
Property taxes	7,606,376	8,113,358
Grants and entitlements	39,813,238	9,879,203
Investment earnings	3,190	15,229
Miscellaneous	28,242	16,352
Total revenues	50,884,086	21,311,871

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Change in Net Assets - (Continued)

	<u>Governmental Activities 2010</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2009</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 9,493,963	\$ 9,089,557
Special	2,279,807	2,668,708
Vocational	211,200	324,990
Other	107,578	121,041
Support services:		
Pupil	864,604	832,097
Instructional staff	151,031	309,925
Board of education	97,137	70,688
Administration	1,696,928	1,721,416
Fiscal	437,742	429,955
Operations and maintenance	1,723,778	1,769,635
Pupil transportation	930,660	1,128,761
Central	318,699	274,357
Food service operations	748,660	791,954
Other non-instructional services	154,006	101,166
Extracurricular activities	424,098	402,851
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>1,005,277</u>	<u>990,800</u>
Total expenses	<u>20,645,168</u>	<u>21,027,901</u>
Change in net assets	30,238,918	283,970
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>888,409</u>	<u>604,439</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 31,127,327</u>	<u>\$ 888,409</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities increased \$30,238,918. Total governmental expenses of \$20,645,168 were offset by program revenues of \$3,433,040 and general revenues of \$47,451,046. Program revenues supported 16.63% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 93.19% of total governmental revenue.

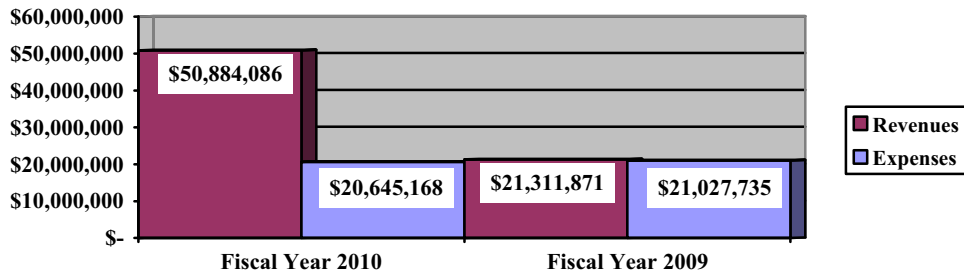
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$12,092,548 or 58.57% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2010.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2010 and 2009.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



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

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2010	Net Cost of Services 2010	Total Cost of Services 2009	Net Cost of Services 2009
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 9,493,963	\$ 8,330,383	\$ 9,089,557	\$ 8,330,276
Special	2,279,807	1,719,336	2,668,708	1,645,449
Vocational	211,200	165,404	324,990	279,319
Other	107,578	107,578	121,041	121,041
Support services:				
Pupil	864,604	720,653	832,097	639,464
Instructional staff	151,031	117,026	309,925	309,925
Board of education	97,137	97,137	70,688	70,688
Administration	1,696,928	1,691,928	1,721,416	1,714,059
Fiscal	437,742	437,742	429,955	429,955
Operations and maintenance	1,723,778	1,438,835	1,769,635	1,743,750
Pupil transportation	930,660	876,499	1,128,761	994,922
Central	318,699	180,954	274,357	185,144
Food service operations	748,660	54,124	791,954	79,383
Other non-instructional services	154,006	46,219	101,166	(18,185)
Extracurricular activities	424,098	223,033	402,851	224,182
Interest and fiscal charges	1,005,277	1,005,277	990,800	990,800
Total	<u>\$ 20,645,168</u>	<u>\$ 17,212,128</u>	<u>\$ 21,027,901</u>	<u>\$ 17,740,172</u>

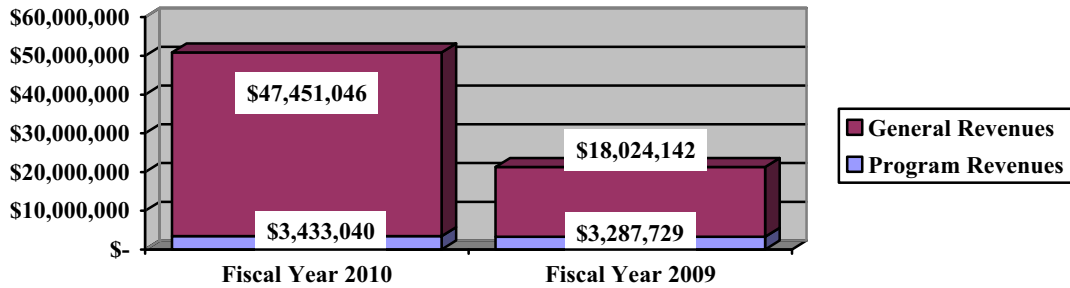
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 85.36% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 83.37%. The District's taxpayers and grants and entitlements, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal years 2010 and 2009.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet on page 15) reported a combined fund balance of \$1,659,758, compared to last year's combined fund deficit of \$2,004,153. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2010 and 2009.

	Fund Balance (Deficit) <u>June 30, 2010</u>	Fund Balance (Deficit) <u>June 30, 2009</u>	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$ (2,246,052)	\$ (3,301,823)	\$ 1,055,771
Classroom facilities	2,718,672	-	2,718,672
Other governmental	<u>1,187,138</u>	<u>1,297,670</u>	<u>(110,532)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,659,758</u>	<u>\$ (2,004,153)</u>	<u>\$ 3,663,911</u>

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General Fund

The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities of the general fund.

	<u>2010</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 6,000,839	\$ 6,483,561	\$ (482,722)	(7.45) %
Tuition	333,353	518,483	(185,130)	(35.71) %
Earnings on investments	229	6,416	(6,187)	(96.43) %
Intergovernmental	10,051,691	10,377,815	(326,124)	(3.14) %
Other revenues	<u>364,826</u>	<u>215,484</u>	<u>149,342</u>	69.31 %
Total	<u>\$ 16,750,938</u>	<u>\$ 17,601,759</u>	<u>\$ (850,821)</u>	(4.83) %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 10,329,036	\$ 11,012,677	\$ (683,641)	(6.21) %
Support services	5,181,495	6,202,412	(1,020,917)	(16.46) %
Extracurricular activities	218,366	218,229	137	0.06 %
Debt service	<u>745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>745</u>	100.00 %
Total	<u>\$ 15,729,642</u>	<u>\$ 17,433,318</u>	<u>\$ (1,703,676)</u>	(9.77) %

Tax revenues continued to fall decreasing by 7.45%, which is partially due to the phase-out of tangible personal property taxes. Tuition revenue decreased 35.71% over the prior fiscal year. This is primarily due to the District receiving less in open enrollment revenue. The significant decrease in earnings on investments in the general fund can be attributed to lower interest rates during the year. Intergovernmental revenues fell 3.14% due to decreased State foundation revenue. Other revenues increased 69.31% as the District received more for sports-related fees and class fees. The District's expenditures continued to decrease due to various cost-cutting measures, including reductions in teachers and staff members. The significant decrease in support services expenditures was also due to lower maintenance and pupil transportation costs.

Classroom Facilities Fund

The classroom facilities fund was created during the fiscal year to account for the District's OSFC construction project, and had \$3,665,711 in revenues and other financing sources and \$947,039 in expenditures. At June 30, 2010, the classroom facilities fund's fund balance was \$2,718,672.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

For the general fund, original and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$18,248,634. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2010 were \$18,020,445. This represents a \$228,189 decrease from the final budgeted amounts, which is mostly due to lower than anticipated intergovernmental receipts from the State and taxes.

General fund original and final appropriations (appropriated expenditures) were \$17,036,051. The actual budget basis expenditures for fiscal year 2010 totaled \$16,435,305, which was \$600,746 less than the final budget appropriations.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2010, the District had \$25,823,314 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2010 balances compared to 2009:

Capital Assets at June 30 (Net of Depreciation)		
<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Land	\$ 158,003	\$ 137,915
Construction in progress	947,039	-
Land improvements	256,758	272,644
Buildings and improvements	23,846,429	24,521,267
Furniture and equipment	477,554	647,528
Vehicles	137,531	209,397
Total	<u>\$ 25,823,314</u>	<u>\$ 25,788,751</u>

The overall increase in capital assets of \$34,563 is due to capital asset additions, primarily construction in progress, of \$991,616 exceeding depreciation expense of \$957,053 during fiscal year 2010.

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

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2010, the District had \$20,045,743 in general obligation bonds and \$2,834,000 in lease-purchase agreements. The general obligation bonds total includes \$375,743 in unamortized premium on the bond issue. Of the total outstanding debt, \$741,000 is due within one year and \$22,138,743 is due in more than one year. The following table summarizes the District's outstanding debt.

	<u>Governmental Activities 2010</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2009</u>
General obligation bonds (includes unamortized premium)	\$ 20,045,743	\$ 20,695,094
Lease-purchase agreements	2,834,000	1,279,000
Total	<u>\$ 22,879,743</u>	<u>\$ 21,974,094</u>

See Notes 9 and 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Current Financial Related Activities

The District has continued to maintain the highest standards of service to its students, parents and community. The District is always presented with challenges and opportunities. National events economically affect the District and the surrounding area. The District is still reviewing and analyzing the impact this has on the personal property tax base and collections.

The District's financial base for operations is being stretched due to revenues remaining stagnant and even decreasing as the State foundation revenues continue to decline. The District placed a .75% income tax on the March 2008 ballot which would have raised \$1.8 million for general operations. However, this levy was defeated. This levy defeat also led to the District being placed in Fiscal Caution by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on July 14, 2008. A plan was submitted to ODE detailing how the District would proceed to become fiscally solvent. The plan was based on expenditures being cut in the amount of \$1,500,000 at the start of fiscal year 2010 and also at the start of fiscal year 2011. At the end of fiscal year 2010 the District was still in Fiscal Caution.

During the fiscal year the District Board of Education voted to place a 1% earned income tax issue on the ballot in the May election. This presented the community with a way to raise \$2.3 million for school operations. The issue passed by a vote of 2,899 to 2,077. While the issue does not take effect until January 1, 2011, the passage enabled the District to issue tax anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,139,000. The proceeds of the issue were received in June.

On June 20, 2009 the Northwest Board of Education held a public hearing on the topic of moving 1.5 mills of inside millage to a permanent improvement fund. The proposal to move the millage would allow the Northwest School District to move forward with the Ohio School Facilities Classroom Facilities Assistance Program portion of the previously approved building program. An audience of more than sixty community members gathered to ask questions and express their views on the issue. After the hearing the Northwest Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting at which time a resolution authorizing the moving of 1.5 inside mills to permanent improvement was unanimously approved.

Several significant legislative and judicial actions have occurred that will have a major impact on the District. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled in March 1997 that the State of Ohio was operating an unconstitutional educational system, one that was neither "adequate" nor "equitable." The State has not yet developed a school funding plan that has been deemed acceptable by the Court, and ultimate resolution still seems to be some time in the future. There is concern that the State may not have the ability to fully fund the previously approved subsidies for primary and secondary education in the State budget. Changes to the State's school foundation funding formula did not bode well for additional revenue, and in fact, caused a decline in foundation funding for 2010. In spite of this, the District has committed itself to educational and financial excellence. The District is committed to living within its financial means, and working with the community it serves in order to garner adequate resources to support the educational program.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Dan Levensood, Treasurer, Northwest Local School District, 2309 Locust Street S., Canal Fulton, Ohio 44624.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 4,682,449
Cash with fiscal agent	152
Receivables:	
Taxes.	8,178,212
Accounts	2,556
Intergovernmental	27,528,596
Prepayments	13,224
Materials and supplies inventory.	60,728
Unamortized bond issue costs	219,106
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	1,105,042
Depreciable capital assets, net	24,718,272
Capital assets, net.	25,823,314
 Total assets.	 66,508,337
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	113,299
Contracts payable.	146,351
Retainage payable	152
Accrued wages and benefits	1,569,806
Pension obligation payable.	442,176
Intergovernmental payable	77,135
Accrued interest payable	75,927
Notes payable	1,137,166
Unearned revenue	7,395,467
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	841,890
Due in more than one year	23,581,641
 Total liabilities	 35,381,010
Net assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	4,573,571
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	29,283,214
Classroom facilities maintenance	25,445
Debt service.	1,147,189
Locally funded programs	1,162
State funded programs.	14,804
Federally funded programs	8,490
Other purposes	536,283
Unrestricted (deficit)	(4,462,831)
 Total net assets	 \$ 31,127,327

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 9,493,963	\$ 594,597	\$ 568,983	\$ -	\$ (8,330,383)
Special	2,279,807	12,551	547,920	-	(1,719,336)
Vocational	211,200	-	45,796	-	(165,404)
Other	107,578	-	-	-	(107,578)
Support services:					
Pupil	864,604	-	143,951	-	(720,653)
Instructional staff	151,031	-	34,005	-	(117,026)
Board of education	97,137	-	-	-	(97,137)
Administration	1,696,928	-	5,000	-	(1,691,928)
Fiscal	437,742	-	-	-	(437,742)
Operations and maintenance	1,723,778	669	279,115	5,159	(1,438,835)
Pupil transportation	930,660	-	54,161	-	(876,499)
Central	318,699	40,829	96,916	-	(180,954)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	748,660	428,242	266,294	-	(54,124)
Other non-instructional services	154,006	-	107,787	-	(46,219)
Extracurricular activities	424,098	193,818	7,247	-	(223,033)
Interest and fiscal charges	1,005,277	-	-	-	(1,005,277)
Total governmental activities	\$ 20,645,168	\$ 1,270,706	\$ 2,157,175	\$ 5,159	(17,212,128)

General revenues:

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes	6,067,356
Debt service	1,269,337
Capital projects	200,592
Special revenue	69,091
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	10,215,422
Grants and entitlements restricted for Ohio Schools Facilities Commission	29,597,816
Investment earnings	3,190
Miscellaneous	28,242

Total general revenues 47,451,046

Change in net assets 30,238,918

Net assets at beginning of year 888,409

Net assets at end of year \$ 31,127,327

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>General</u>	<u>Classroom Facilities</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ -	\$ 2,865,023	\$ 1,394,927	\$ 4,259,950
Cash with fiscal agent.	-	-	152	152
Receivables:				
Taxes	6,654,222	-	1,523,990	8,178,212
Accounts.	2,556	-	-	2,556
Intergovernmental	5,342	27,445,694	77,560	27,528,596
Due from other funds.	123,999	-	552,251	676,250
Prepayments.	13,224	-	-	13,224
Materials and supplies inventory	29,795	-	30,933	60,728
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	422,499	-	-	422,499
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,251,637</u>	<u>\$ 30,310,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,813</u>	<u>\$ 41,142,167</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 86,321	\$ -	\$ 26,978	\$ 113,299
Contracts payable	-	146,351	-	146,351
Retainage payable	-	-	152	152
Accrued wages and benefits	1,380,663	-	189,143	1,569,806
Compensated absences payable	34,944	-	2,137	37,081
Pension obligation payable	410,155	-	32,021	442,176
Intergovernmental payable.	65,565	-	11,570	77,135
Due to other funds.	-	-	676,250	676,250
Accrued interest payable.	588	-	-	588
Notes payable	1,137,166	-	-	1,137,166
Deferred revenue	344,668	27,445,694	96,576	27,886,938
Unearned revenue	6,037,619	-	1,357,848	7,395,467
Total liabilities.	<u>9,497,689</u>	<u>27,592,045</u>	<u>2,392,675</u>	<u>39,482,409</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	95,190	1,114,169	33,418	1,242,777
Reserved for supplies inventory	29,795	-	30,933	60,728
Reserved for debt service	-	-	1,091,979	1,091,979
Reserved for instructional materials	422,499	-	-	422,499
Reserved for tax revenue unavailable for appropriation	274,491	-	74,763	349,254
Reserved for prepayments.	13,224	-	-	13,224
Unreserved, undesignated (deficit), reported in:				
General fund.	(3,081,251)	-	-	(3,081,251)
Special revenue funds	-	-	2,051	2,051
Capital projects funds	-	1,604,503	(46,006)	1,558,497
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>(2,246,052)</u>	<u>2,718,672</u>	<u>1,187,138</u>	<u>1,659,758</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances.	<u>\$ 7,251,637</u>	<u>\$ 30,310,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,813</u>	<u>\$ 41,142,167</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2010

Total governmental fund balances		\$	1,659,758
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net assets are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			25,823,314
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.			
Taxes receivable	\$	436,047	
Intergovernmental receivable		<u>27,450,891</u>	
Total			27,886,938
Unamortized premiums on bond issuances are not recognized in the funds.			(375,743)
Unamortized bond issue costs are not recognized in the funds.			219,106
Accrued interest payable on long-term debt is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.			(75,339)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
General obligation bonds		19,670,000	
Compensated absences		1,506,707	
Lease-purchase obligations		<u>2,834,000</u>	
Total			<u>(24,010,707)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		\$	<u>31,127,327</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>General</u>	<u>Classroom Facilities</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 6,000,839	\$ -	\$ 1,513,055	\$ 7,513,894
Tuition.	333,353	-	-	333,353
Earnings on investments	229	1,944	1,386	3,559
Charges for services	-	-	428,242	428,242
Extracurricular.	75,450	-	157,697	233,147
Classroom materials and fees	273,795	-	-	273,795
Other local revenues	15,581	-	47,642	63,223
Intergovernmental - intermediate	1,078	-	1,600	2,678
Intergovernmental - state	10,050,613	2,152,122	406,937	12,609,672
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	1,962,859	1,962,859
Total revenue	<u>16,750,938</u>	<u>2,154,066</u>	<u>4,519,418</u>	<u>23,424,422</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular.	8,338,403	-	608,153	8,946,556
Special	1,675,723	-	589,641	2,265,364
Vocational	207,332	-	-	207,332
Other	107,578	-	-	107,578
Support services:				
Pupil	704,043	-	153,252	857,295
Instructional staff.	84,692	-	34,739	119,431
Board of education	97,137	-	-	97,137
Administration	1,658,566	-	5,032	1,663,598
Fiscal	401,711	-	32,464	434,175
Operations and maintenance	1,259,722	-	417,828	1,677,550
Pupil transportation	806,938	-	18,270	825,208
Central	168,686	-	148,416	317,102
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	-	-	673,434	673,434
Other non-instructional services.	-	-	156,391	156,391
Extracurricular activities	218,366	-	162,799	381,165
Facilities acquisition and construction.	-	947,039	30,000	977,039
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	-	-	705,000	705,000
Interest and fiscal charges	745	-	1,011,357	1,012,102
Total expenditures	<u>15,729,642</u>	<u>947,039</u>	<u>4,746,776</u>	<u>21,423,457</u>
Excess/deficiency of revenues over/under expenditures.	<u>1,021,296</u>	<u>1,207,027</u>	<u>(227,358)</u>	<u>2,000,965</u>
Other financing sources:				
Sale/loss of assets	13,330	-	-	13,330
Capital lease transaction	-	1,511,645	118,355	1,630,000
Total other financing sources	<u>13,330</u>	<u>1,511,645</u>	<u>118,355</u>	<u>1,643,330</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,034,626	2,718,672	(109,003)	3,644,295
Fund balances (deficit)				
at beginning of year	(3,301,823)	-	1,297,670	(2,004,153)
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory	21,145	-	(1,529)	19,616
Fund balances (deficit) at end of year.	<u>\$ (2,246,052)</u>	<u>\$ 2,718,672</u>	<u>\$ 1,187,138</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,758</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 3,644,295

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

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

Capital asset additions	\$	991,616	
Current year depreciation		(957,053)	
Total			34,563

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

Taxes		92,482	
Intergovernmental revenue		27,353,852	
Total			27,446,334

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest is expensed when due. The following items resulted in less interest expense being reported in the statement of activities:

Increase in accrued interest		(1,242)	
Amortization of bond premium		19,351	
Amortization of bond issuance costs		(11,284)	
Total			6,825

Proceeds from lease-purchase transactions are recorded as revenues in the governmental funds, however, they are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities as they increase long-term liabilities. (1,630,000)

Principal payments on bonds and leases are reported as expenditures in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets. 705,000

Governmental funds report expenditures for inventory when purchased, however, on the statement of activities, they are reported as expenditures when consumed. 19,616

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. 12,285

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 30,238,918

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>(Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 6,735,046	\$ 6,735,046	\$ 6,092,393	\$ (642,653)
Tuition.	227,846	227,846	333,353	105,507
Earnings on investments	5,000	5,000	229	(4,771)
Extracurricular.	11,000	11,000	75,530	64,530
Classroom materials and fees	151,500	151,500	273,842	122,342
Other local revenues	34,000	34,000	10,230	(23,770)
Intergovernmental - intermediate	-	-	1,078	1,078
Intergovernmental - state	11,081,242	11,081,242	10,076,277	(1,004,965)
Total revenue	<u>18,245,634</u>	<u>18,245,634</u>	<u>16,862,932</u>	<u>(1,382,702)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	8,488,789	8,488,789	8,443,983	44,806
Special.	2,130,622	2,130,622	1,995,564	135,058
Vocational.	241,340	241,340	226,492	14,848
Other.	110,500	110,500	107,573	2,927
Support services:				
Pupil.	844,032	844,032	729,405	114,627
Instructional staff	144,725	144,725	114,884	29,841
Board of education	82,750	82,750	80,469	2,281
Administration.	1,768,817	1,768,817	1,695,792	73,025
Fiscal	418,613	418,613	410,250	8,363
Operations and maintenance.	1,486,940	1,486,940	1,379,099	107,841
Pupil transportation	880,653	880,653	860,863	19,790
Central.	213,269	213,269	179,370	33,899
Extracurricular activities.	225,001	225,001	211,561	13,440
Total expenditures	<u>17,036,051</u>	<u>17,036,051</u>	<u>16,435,305</u>	<u>600,746</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures.	<u>1,209,583</u>	<u>1,209,583</u>	<u>427,627</u>	<u>(781,956)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	-	-	1,720	1,720
Premium on sale of notes.	-	-	3,463	3,463
Sale of notes	-	-	1,139,000	1,139,000
Sale of capital assets	3,000	3,000	13,330	10,330
Total other financing sources	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,157,513</u>	<u>1,154,513</u>
Net change in fund balance	1,212,583	1,212,583	1,585,140	372,557
Fund balance (deficit) at beginning of year .	(1,332,521)	(1,332,521)	(1,332,521)	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated. . .	191,217	191,217	191,217	-
Fund balance at end of year.	<u>\$ 71,279</u>	<u>\$ 71,279</u>	<u>\$ 443,836</u>	<u>\$ 372,557</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2010

	Agency
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,257
Total assets.	\$ 82,257
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,081
Intergovernmental payable	421
Due to students.	79,755
Total liabilities	\$ 82,257

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Northwest Local School District (the “District”) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is governed by a five-member board of education (the Board) elected by its citizens, which is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District.

The District ranks as the 223rd largest by total enrollment among the 905 public and community school districts in the State. The District employs 85 non-certified and 147 certified employees to provide services to approximately 2,215 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups. The District operates two elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school and a high school.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

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

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

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC)

SPARCC is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State Statutes made up of public school districts and county boards of education from Stark, Portage, and Carroll Counties. The primary function of SPARCC is to provide data processing services to its member districts with an emphasis being placed on accounting, inventory control and payroll services. Other areas of service provided by SPARCC include student scheduling, registration, grade reporting, and test scoring. Each member district pays an annual fee for the services provided by SPARCC.

SPARCC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of each Superintendent within the Consortium. The Stark County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent of the Consortium and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Each district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of SPARCC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Directors. The continued existence of SPARCC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. Payments to SPARCC are made from the general fund, which amounted to \$110,805 during fiscal year 2010. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709.

Stark County Joint Vocational School (JVS)

The JVS is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a seven member Board, consisting of one representative from each of the six participating district's Boards and one Board Member that rotates from each participating district, and has its own budgeting and taxing authority. The JVS provides vocational education programs to students of the District. The Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark County Joint Vocational School, 6805 Richville Drive, S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS

Risk Sharing Pool

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan (the "Consortium") is a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The consortium is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Consortium. All Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services.

Insurance Purchasing Pool

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The group is comprised of the treasurers of the member schools who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member school.

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

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

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the District by grouping with other members of the group. The injury claim histories of all participating members are used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to CompManagement, Inc. to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member annually based on its payroll percent of the group.

B. Fund Accounting

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

Classroom facilities fund - This fund is used to account for monies received and expended in connection with contracts entered into by the District and the Ohio Department of Education for the building and equipping of classroom facilities.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities; (b) food service operations; (c) grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose; and (d) the accumulation of resources and payment of general obligation bond principal, interest and related costs.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no proprietary funds.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

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

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

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

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

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

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

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

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2010, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2011 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the fiscal year for which they are intended to finance, have been recorded as unearned revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met and delinquent property taxes due at June 30, 2010 are recorded as deferred revenue in the governmental funds.

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

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities received during the year is reported in the fund financial statements as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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

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E. Budgets

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the alternate tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control has been established at the object level for the general fund and at the fund level for all other funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the object level of expenditures for the general fund, the District has elected to present the general fund's budgetary statement comparison at the fund and function level of expenditures.

Tax Budget:

On October 25, 2005, the Stark County Budget Commission voted to waive the requirement that school districts adopt a tax budget as required by Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, by January 15th and the filing by January 20th. The Budget Commission now requires an alternate tax budget be submitted by January 20th, which no longer requires specific Board approval.

Estimated Resources:

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

Appropriations:

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

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. During the year, all supplemental appropriations were legally enacted.

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The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues. The amounts reported as the original budget amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund covering the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior year. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the year.

Lapsing of Appropriations:

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

F. Cash and Investments

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

During fiscal year 2010, investments were limited to investments in nonnegotiable certificates of deposits and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

The District has invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal year 2010. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2010.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. The Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2010 amounted to \$229, all of which includes interest assigned from other District funds.

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

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

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G. Inventory

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

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

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

H. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains its capitalization threshold at \$3,500. Books, records, movies and other learning aids kept at the District's Library are not included for reporting purposes. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 20 years
Buildings and improvements	5 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	6 - 8 years

I. Interfund Balances

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

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J. Compensated Absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences". Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and by those employees who are expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for severance on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees with 10 years service at any age were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds and lease purchase obligations are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

L. Unamortized Bond Issuance Costs and Bond Premium

On government-wide financial statements, bond issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Unamortized bond issuance costs are recorded as an asset on the financial statements.

Bond premiums are deferred and accreted over the term of the bonds. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds.

On the governmental fund financial statements, issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the current period.

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M. Fund Balance Reserves

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

N. Net Assets

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

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

O. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed. At fiscal year-end, because prepayments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures, the fund balance is reserved on the fund financial statements by an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset.

P. Estimates

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

Q. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the 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 enabling legislation. Restricted assets include the amount required by State statute to be set-aside for State monies received for instructional materials. See Note 18 for additional information regarding set-asides.

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R. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

Interfund activities between governmental funds are eliminated in the statement of activities.

S. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2010.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2010, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 51, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets", GASB Statement No. 53, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments", and GASB Statement No. 58, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies".

GASB Statement No. 51 addresses accounting and financial reporting standards for intangible assets, which are assets that lack physical substance, are nonfinancial in nature, and have an initial useful life extending beyond a single reporting period. Examples of intangible assets include easements, water rights, computer software, patents, and trademarks. GASB Statement No. 51 improves the quality of financial reporting by creating consistency in the recognition, initial measurement, and amortization of intangible assets. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 51 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 53 addresses the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of information regarding derivative instruments entered into by state and local governments. Derivative instruments are financial arrangements used by governments to manage specific risks or to make investments. Common types of derivative instruments include interest rate and commodity swaps, interest rate locks, options, swaptions, forward contracts, and futures contracts. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 53 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 58 establishes accounting and financial reporting guidance for governments that have petitioned for protection from creditors by filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. GASB Statement No. 58 requires governments to remeasure liabilities that are adjusted in bankruptcy when the bankruptcy court confirms a new payment plan. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 58 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

B. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2010 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Major governmental fund</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
General	\$ 2,246,052
 <u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	
Food service	36,750
District managed student activity	43,077
Management information systems	32
Title VI-B	1,807
Education stabilization	12,331
Title I	72
Building	640,906

The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The district managed student activity fund and building capital projects fund did not comply with State law which does not allow for a negative cash balance at year end.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

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

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

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

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

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

A. Cash on Hand

At fiscal year end, the District had \$3,500 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

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B. Cash with Fiscal Agent

The District has money held in accounts by other agents for retainage related to construction contracts. The money held by the fiscal agent cannot be identified as an investment or deposit, since it is held in a pool made up of numerous participants. The amount held by the fiscal agent at June 30, 2010 was \$152 and is not included in “deposits with financial institutions” below.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2010, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$3,531,732. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of June 30, 2010, \$3,122,888 of the District’s bank balance of \$3,552,393 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$429,505 was covered by the FDIC.

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

D. Investments

As of June 30, 2010, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturity</u> 6 months or less
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 1,229,474</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,474</u>

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises as potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District’s investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: STAR Ohio was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s Investor Services. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

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

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2010:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>\$1,229,474</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2010:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 3,531,732
Investments	1,229,474
Cash with fiscal agent	152
Cash on hand	<u>3,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,764,858</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 4,682,601
Agency fund	<u>82,257</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,764,858</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Due to/from other funds consisted of the following at June 30, 2010:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 123,999
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>552,251</u>
Total		<u>\$ 676,250</u>

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received.

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2010 are reported on the statement of net assets.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and certain tangible personal (used in business) property located in the District. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2010 represent the collection of calendar year 2009 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2010 were levied after April 1, 2009, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2009, 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 revenues received in calendar year 2010 represent the collection of calendar year 2009 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2010 became a lien on December 31, 2008, were levied after April 1, 2009, 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 revenues received in calendar year 2010 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of calendar year 2010 taxes levied against local and inter-exchange telephone companies. Tangible personal property taxes received from telephone companies in calendar year 2010 were levied after October 1, 2009, on the value as of December 31, 2009. 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 District prior to June 30.

The District receives property taxes from Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the Counties by June 30, 2010, are available to finance fiscal year 2010 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2010 was \$274,491 in the general fund, \$58,746 in the bond retirement debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$16,017 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available for advance at June 30, 2009 was \$366,046 in the general fund, \$79,811 in the bond retirement debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$6,994 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2010 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to unearned revenue.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2010 taxes were collected are:

	2009 Second Half Collections		2010 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 265,901,610	96.90	\$ 260,872,590	97.40
Public utility personal	5,303,880	1.93	6,708,440	2.50
Tangible personal property	<u>3,192,632</u>	<u>1.17</u>	<u>265,429</u>	<u>0.10</u>
Total	<u>\$ 274,398,122</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 267,846,459</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for:				
Operations	\$49.90		\$48.50	
Permanent improvements	3.00		1.50	
Debt service	7.00		5.00	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2010 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees) and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of Federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

Governmental activities:

Taxes	\$ 8,178,212
Accounts	2,556
Intergovernmental	<u>27,528,596</u>
Total	<u>\$ 35,709,364</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables, except for \$27,445,694 due from the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) included in intergovernmental receivables, are expected to be collected within the subsequent year.

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, was as follows:

	Balance <u>6/30/09</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>6/30/10</u>
Governmental activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 137,915	\$ 20,088	\$ -	\$ 158,003
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>947,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>947,039</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>137,915</u>	<u>967,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105,042</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	314,012	4,777	-	318,789
Buildings and improvements	30,362,000	-	-	30,362,000
Furniture and equipment	1,532,388	19,712	(3,454)	1,548,646
Vehicles	<u>1,549,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(238,501)</u>	<u>1,310,503</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>33,757,404</u>	<u>24,489</u>	<u>(241,955)</u>	<u>33,539,938</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(41,368)	(20,663)	-	(62,031)
Buildings and improvements	(5,840,733)	(674,838)	-	(6,515,571)
Furniture and equipment	(884,860)	(189,686)	3,454	(1,071,092)
Vehicles	<u>(1,339,607)</u>	<u>(71,866)</u>	<u>238,501</u>	<u>(1,172,972)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,106,568)</u>	<u>(957,053)</u>	<u>241,955</u>	<u>(8,821,666)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 25,788,751</u>	<u>\$ 34,563</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,823,314</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 575,638
Special	12,462
Vocational	3,868
<u>Support services:</u>	
Pupil	7,106
Instructional staff	28,524
Administration	19,817
Fiscal	630
Operations and maintenance	83,434
Pupil transportation	98,789
Central	1,597
Extracurricular activities	52,933
Non-instructional	938
Food service operations	<u>71,317</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 957,053</u>

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NOTE 9 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

On August 16, 2007, the District entered into a \$1,318,000 lease-purchase agreement with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to finance the acquisition of a bus garage. On August 6, 2009, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to finance improvements to the District's buildings. Lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds.

Capital assets consisting of buildings have been capitalized in the amount of \$1,300,000. Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2010 was \$94,793, leaving a current book value of \$1,205,207. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Lease-purchase proceeds in the amount of \$1,511,645 have not been spent as of June 30, 2010. Principal and interest and fiscal charges payments in fiscal year 2010 totaled \$75,000 and \$122,192, respectively, paid by the permanent improvement fund (a non-major governmental fund).

A liability in the amount of the present value of minimum lease payments has been recorded in the governmental activities of the District.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the lease-purchase agreement and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011	\$ 219,482
2012	220,233
2013	220,745
2014	220,041
2015	220,120
2016 - 2020	1,100,731
2021 - 2025	1,098,988
2026 - 2030	772,958
2031 - 2032	<u>343,983</u>
Total	4,417,281
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(1,583,281)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 2,834,000</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

- A. During the fiscal year 2010, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding <u>6/30/09</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>6/30/10</u>	Amount Due in <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
<u>General obligation bonds:</u>					
Series 2002, Improvement					
Current Interest Bonds					
12/01/29 maturity	\$ 20,300,000	\$ -	\$ (630,000)	\$ 19,670,000	\$ 655,000
Total general obligation bonds	<u>20,300,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(630,000)</u>	<u>19,670,000</u>	<u>655,000</u>
<u>Other obligations:</u>					
Lease-purchase obligations	1,279,000	1,630,000	(75,000)	2,834,000	86,000
Compensated absences	<u>1,533,992</u>	<u>96,866</u>	<u>(87,070)</u>	<u>1,543,788</u>	<u>100,890</u>
Total other obligations	<u>2,812,992</u>	<u>1,726,866</u>	<u>(162,070)</u>	<u>4,377,788</u>	<u>186,890</u>
Total all governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 23,112,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,866</u>	<u>\$ (792,070)</u>	24,047,788	<u>\$ 841,890</u>
Add: Unamortized premium on bond issuance				<u>375,743</u>	
Total reported on the statement of net assets				<u>\$ 24,423,531</u>	

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid, which is primarily the general fund.

The lease-purchase obligations will be paid from the permanent improvement fund. See Note 9 for more detail.

Series 2002 School Improvement General Obligation Bonds

During fiscal 2003, the voters of the District authorized the issuance of \$22,999,986 in general obligation bonds, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school and an addition to the high school and renovating, constructing, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school facilities and acquiring and improving their sites. These bonds will be retired from proceeds of a 7.0 mil bonded debt tax levy.

The Series 2002 school improvement general obligation bond issue is comprised of both current interest serial and term bonds, par value \$21,930,000, and capital appreciation bonds, par value \$1,069,986.

The current interest bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2012 are subject to early redemption at the sole option of the District, at the following redemption prices, plus accrued interest:

<u>Redemption Dates</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
December 1, 2012 and thereafter	100% of par

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Mandatory sinking fund requirements for the current interest term bonds occur on December 1, 2020 and 2021 and on December 1, in each of the years 2023 through 2028. Interest payments on the current interest bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2029.

- B.** Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2010 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Interest General Obligation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
	2011	\$ 655,000	\$ 865,758
2012	675,000	843,475	1,518,475
2013	700,000	819,750	1,519,750
2014	725,000	794,269	1,519,269
2015	750,000	766,788	1,516,788
2016 - 2020	4,215,000	3,342,185	7,557,185
2021 - 2025	5,280,000	2,246,906	7,526,906
2026 - 2030	6,670,000	821,275	7,491,275
Total	\$ 19,670,000	\$ 10,500,406	\$ 30,170,406

C. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2010, are a voted debt margin of \$5,563,018 (including available funds of \$1,150,725) and an unvoted debt margin of \$267,581.

NOTE 11 - NOTES PAYABLE

On June 22, 2010, the District issued tax anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,137,009 for the purpose of covering general operating costs of the District. District voters passed a 1% income tax issue in May 2010. While the issue does not take effect until January 1, 2011, the passage enabled the District to issue tax anticipation notes. Principal and interest payments on the notes will be made from the general fund with revenues received from the income tax levy. The notes are reported as a liability in the general fund.

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NOTE 11 - NOTES PAYABLE - (Continued)

This issue is comprised of both current interest notes, par value \$1,115,000, and capital appreciation notes, par value \$22,009. The interest rates on the current interest notes range from 2.000% to 3.125%. The capital appreciation notes mature on December 1, 2014 and 2015 (approximate initial offering yield at maturity of 3.50% and 3.60%) at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. The accreted value at maturity for the capital appreciation notes is \$60,000. A total of \$157 in accreted interest has been included in the statement of net assets at June 30, 2010.

Interest payments on the current interest notes are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2015.

The following is a schedule of activity for fiscal year 2010 on the income tax anticipation notes:

	Balance <u>06/30/09</u>	Additions	Reductions	Balance <u>06/30/10</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Tax anticipation notes - series 2010:					
Current interest notes	\$ -	\$ 1,115,000	\$ -	\$ 1,115,000	\$ -
Capital appreciation notes	-	22,009	-	22,009	-
Accreted interest	-	157	-	157	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total tax anticipation notes	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,166</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,166</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following is a schedule of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the notes:

Year Ended	<u>Current Interest Notes</u>			<u>Capital Appreciation Notes</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2011	\$ -	\$ 25,296	\$ 25,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2012	215,000	24,713	239,713	-	-	-
2013	235,000	20,213	255,213	-	-	-
2014	235,000	15,219	250,219	-	-	-
2015	230,000	9,413	239,413	4,288	5,712	10,000
2016	200,000	3,125	203,125	17,721	32,279	50,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,115,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,979</u>	<u>\$ 1,212,979</u>	<u>\$ 22,009</u>	<u>\$ 37,991</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>

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NOTE 12 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Administrative and 260 day employees earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, classified employees are entitled to one-third of unused sick leave for the first 120 days of unused sick leave and one-tenth of unused sick leave in excess of 120 days. Upon retirement, certified employees are entitled to one-third of unused sick leave for the first 120 days of unused sick leave and one-tenth of unused sick leave in excess of 120 days, up to a maximum of 56 days.

B. Insurance Benefits

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program. Coverage in the amount of \$50,000 is provided for all certified and classified employees.

NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2010, the District maintained comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured.

Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the past three years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

B. Employee Health Benefits

The District has contracted with Stark County Schools Council of Governments (a shared risk pool) (Note 2) to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating districts. The District's Board of Education pays the 95% of the cost of a monthly premium for certified and classified employees. For fiscal year 2010, the District cost paid for premium for medical and dental was \$1,136.52 for family coverage and \$467.85 for single coverage, per month for all employees.

Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Upon termination, all District claims would be paid without regard to the District's account balance. The Directors have the right to hold monies for an exiting district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims.

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NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all districts in the GRP.

Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performances is compared to the overall savings percent of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "equity pooling fund". This "equity pooling fund" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

NOTE 14 - PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under *Employers/Audit Resources*.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2010, 12.78 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$293,802, \$224,946 and \$237,555, respectively; 44.81 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

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NOTE 14 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2010, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$1,112,085, \$1,185,510 and \$1,200,816, respectively; 81.53 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2010 were \$35,574 made by the District and \$25,410 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the SERS/STRS Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the SERS/STRS Ohio. As of June 30, 2010, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

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NOTE 15 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Chapter 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2009 was \$96.40 and SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. 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. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under *Employers/Audit Resources*.

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 105(e). For 2010, 0.46 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2010, the actuarially determined amount was \$35,800.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 were \$58,973, \$154,664 and \$158,791, respectively; 44.81 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2010, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 were \$17,472, \$18,560 and \$17,116, respectively; 44.81 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

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NOTE 15 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2010, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 were \$85,545, \$91,193 and \$92,370, respectively; 81.53 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

NOTE 16 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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NOTE 16 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

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

	<u>General Fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 1,585,140
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(111,994)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	603,001
Adjustment for other sources/uses	(1,144,183)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>102,662</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 1,034,626</u>

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

The District is party to other legal proceedings seeking damages generally incidental to its operations. The District management is of the opinion that disposition of the claim and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

NOTE 18 - STATUTORY RESERVES

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

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NOTE 18 - STATUTORY RESERVES - (Continued)

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

	<u>Textbooks/ Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2009	\$ 105,250	\$ (20,661,317)
Current year set-aside requirement	376,402	376,402
Current year offsets	-	(177,590)
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(59,153)</u>	<u>(84,871)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 422,499</u>	<u>\$ (20,547,376)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2011	<u>\$ 422,499</u>	<u>\$ (20,547,376)</u>

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero for the capital acquisition reserve; this extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirements for future years. The negative amount is therefore presented as being carried forward to next fiscal year.

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2010 follows:

Textbooks/instructional materials	<u>\$ 422,499</u>
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NOTE 19 - FISCAL CAUTION

On July 14, 2008, the District was declared to be in fiscal caution by the Auditor of State. There are several conditions which determine whether a District should be declared in fiscal caution, among which include the failure to pass a levy to eliminate the operating deficit in the succeeding year. The District is currently working with the State to meet criteria for terminating the fiscal caution status.

NOTE 20 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENT

The District has entered into a contract with L/D Design Group, Inc. related to the District's OSFC project. The original contract amount was \$1,898,441 and the District expended \$665,905 during the fiscal year, leaving an outstanding balance of \$1,232,536 at June 30, 2010.

NOTE 21 - SIGNIFICANT SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On September 22, 2010, the District issued General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$3,013,682 for the purpose of advance refunding a portion of the 2002 School Improvement General Obligation Bonds. The refunding bonds bear an interest rate ranging from 2.00% to 4.00% and have a final maturity date of December 1, 2022.

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**FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>						
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Child Nutrition Cluster: National School Lunch Program	049908-3L60-2010	10.555	<u>\$225,499</u>	<u>\$38,734</u>	<u>\$225,499</u>	<u>\$38,734</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>						
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Special Education Cluster						
Special Education - Grants to States	049908-3M20-2010	84.027	506,484		525,058	
ARRA Special Education - Grants to States	049908-3DJ0-2010	84.391	223,577		205,360	
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>730,061</u>		<u>730,418</u>	
Title I Cluster:						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	049908-3M00-2010	84.010	224,355		222,837	
ARRA Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies	049908-3DK0-2010	84.389	57,273		51,107	
Total Title I Cluster			<u>281,628</u>		<u>273,944</u>	
ARRA Education Stabilization Grant	049908-GRF-2010	84.394	566,192		553,200	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities-State Grants	049908-3D10-2010	84.186	5,618		4,485	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	049908-3M10-2010	84.298	3,905		4,395	
Education Technology State Grants	049908-3S20-2010	84.318	3,289		3,156	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	049908-3Y60-2010	84.367	99,840		113,037	
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,690,533</u>		<u>1,682,635</u>	
Totals			<u>\$1,916,032</u>	<u>\$38,734</u>	<u>\$1,908,134</u>	<u>\$38,734</u>

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

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule (the Schedule) reports the Northwest Local School District's (the District's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



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

Northwest Local School District
Stark County
2309 Locus Street South
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

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 Northwest Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2010-001.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated January 31, 2011.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 31, 2011



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

Northwest Local School District
Stark County
2309 Locus Street South
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Northwest Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of Northwest Local School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2010. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal programs. The District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the Northwest Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

We noted a matter involving federal compliance or internal control over federal compliance not requiring inclusion in this report, that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated January 31, 2011.

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 31, 2011

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
June 30, 2010**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10

<i>Finding Number</i>	2010-001
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NONCOMPLIANCE

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 states that money that is paid into a fund must be used only for the purposes for which such fund has been established.

The District's Statement of Cash Position report reflected negative fund balances in several of the District's funds during the months of September 2009, March 2010, and June 2010, including the Building Fund, Cafeteria Fund, District Managed Student Activity Fund, Title IID Fund ranging from (\$2,274) to (\$640,754). Negative fund balances indicate money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another fund and increases the possibility that a lack of monitoring controls exists.

Fund activity should be monitored to prevent future expenditures in excess of available resources. In those cases where additional funds are required, the resources should either be transferred or advanced to the fund in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. This will help ensure money is only used for the purposes for which each fund is established.

Official's Response: The Statement of Cash Position Report reflected negative fund balances due to delays in the receipt of anticipated revenue and in the cases of the Cafeteria Fund and the Building Fund a situation where expenses were incurred before receipts were collected. The District has now implemented a monthly monitoring procedure that reviews prior months data for trends, compares current information to one year ago data to look for trends, and also involves staff at the building level who are involved with the specific fund. If it is found to be necessary a resolution will be presented to the Board to transfer or advance funds for an interim period.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2010**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2009-001	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.41(D) – One out of five (20%) of expenditures during initially testing and three out of 56 expenditures during expanded testing were not certified by the Treasurer prior to incurring the obligation.	Yes	Corrected – Finding no longer valid
2009-002	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.39 – General Fund final appropriations plus prior year encumbrances exceeded final estimated resources by \$1,160,382.	Yes	Corrected – Finding no longer valid
2009-003	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.10 – During October 2008 and January, April, and June 2009, the General, Building, Cafeteria, and Management Information Systems funds had negative fund balances ranging from (\$612) to (\$1,248,950).	No	Not Corrected – See Finding 2010-001

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2009-004	<p>Capital Assets – General Capital assets at year-end were overstated by \$61,583 due to capitalization of various non-capital assets in a prior period, which resulted in overstatements of \$713,504 of Equipment and Furniture assets, \$659,825 of Equipment and Furniture Accumulated Depreciation, and \$7,904 of Equipment and Furniture Depreciation Expense. Additionally, five capital assets were not being properly depreciated, which caused accumulated depreciation as of 6/30/09 to be understated by \$73,039. Additionally, there were lesser issues regarding improper deletions, variances versus the fixed asset system, incremental capitalization of assets, and fully depreciated assets.</p>	Yes	Corrected – Finding no longer valid



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NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STARK COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 8, 2011**