

**AMHERST EXEMPTED
VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

AUDIT REPORT

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Education
Amherst Exempted Village School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Lorain County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

December 30, 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Education
Amherst Exempted Village School District
Amherst, Ohio

The Honorable Dave Yost
Auditor of State
State of Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Lorain County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Amherst Exempted Village School District, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 18 to the financial statements, during 2013 the District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and restated its June 30, 2012 Net Position of governmental activities due to reclassification of debt issuance costs. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting 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 assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Amherst Exempted Village School District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 8, 2013, on our consideration of the Amherst Exempted Village School District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Amherst Exempted Village School District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

James G. Zupka,
CPA, President
James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

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November 8, 2013

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(UNAUDITED)**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Amherst Exempted Village School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to those respective statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2013 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased by \$270,710.
- Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$41,321,637 during 2013. Of this total, 89 percent consisted of general revenues while program revenues accounted for the balance of 11 percent.
- Program expenses totaled \$41,050,927. Instructional expenses made up 60 percent of this total while support services accounted for 29 percent. Other expenses rounded out the remaining 11 percent.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate and 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 the amount of funds available for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other Non-Major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the School District, the General Fund and Bond Retirement Fund are the most significant funds.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains all the funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole considers all financial transaction and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2013?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answers this question. These statements include all Non-Fiduciary assets, liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School 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 School District's performance, demographic and socioeconomic factors and willingness of the community to support the School District. On the other hand, financial factors may include the School District's financial position, liquidity and solvency, fiscal capacity and risk and exposure.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the School District is classified into governmental activities. All of the School District's Non-Fiduciary programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, operation of food service, extracurricular activities, and interest and fiscal charges.

REPORTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Governmental Funds. Most of the School District's activities are reported as 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 the *modified accrual basis of accounting*, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps to 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 Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in the fund balances for the General Fund and Bond Retirement Fund which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The School District adopts an annual appropriation budget for the General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The governmental fund financial statements begin on page 13.

Fiduciary Funds. These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The accounting for the fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The fiduciary fund financial statements begin on page 18.

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. The notes to the basic financial statements begin on page 20.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

You may recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2013 compared to 2012.

Table 1- Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012 *
ASSETS		
Current and other assets	\$ 30,551,511	\$ 28,293,251
Capital assets, net	25,357,378	25,750,477
Total Assets	55,908,889	54,043,728
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferral on Refunding	728,990	781,060
LIABILITIES		
Current and other liabilities	5,043,146	5,261,379
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	1,980,790	611,772
Due in more than one year	21,535,257	23,064,124
Total Liabilities	28,559,193	28,937,275
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property Taxes	17,579,006	15,675,263
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	66,172	49,452
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	17,645,178	15,724,715
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,239,153	9,037,352
Restricted	1,942,127	1,931,519
Unrestricted	(747,772)	(806,073)
Total Net Position	\$ 10,433,508	\$ 10,162,798

* Restated

Total net position of the School District as a whole increased in the amount of \$270,170.

Total assets increased by \$1,865,161. The majority of the increase can be attributed to an increase in taxes receivable. Taxes receivables increased by \$2,154,239 due to the passage of a 4.9 mil operating tax levy in November 2012.

Total liabilities decreased by \$378,082 and total deferred inflows of resources increased by \$1,920,463. The majority of this increase is attributed to property taxes. The change in calculation of compensated absences due within one year resulted in the long-term liabilities due within one year to significantly increase and long-term liabilities due in more than one year to significantly decrease.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position and compares revenue and expenses from fiscal year 2013 and fiscal year 2012. A comparative analysis of government-wide data is presented.

Table 2- Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012 *
REVENUES		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 2,990,040	\$ 2,178,505
Operating grants and contributions	1,758,801	2,935,076
Total Program Revenues	4,748,841	5,113,581
General Revenues:		
Property taxes	18,657,452	16,591,051
Payments in lieu of taxes	63,015	49,072
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	17,587,775	18,073,374
Gifts and Donations not restricted to specific programs	18,641	59,869
Investment income	12,042	14,094
Miscellaneous	233,871	199,712
Total General Revenues	36,572,796	34,987,172
Total Revenues	41,321,637	40,100,753
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	19,074,289	18,341,223
Special	5,022,570	5,588,620
Vocational	394,904	375,837
Supporting Services:		
Pupils	1,686,109	1,741,544
Instructional Staff	1,654,230	1,887,657
Board of Education	17,393	31,115
Administration	3,009,662	3,048,337
Fiscal Services	808,323	805,298
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,243,975	3,377,652
Pupil Transportation	1,488,448	1,480,677
Central	36,446	20,973
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,797,611	1,799,592
Extracurricular Activities	748,331	778,987
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,068,636	1,120,681
Total Expenses	41,050,927	40,398,193
Change in Net Position	270,710	(297,440)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	10,162,798	10,460,238
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 10,433,508	\$ 10,162,798

* Restated

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Governmental Activities

The School District has carefully planned its financial existence by forecasting its revenues and expenses over the next five years. Although the School District relies heavily upon local property taxes to support its operations, the School District does actively solicit and receive additional grant and entitlement funds to help offset some operating costs. Property taxes increased due to the passage of a 4.9 mil operating tax levy in November 2012.

As one can see, approximately 60 percent of the School District's expense is used to fund instructional expenses. Additional supporting services for pupils, staff and business operations encompass an additional 29 percent. The remaining amount of program expenses, 11 percent, is to facilitate other obligations of the School District such as interest and fiscal charges, the food service program and numerous extracurricular activities. Regular Instruction increased as a result of the open enrollment foundation payments previously being posted net and opposed to gross. Special instruction decreased as a result of attrition. Interest expense increased due to a balloon payment due in FY13.

The Statement of Activities shows the total net cost of program services. Table 3 shows a comparative of the total cost of services for governmental activities and the net cost of those services for fiscal year 2013 to fiscal year 2012. That is, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3- Total and Net Cost of Program Services

	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost	Total Cost	Net Cost	Net Cost
	of Services	of Services	of Services	of Services
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Instruction	\$ 24,491,763	\$ 24,305,680	\$ 22,463,539	\$ 21,691,507
Supporting Services:				
Pupils and Instructional Staff	3,340,339	3,629,201	3,054,723	3,359,390
Board of Education, Administration, and Fiscal Services	3,835,378	3,884,750	3,632,419	3,751,026
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,243,975	3,377,652	3,083,381	3,273,715
Pupil Transportation	1,488,448	1,480,677	1,315,379	1,339,046
Central	36,446	20,973	34,807	20,355
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,797,611	1,799,592	70,081	105,066
Extracurricular Activities	748,331	778,987	579,121	623,826
Interest and fiscal charges	2,068,636	1,120,681	2,068,636	1,120,681
Total cost of services	<u>\$ 41,050,927</u>	<u>\$ 40,398,193</u>	<u>\$ 36,302,086</u>	<u>\$ 35,284,612</u>

The dependence upon general revenues in the form of property taxes and grant and entitlements not restricted to specific programs is apparent. Program revenues only account for 12 percent of all governmental expenses. Program revenues include charges for services, grants and contributions that are program specific.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Information regarding the School District's major funds can be found on page 23 of the notes to the basic financial statements. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of \$41,519,190 and expenditures and other financing uses totaled \$40,742,967. The General Fund balance increased \$436,859.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School 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. During the fiscal year 2013, the School District amended its General Fund budget as expenditures priorities changed according to student, building and operational needs. Budget revisions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

For the General Fund, the original budget basis revenue including other financing resources was \$34,657,388 and the final budget basis revenue including other financing sources was \$35,288,366.

Original appropriations including other financing uses was \$34,810,445 and the final appropriations including other financing uses was \$34,810,446. Total actual expenditures were above the total estimates by \$1,076,184. The increase can be attributed to the increased costs in purchase service contracts and the inception of an operating lease with Apple, Inc.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2013, the School District had \$25,357,378 invested in its capital assets. Table 4 shows the fiscal year 2013 balances compared to 2012.

Table 4- Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012
Land	\$ 1,421,676	\$ 1,421,676
Land Improvements	580,032	635,614
Buildings and Improvements	22,606,195	22,845,193
Furniture and Equipment	330,861	333,904
Vehicles	418,614	514,090
Total Capital Assets	\$ 25,357,378	\$ 25,750,477

Changes in capital assets from the prior year resulted from current year additions as well as depreciation expense. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for more detailed information related to capital assets.

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Debt

At June 30, 2013, the School District had \$17,975,482 in bonds and notes outstanding of which \$486,932 is due within one year. See Note 13 to the basic financial statements for more detailed information related to debt. Table 5 summarizes the bonds outstanding:

Table 5- Outstanding Debt at Year End

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012 *
Advanced Refunding Bonds	\$ 15,165,000	\$ 15,165,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	2,410,482	2,528,045
Energy Conservation Notes	400,000	500,000
Total Outstanding Debt	\$ 17,975,482	\$ 18,193,045

* Restated

At June 30, 2013, the School District's overall debt margin was \$33,694,698.

CURRENT ISSUES

Amherst Exempted Village Schools has a strong financial outlook. The Board of Education and administration closely monitor its revenues and expenditures in accordance with its financial forecast and the School District Continuous Improvement Plan.

The financial future of the School District is not without its challenges though. These challenges are internal and external in nature. The internal challenges will continue to exist as the School District must rely heavily on local property taxes to fund its operation. External challenges continue to evolve as the State of Ohio determines the outcome of the Ohio Supreme Court case dealing with the unconstitutionality of the State's educational funding system.

The School District has not anticipated any meaningful growth in State revenue due to the constraints set by the State for estimating state funding. The State has stated that the per pupil revenue for a minimum education should be decreased by one percent per each year of the biennial budget. The affect of passing the operating levy in prior years will continue to have a positive effect on the School District's financial condition.

As a result of the challenges mentioned above, it is imperative the School District's management continue to carefully and prudently plan in order to provide the resources required to meet student needs of the next several years.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Ms. Barbara Donohue, Treasurer, at Amherst Exempted Village School District, 185 Forest Street, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2013

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,076,720
Investments	2,992,016
Taxes Receivable	20,027,408
Accounts Receivable	9,291
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,161
Intergovernmental Receivable	422,137
Materials and Supplies Inventory	20,778
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,421,676
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	23,935,702
Total Assets	55,908,889
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferral on Refunding	728,990
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	728,990
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	148,219
Accrued Wages and Benefits	3,705,001
Intergovernmental Payable	877,059
Accrued Interest Payable	54,479
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	258,388
Long-term Liabilities:	
Due within one year	1,980,790
Due in more than one year	21,535,257
Total Liabilities	28,559,193
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Property Taxes	17,579,006
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	66,172
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	17,645,178
 NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,239,153
Restricted:	
Capital Projects	994,998
Set-Asides	507,956
Federally Funded Programs	7,403
Student Activities	106,121
Food Service	215,713
Other Purpose	109,936
Unrestricted	(747,772)
Total Net Position	\$ 10,433,508

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 19,074,289	\$ 982,164	\$ 155,429	\$ (17,936,696)
Special	5,022,570	197,777	675,767	(4,149,026)
Vocational	394,904	17,087	-	(377,817)
Supporting Services:				
Pupils	1,686,109	73,337	-	(1,612,772)
Instructional Staff	1,654,230	72,720	139,559	(1,441,951)
Board of Education	17,393	787	-	(16,606)
Administration	3,009,662	133,698	32,992	(2,842,972)
Fiscal Services	808,323	35,482	-	(772,841)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,243,975	138,909	21,685	(3,083,381)
Pupil Transportation	1,488,448	60,844	112,225	(1,315,379)
Central	36,446	1,639	-	(34,807)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,797,611	1,125,654	601,876	(70,081)
Extracurricular Activities	748,331	149,942	19,268	(579,121)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,068,636	-	-	(2,068,636)
Total Governmental activities	\$ 41,050,927	\$ 2,990,040	\$ 1,758,801	(36,302,086)

General Revenues:

Property Taxes levied for:

General Purposes	16,162,507
Debt Service	1,877,918
Capital Outlay	572,821
Other Purposes	44,206
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	63,015
Grants & Entitlements not restricted to specific programs	17,587,775
Gifts and Donations not restricted to specific programs	18,641
Investment Income	12,042
Miscellaneous	233,871
Total General Revenues	36,572,796
Change in Net Position	270,710
Net Position - Beginning of Year, restated	10,162,798
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 10,433,508

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2013

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,900,043	\$ 1,052,308	\$ 1,616,413	\$ 6,568,764
Investments	2,992,016	-	-	2,992,016
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	20,778	20,778
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,975	-	186	3,161
Accounts Receivable	9,291	-	-	9,291
Interfund Receivable	105,181	-	-	105,181
Intergovernmental Receivable	198,852	-	223,285	422,137
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	507,956	-	-	507,956
Taxes Receivable	17,502,978	1,899,042	625,388	20,027,408
Total Assets	\$ 25,219,292	\$ 2,951,350	\$ 2,486,050	\$ 30,656,692
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 129,502	\$ -	\$ 18,717	\$ 148,219
Accrued Wages and Benefits	3,485,268	-	219,733	3,705,001
Intergovernmental Payable	819,660	-	57,399	877,059
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	258,388	-	-	258,388
Interfund Payable	-	-	105,181	105,181
Total Liabilities	4,692,818	-	401,030	5,093,848
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Property Taxes	15,369,548	1,663,683	545,775	17,579,006
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	66,172	-	-	66,172
Unavailable Revenue-Delinquent Property Taxes	295,316	32,667	10,670	338,653
Unavailable Revenue - Grants	-	-	147,336	147,336
Unavailable Revenue-Other	66,592	-	-	66,592
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	15,797,628	1,696,350	703,781	18,197,759
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	20,778	20,778
Restricted	511,042	1,255,000	1,521,602	3,287,644
Assigned	2,970,218	-	-	2,970,218
Unassigned	1,247,586	-	(161,141)	1,086,445
Total Fund Balances	4,728,846	1,255,000	1,381,239	7,365,085
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 25,219,292	\$ 2,951,350	\$ 2,486,050	\$ 30,656,692

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2013**

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 7,365,085

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds 25,357,378

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable revenue in the funds:

Delinquent property taxes	\$	338,653	
Intergovernmental		213,928	
Total		552,581	552,581

Bond premium on the refunding of the bonds in governmental activities is deferred and to be amortized over the remaining life of the refunded bonds. (895,283)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Refunding bonds		(15,165,000)	
Energy Conservation Note		(400,000)	
Bond Accretion		(2,023,550)	
Accrued Interest payable		(54,479)	
Capital Appreciation Bonds		(386,932)	
Deferral on Refunding		728,990	
Compensated absences		(4,645,282)	
Total		(21,946,253)	(21,946,253)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 10,433,508

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 16,117,733	\$ 1,877,803	\$ 616,702	\$ 18,612,238
Intergovernmental	17,300,758	273,566	2,019,007	19,593,331
Interest	10,981	-	1,061	12,042
Tuition	1,274,123	-	73,759	1,347,882
Extracurricular Activities	438,195	-	126,894	565,089
Rentals	17,030	-	-	17,030
Gifts and Donations	18,641	-	19,268	37,909
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	63,015	-	-	63,015
Customer Sales and Services	8,133	-	1,027,850	1,035,983
Miscellaneous	128,805	-	105,066	233,871
Total Revenues	35,377,414	2,151,369	3,989,607	41,518,390
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	18,221,699	-	157,480	18,379,179
Special	4,292,649	-	750,538	5,043,187
Vocational	381,986	-	-	381,986
Supporting Services:				
Pupils	1,651,047	-	-	1,651,047
Instructional Staff	1,527,544	-	116,919	1,644,463
Board of Education	17,393	-	-	17,393
Administration	2,944,069	-	31,711	2,975,780
Fiscal Services	778,424	33,681	11,161	823,266
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	3,081,264	-	108,757	3,190,021
Pupil Transportation	1,370,954	-	7,176	1,378,130
Central	36,446	-	-	36,446
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	-	-	1,442,293	1,442,293
Community Services	1,103	-	282,218	283,321
Extracurricular Activities	512,077	-	204,897	716,974
Capital Outlay	-	-	479,987	479,987
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	100,000	483,021	-	583,021
Interest and Fiscal Charges	23,100	1,692,573	-	1,715,673
Total Expenditures	34,939,755	2,209,275	3,593,137	40,742,167
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	437,659	(57,906)	396,470	776,223
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	-	-	800	800
Transfers Out	(800)	-	-	(800)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(800)	-	800	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	436,859	(57,906)	397,270	776,223
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	4,291,987	1,312,906	983,969	6,588,862
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 4,728,846	\$ 1,255,000	\$ 1,381,239	\$ 7,365,085

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN 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, 2013**

Net Change in Fund Balances-Total Governmental Funds **\$ 776,223**

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

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

Capital Outlay	\$ 479,987	
Depreciation	(869,664)	
Total		(389,677)

In the Statement of Activities, only the loss on the disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas, in the Governmental Funds, the proceeds from the disposals increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the capital assets. (3,422)

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

Delinquent property taxes	45,214	
Intergovernmental	(266,023)	
Total		(220,809)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the Governmental funds, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. 583,021

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in Governmental funds.

Compensated absences	(121,663)	
Bond Accretion	(365,458)	
Accrued interest	616	
Amortization of bond premiums	63,949	
Deferred Amount on Refunding	(52,070)	
Total		(474,626)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 270,710**

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 15,536,889	\$ 15,825,099	\$ 15,922,278	\$ 97,179
Intergovernmental	16,805,855	17,117,604	17,222,720	105,116
Earnings on Investment	18,892	19,243	19,361	118
Tuition and Fees	1,143,561	1,164,774	1,171,927	7,153
Extracurricular Activities	344,785	351,180	353,337	2,157
Rentals	16,618	16,926	17,030	104
Customer Sales and Services	7,936	8,083	8,133	50
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	61,490	62,631	63,015	384
Miscellaneous	78,850	80,314	80,806	492
Total Revenues	<u>34,014,876</u>	<u>34,645,854</u>	<u>34,858,607</u>	<u>212,753</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction				
Regular	17,529,876	17,529,877	17,948,398	(418,521)
Special	4,360,398	4,360,398	4,754,823	(394,425)
Vocational	376,727	376,727	382,175	(5,448)
Supporting Services				
Pupils	1,616,871	1,616,871	1,684,766	(67,895)
Instructional Staff	1,603,710	1,603,710	1,621,740	(18,030)
Board of Education	17,354	17,354	19,509	(2,155)
Administration	2,947,645	2,947,645	3,031,393	(83,748)
Fiscal Services	780,940	780,940	804,818	(23,878)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	3,062,538	3,062,538	3,248,364	(185,826)
Pupil Transportation	1,341,435	1,341,435	1,374,202	(32,767)
Central	36,124	36,124	36,446	(322)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,093	1,093	1,103	(10)
Extracurricular Activities	508,149	508,149	512,674	(4,525)
Debt Service:				
Principal	99,117	99,117	100,000	(883)
Interest & Fiscal Charges	22,896	22,896	23,100	(204)
Total Expenditures	<u>34,304,873</u>	<u>34,304,874</u>	<u>35,543,511</u>	<u>(1,238,637)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(289,997)</u>	<u>340,980</u>	<u>(684,904)</u>	<u>(1,025,884)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances In	334,154	334,154	197,214	(136,940)
Advances Out	(197,214)	(197,214)	(110,581)	86,633
Transfers In	308,358	308,358	232,538	(75,820)
Transfers Out	(308,358)	(308,358)	(232,538)	75,820
Total Other Financings Sources (Uses)	<u>136,940</u>	<u>136,940</u>	<u>86,633</u>	<u>(50,307)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(153,057)	477,920	(598,271)	(1,076,191)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	6,646,269	6,646,269	6,646,269	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	351,911	351,911	351,911	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,845,123</u>	<u>\$ 7,476,100</u>	<u>\$ 6,399,909</u>	<u>\$ (1,076,191)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2013**

	Private Purpose Trust	Agency Funds
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	\$ 101,070	\$ 99,241
Liabilities		
Due to Students	-	\$ 99,241
Net Position		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	101,070	
Total Net Position	\$ 101,070	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION –
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
Additions	
Gifts and Donations	<u>\$ 398,845</u>
Deductions	
Disbursements in Accordance with Trust	<u>390,757</u>
 <i>Change in Net Position</i>	 8,088
 <i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	 <u>92,982</u>
 <i>Net Position End of Year</i>	 <u><u>\$ 101,070</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Description of the School District

Amherst Exempted Village School District (the “School District”) was established for the purposes of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The School District is an exempted village school district as defined by Section 3311.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or Federal guidelines. The Board controls the School District’s five instructional/support facilities staffed by 162 non-certified employees and 260 certified full time teaching personnel and administrators, who provide services to 4,020 student and community members.

The School District boundaries include the City of Amherst, Amherst Township, and a portion of the City of Lorain, an area extending approximately 32 square miles. The School District operates three elementary schools (preK-6), one junior high school (7-8) and one high school (9-12).

Reporting Entity

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

The following entities which perform activities within the School District’s boundaries for the benefit of its residents are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the School District is not financially accountable for these entities nor are they fiscally dependent on the School District.

The Amherst Public Library provides the community with various educational and literary resources. This is a related organization and the School District’s participation is disclosed in Note 15 to the basic financial statements.

The School District is not involved in the budgeting or the management of Parent-Teacher Organizations or booster clubs. The School District is not responsible for any debt and has no influence over these organizations or clubs.

Within the School District’s boundaries, St. Joseph School is operated through the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Current state legislation provides auxiliary services funding to this parochial school. These monies are received and distributed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the parochial school. The accounting for this parochial school is reflected in the auxiliary services fund, a special revenue fund of the School District.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)**

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY** (Continued)

Reporting Entity (Continued)

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

The School District is associated with organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations. These organizations include the North Coast Council Ohio, the Lorain County Joint Vocational School District and the Ohio Schools Council Association. These organizations are presented in Note 14 to the basic financial statements.

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

The financial statements of the School District have been prepared in the 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. Following are the more significant of the School District's accounting policies.

A. **Basis of Presentation**

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for the fiduciary funds.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. 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 charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, within certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)**

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

A. **Basis of Presentation** (Continued)

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

B. **Fund Accounting**

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

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resource. 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 deferred outflows of resources compared to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are reported as fund balance. The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District and is used to account for all financial resources, not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund is available to the School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the school laws of Ohio.

Bond Retirement Fund

The Bond Retirement Fund is a debt service fund used to account for the accumulation of financial resources restricted, committed, or assigned for the payment of general long-term debt. The major source of revenue for this fund is tax levy proceeds.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources and capital projects whose uses are restricted for a particular purpose.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)**

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

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. 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 School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide statements. The School District's fiduciary funds consist of a private purpose trust fund and an agency fund which are used to maintain financial activity of the School District's college scholarship donations and student managed activities.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School District are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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.

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. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual basis and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)

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

D. **Basis of Accounting** (Continued)

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined. “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 School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 5). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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, certain grants, investment earnings, tuition, rentals and fees.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the District, deferred outflows of resources include a deferral on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferral on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of the refunding debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes and unavailable revenues. Property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2013, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2014 operations. These amounts have been recorded as deferred inflows on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements.

AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)

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

D. **Basis of Accounting** (Continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, grants and other. These amounts are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period the amounts become available.

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

E. **Budgetary Process**

The budgetary process is prescribed by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparations of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the 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 appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

All funds, other than the agency fund, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution, and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the functions and object level within each fund.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the certificate when the permanent appropriations for the fiscal year were passed. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the amended certificate in effect when the final appropriations for the fiscal year were passed.

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

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

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

During fiscal year 2013, investments were limited to STAR Ohio, the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, money markets, commercial paper, and federal agency securities. Except for investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase, investments are reported at fair market value which is based on quoted market prices. Investment contracts, commercial paper, and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are reported at cost or amortized cost.

The School District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio ("STAR Ohio") during fiscal year 2013. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2013.

Under existing Ohio statutes, the Governing Board may, by resolution, identify the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund in fiscal year 2013 amounted to \$10,981, which \$2,131 was assigned from other funds of the City.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, the School District reported \$507,956 in "Restricted Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the balance sheet. This amount represents a set aside (capital improvements).

For presentation on the financial statements, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are considered investments.

G. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such restraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets include amounts required to be set aside by the School District for capital improvements.

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

H. **Capital Assets** (Continued)

The School District’s only capital assets are general capital assets. General capital assets are those assets specifically related to governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide Statement of Net Position 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 fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not capitalized.

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

Description	Estimated Useful Lives
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings and Improvemer	25 to 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Vehicles	8 years

H. **Interfund Balances**

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “Interfund Receivables” and “Interfund Payables”. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Position.

J. **Compensated Absences**

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. The liability is based on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will be paid as a termination benefit.

For governmental funds, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirement. These amounts are recorded in the account “matured compensated absences payable” in the funds from which the employee will be paid.

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

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, claims and judgments and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

L. Net Position

Net Position is the residual amount when comparing assets and deferred outflows of resources to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. The restricted component of net position is reported when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The government-wide statement of net position reports \$1,942,127 of the restricted component of net position, none of which is restricted by enabling legislation. The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted components of net position are available.

M. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in the spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

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

M. **Fund Balance** (Continued)

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

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

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

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

N. **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 financial statements. Interfund transactions are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Activities.

O. **Estimates**

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

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NOTE 3: BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Budgetary Basis) and Actual – 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 GAAP (modified accrual) basis are that:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a part of restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
5. Some funds are included in the General Fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance	
GAAP Basis	\$ 436,859
Advances In	197,214
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(260,195)
Net Adjustments for Expenditure Accruals	32,453
Advances Out	(105,181)
Funds with Separate Legally Adopted Budgets	33,739
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(933,160)
Budget Basis	\$ (598,271)

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NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits 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

Protection of the School 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.

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or other obligations of or securities issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or 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 division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);

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NOTE 4: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

7. Certain bankers' acceptances for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time;
8. Linked deposits as authorized by ordinance adopted pursuant to section 135.80 of the Revised Code;
9. Commercial paper notes issued by any entity that is defined in division (D) of section 1705.01 of the Revised Code and has assets exceeding five hundred million dollars, and to which notes are rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two standard rating services; the aggregate value of the notes does not exceed ten percent of the aggregate value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation; the notes mature no later than one hundred eighty days after purchase; and
10. Bankers' acceptances of banks that are members of the federal deposit insurance corporation to which obligations both the following apply: obligations are eligible for purchase by the federal reserve system and the obligations mature no later than one hundred eighty days after purchase.

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

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NOTE 4: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit in excess of those funds that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by any other agency or instrumentality of the federal government. These institutions may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by the FDIC, or may pledge a pool of government securities valued at least 105 percent of the total value of public monies on deposit at the institution. The School District's policy is to deposit money with financial institutions that are able to abide by the laws governing insurance and collateral of public funds.

As of June 30, 2013, \$551,847 of the School District's bank balance of \$5,783,954 was covered by FDIC while the remaining balance of \$5,232,107 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

Investments

As of June 30, 2013, the School District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (in Years)</u>		
		<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-4</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 1,619,046	\$ 1,619,046	\$ -	\$ -
Money Market	7,041	7,041	-	-
U.S. Government Agency Notes	2,392,044	735,296	329,821	1,326,927
U.S. Treasury Notes	150,111	150,111	-	-
Commercial Paper	449,861	449,861	-	-
Total Investments	<u>\$ 4,618,103</u>	<u>\$ 2,961,355</u>	<u>\$ 329,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,927</u>

Interest Rate Risk Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with its investment policy, the School District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by maintaining adequate liquidity to pay current obligations, diversification of maturities, and diversification of assets.

Credit Risk Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The School District limits their investments to securities issued by federal government agencies or instrumentalities, and money market accounts. Investments in U.S. Government and Treasury Notes were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. Investments in Commercial Paper were rated A-1+ by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. Investments in money markets were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. Investments in STAROhio were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

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NOTE 4: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The School District's investment policy allows investments in STAROhio, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit or investments within financial institutions within the State of Ohio as designated by the Federal Reserve Board. The School District's places no limit on the amount that may be invested to any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of total of each investment type held by the School District at June 30, 2013:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 1,619,046	35.06%
Money Market	7,041	0.15%
U.S. Government Agency Notes	2,392,044	51.80%
U.S. Treasury Notes	150,111	3.25%
Commercial Paper	449,861	9.74%
Total Investments	<u>\$ 4,618,103</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Custodial Credit Risk Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The School District's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. All of the School District's securities are held in the name of the School District.

NOTE 5: **PROPERTY TAXES**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2013 represents collections of calendar year 2012 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2013 were levied after April 1, 2012, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2012, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2013 represents collections of calendar year 2012 taxes. Public utility property taxes received in calendar year 2013 became a lien on December 31, 2011, were levied after April 1, 2012, and are collected in 2013 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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

The School District receives property taxes from Lorain County. The County Auditors periodically advance to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the Counties by June 30, 2013, are available to finance fiscal year 2013 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes delinquent taxes outstanding and real and public utility property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 2013 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 deferred inflow of resources.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2013, was \$1,771,942, \$202,692, and \$68,943, to the General Fund, Bond Retirement fund, and other governmental funds, respectively.

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2013 taxes were collected are:

	<u>2012 Second Half Collections</u>		<u>2013 First Half Collections</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$ 567,231,790	97.96%	\$ 520,352,630	97.58%
Public Utility	11,819,620	2.04%	12,887,700	2.42%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 579,051,410</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 533,240,330</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2013 consisted of property taxes, interest, accounts, intergovernmental, and interfund amounts. 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. All receivables are expected to be received within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

Revenue Description	Amount
Miscellaneous	\$ 38,478
State Employee Retirement System	66,592
Bureau of Workers Compensation	98,220
Title VI-B	124,052
Title I	66,742
Preschool	4,647
Title II-A	18,637
Farm to School	4,769
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$ 422,137

NOTE 7: INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2013 consist of the following:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Receivable</i>	<i>Payable</i>
General	\$ 105,181	\$ -
Other Governmental Funds:		
Special Enterprise Fund	-	10,000
Race to the Top	-	2,879
Title VIB	-	22,019
Title I	-	60,007
IDEA Preschool	-	959
Title II-A	-	4,547
Miscellaneous Federal Grant	-	4,770
Total Other Governmental Funds	-	105,181
Total All Funds	\$ 105,181	\$ 105,181

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 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. The School District provides life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to its employees. Full time employees are covered to \$50,000, part time employees are covered to \$30,000. All administrators carry coverage equal to two times their calculated retirement salaries approximated to the nearest thousand.

For fiscal year 2013, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement ensures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Compmanagement provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

Health Insurance coverage is provided to its employees via a commercial third party health insurance agency. Health, Dental, Life and prescription coverage was provided by CIGNA for this fiscal year.

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NOTE 9: **CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the changes in Governmental capital assets during fiscal year 2013 follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2012</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2013</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,421,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,421,676
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,421,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,421,676</u>
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	2,214,555	-	-	2,214,555
Buildings and Improvements	34,754,628	415,162	-	35,169,790
Furniture and Equipment	1,058,127	53,721	(11,000)	1,100,848
Vehicles	1,999,439	11,104	(168,749)	1,841,794
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	<u>40,026,749</u>	<u>479,987</u>	<u>(179,749)</u>	<u>40,326,987</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(1,578,941)	(55,582)	-	(1,634,523)
Buildings and Improvements	(11,909,435)	(654,160)	-	(12,563,595)
Furniture and Equipment	(724,223)	(53,342)	7,578	(769,987)
Vehicles	(1,485,349)	(106,580)	168,749	(1,423,180)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(15,697,948)</u>	<u>(869,664)</u>	<u>176,327</u>	<u>(16,391,285)</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated, Net	<u>24,328,801</u>	<u>(389,677)</u>	<u>(3,422)</u>	<u>23,935,702</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$25,750,477</u></u>	<u><u>\$(389,677)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (3,422)</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,357,378</u></u>

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NOTE 9: **CAPITAL ASSETS** (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 674,144
Special	812
Support Services:	
Instructional Staff	1,397
Fiscal Services	550
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	44,278
Pupil Transportation	99,237
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	17,889
Extracurricular Activities	31,357
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 869,664

NOTE 10: **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

A. **Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified, full-time administrators and non-bargaining unit employees earn 10 to 25 days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service and hours worked. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers and elementary principals do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave accumulation for a year is fifteen days. Payment of one-third of the total sick leave accumulation is made to certified employees and one-half to classified employees, up to a maximum accumulation of 85 days upon retirement. Administrators are required to have 5 years of service with the District, while all other employees must have 10 years of service with the District to qualify for payment.

B. **Life Insurance**

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees. Full time employees are provided with \$50,000 of group life insurance coverage and part time employees are provided with \$30,000 of group life insurance coverage. Life insurance is provided through CIGNA.

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NOTE 11: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

School Employees Retirement System

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

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirement of plan members and employer are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year 2013, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10 percent. The remaining .90 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Fund.

The School District's contributions to SERS which were allocated for pension and death benefits for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were \$612,738, \$634,764, and \$695,095, respectively; 73 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal years 2012 and 2011. \$179,341 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2013 and is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

State Teachers Retirement System

The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system.

STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, community school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

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

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NOTE 11: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

DC Plan Benefits – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump-sum withdrawal. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

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

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

Benefits are increased annually by 3 percent of the original base amount for Defined Benefit Plan participants.

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

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NOTE 11: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

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

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

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations.

The School District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$2,207,514, \$2,316,074, and \$2,385,184, respectively; 83 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal years 2012 and 2011. \$402,476 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2013 and is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

STRS Ohio issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771 or by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.)

Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2013, two members of the Board of Education had elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

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NOTE 12: **POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a defined benefit plan; a self-directed defined contribution plan; and a combined plan which is a hybrid of the defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Pursuant to Section 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent Comprehensive Financial Annual Report by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011. The 14 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. For the School District, these amounts equaled \$169,809, \$178,160, and \$182,954 for fiscal years 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively; 83 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

School Employees Retirement System

In addition to a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) administers two post employment benefit plans.

Medicare Part B Plan

The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2013 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

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NOTE 12: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

School Employees Retirement System (Continued)

Medicare Part B Plan (Continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal years 2013, 2012, and 2011, the actuarially required allocation was 0.74 percent, 0.75 percent, and 0.76 percent. For the School District, contributions for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$34,613, \$37,486, and \$42,927, respectively; 73 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

Health Care Plan

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

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' post-employment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2013, the health care allocation is 0.16 percent. 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 percent of that employer's SERS covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2013, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,525. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. At June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 the health care allocations were 0.16 percent, 0.55 percent, and 1.43 percent, respectively. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2013, 2012 and 2011 fiscal years equaled \$89,055, \$127,453, and \$178,358, respectively; 73 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent of the required contribution has been made for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

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

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Employers/Audit Resources*.

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NOTE 13: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2013 were as follows:

	Balance as of 6/30/2012	Issuances	Retirements	Balance as of 6/30/2013	Amounts Due In One Year
Energy Conservation Note, Series 2002 5.0%	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ (100,000)	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 4.0% - 4.375% Maturing December 1, 2027:					
Serial and Term Bonds	15,165,000	-	-	15,165,000	-
Premium	959,232	-	(63,949)	895,283	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds	869,953	-	(483,021)	386,932	386,932
Accretion on Bonds	1,658,092	365,458	-	2,023,550	-
Total Refunding Bonds, Series 2006	<u>18,652,277</u>	<u>365,458</u>	<u>(546,970)</u>	<u>18,470,765</u>	<u>386,932</u>
Compensated Absences	4,523,619	1,365,393	1,243,730	4,645,282	1,493,858
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 23,675,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,730,851</u>	<u>\$ 596,760</u>	<u>\$ 23,516,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,980,790</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which employee's salaries are paid with the General Fund being the most significant fund.

During August 2001, the School District issued Energy Conservation notes in the amount of \$1,312,000. The notes were issued in accordance with House Bill 264 and were used to finance HVAC upgrades and other allowable energy conservation projects throughout the School District. These notes will also be paid with voted and unvoted general property taxes receipted into the General Fund and are scheduled to mature in December, 2017.

On August 30, 2006, the School District issued \$17,394,953 in general obligation bonds which include serial and capital appreciation bonds with interest rates varying from 4.0 percent - 4.375 percent for the serial bonds and 19.43 percent (4.0 percent-4.09 percent yield) for the capital appreciation bonds. The final amount of the 2006 capital appreciation bonds will be \$3,025,000. The bond proceeds consisted of bond principal and \$1,342,925 of premium.

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NOTE 13: **LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (Continued)

The net proceeds of \$18,488,480 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance, and other issuance costs) was deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments of the portion of School Improvement Bonds refunded. As a result, the bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability is not reported by the School District. The premium on the new debt was significant and is amortized over the life of the new bonds using the bonds outstanding method of amortization. The School District advance refunded the School Improvement Bonds to reduce their total debt payments over the next twenty years and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt services payments on the old and new debt) of \$601,736.

All bonds and notes are direct obligations of the School District for which its full faith and credit are pledged for repayment. The School District's overall debt limitation was \$33,694,698 at June 30, 2013. The following is a summary of the School District's Future annual principal and interest requirements to retire the refunding bonds series 2006 and the energy conservation note.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Refunding Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds		Energy Conservation Notes	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2014	\$ -	\$ 635,592	\$ 386,932	\$ 1,098,068	\$ 100,000	\$ 18,150
2015	1,405,000	606,544	-	-	100,000	13,075
2016	1,395,000	549,594	-	-	100,000	7,900
2017	1,380,000	489,184	-	-	100,000	2,650
2018	1,370,000	429,274	-	-	-	-
2019-2023	5,700,000	1,390,185	-	-	-	-
2024-2027	3,915,000	335,190	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 15,165,000</u>	<u>\$4,435,563</u>	<u>\$ 386,932</u>	<u>\$ 1,098,068</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,775</u>

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2014	\$ 486,932	\$1,751,810	\$ 2,238,742
2015	1,505,000	619,619	2,124,619
2016	1,495,000	557,494	2,052,494
2017	1,480,000	491,834	1,971,834
2018	1,370,000	429,274	1,799,274
2019-2023	5,700,000	1,390,185	7,090,185
2024-2027	3,915,000	335,190	4,250,190
	<u>\$ 15,951,932</u>	<u>\$5,575,406</u>	<u>\$ 21,527,338</u>

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NOTE 14: **JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

A. **North Coast Council Ohio**

The North Coast Council Ohio (“NCCO”), is a jointly governed computer service organization among thirty-one school districts. NCCO was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these districts supports NCCO based upon a per pupil charge, dependent upon the software package utilized. The NCCO assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating member. NCCO has a Board of Directors chosen from the general membership of the NCCO assembly. The board of directors consists of a representative from the fiscal agent, chairmen of each operating committee, and at least one assembly member from each county from which participating districts are located. The School District paid \$103,971 in fees to NCOCC during fiscal year 2013. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Treasurer of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County (fiscal agent), 5700 West Canal, Valley View, Ohio 44125.

B. **Lorain County Joint Vocational School District**

The Lorain County Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district’s elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. During fiscal year 2013, the School District did not pay any money to the Lorain County Joint Vocational School District. Financial Information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the Lorain County Joint Vocational School District, 15181 State Route 58, Oberlin, Ohio 44074.

C. **Ohio Schools Council**

The Ohio Schools Council Association (Council) is a jointly governed organization among 126 school districts. The organization was formed to purchase quality products and services at the lowest possible cost to the member School Districts. Each School District supports the Council by paying an annual participation fee. The Council’s Board consists of nine superintendents of the participating School Districts whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board. In fiscal year 2013, the School District paid \$3,544 to the Council. Financial information can be obtained by contacting David A. Cottrell, the Executive Director/Treasurer of the Ohio Schools at 6133 Rockside Road, Suite 10, Independence, Ohio, 44131.

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NOTE 14: **JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS** (Continued)

Prepaid/Natural Gas Program

The School District participates in the Council's natural gas purchase program. This program allows the School District to purchase natural gas at reduced rates. Energy USA served as the natural gas supplier and program manager from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010. Compass Energy has been selected as the new supplier and program manager for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2013. There are currently 143 participants in the program. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage. Each September, these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage for the year (July to June). School Districts that paid more in estimated billings than their actual billings are issued credits on future billings in September until the credits are exhausted and School Districts that did not pay enough on estimated billings are invoiced for the difference on the September monthly estimated billing.

NOTE 15: **RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

The Amherst Public Library (the "Library") is a distinct and political subdivision of the State of Ohio governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, appointed by the Board of Education, possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the School District for operational subsidies. Although the School District does serve as a taxing authority and issues related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Library Board of Trustees. The Library is not considered part of the School District and its operations are not included within the accompanying financial statements. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer of the Amherst Public Library at 221 Spring Street, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

NOTE 16: **CONTINGENCIES**

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds.

B. Litigation and Other Matters

The School District is not currently party to any legal proceedings.

The Cleveland Clinic has occupied buildings in Lorain County since 2006 and applied for tax exemption on those buildings. The Clinic was granted permanent tax exemption by the Tax Commissioner in 2013. The total tax reimbursement is estimated to be from zero up to \$860,000. The District is currently in negotiations with the Clinic's Board to donate the amount of tax reimbursement to the District. This matter is still in discussion as of the report date.

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NOTE 17: SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

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

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

	<u>Capital Improvements Reserve</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$ 442,773
Current Year Set-Aside Requirements	699,148
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(633,965)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 507,956</u>
Set-Aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u>\$ 507,956</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2013	<u>\$ 507,956</u>

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NOTE 18: CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

A. Changes in Accounting Principles

GASB Statement Number 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to service concession arrangements (SCAs), which are a type of public-private or public-public partnership. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and have been implemented by the District.

GASB Statement Number 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus-an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*. The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2012 and have been implemented by the District.

GASB Statement Number 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. The objective of this Statement is to incorporate into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in the FASB and AICPA pronouncements which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and have been implemented by the District.

GASB Statement Number 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. This Statement provides financial reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and have been implemented by the District.

GASB Statement Number 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2012 and have been implemented by the District.

B. Prior Period's Adjustments

In prior periods, the District had reported assets related to unamortized debt issuance costs in the Governmental Activities entity-wide financial statements. GASB Statement Number 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, has reclassified debt issuance cost as an expense in the prior period incurred rather than amortizing the cost over the life of the debt.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 18: **CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS** (Continued)

B. Prior Period's Adjustments (Continued)

The implementation of GASB Statement Number 65 requires a restatement of prior period's net position as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net Position as of June 30, 2012	\$ 10,340,940
Restatement:	
Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs	<u>(178,142)</u>
Net Position as of June 30, 2012, as Restated	<u>\$ 10,162,798</u>

NOTE 19: **COMMITMENTS**

The School District utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are constraints imposed on fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures and may be reported as part of restricted, committed or assigned classifications of fund balance on the balance sheet. As of June 30, 2013, the School District's significant commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

	<u>Outstanding Encumbrances</u>
General Fund	\$ 815,077
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>701,322</u>
	<u>\$ 1,516,399</u>

NOTE 20: **ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

A. Accountability

There are deficits in the Special Enterprise, Special Education, Part B-IDEA, IDEA and Improving Teacher Quality, Non-major Special Revenue Funds of \$7,574, \$131,042, \$4,061 and \$18,464 respectively. These deficits are caused by the application of generally accepted accounting principles to these funds. The General Fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

B. Compliance

The General Fund had expenditures of \$35,886,630 in excess of appropriations of \$34,810,446. This deficit of \$1,076,184 is contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (B).

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LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013
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NOTE 21: **FUND BALANCES**

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

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Bond Retirement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<i>Nonspendable</i>				
Inventories	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,778	\$ 20,778
<i>Restricted for</i>				
Food Service Operations	-	-	307,843	307,843
Federal Programs	-	-	12,836	12,836
Athletics	-	-	106,121	106,121
Capital Projects	-	-	984,999	984,999
Capital Improvements	507,956	-	-	507,956
Debt Service	-	1,255,000	-	1,255,000
Vocational	3,086	-	-	3,086
Other Purposes	-	-	109,803	109,803
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>511,042</u>	<u>1,255,000</u>	<u>1,521,602</u>	<u>3,287,644</u>
<i>Assigned to</i>				
FY14 appropriations	2,084,722	-	-	2,084,722
Student Instruction	623,055	-	-	623,055
Student Staff and Support	262,441	-	-	262,441
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>2,970,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,970,218</u>
<i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i>	<u>1,247,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(161,141)</u>	<u>1,086,445</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>\$4,728,846</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,255,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,381,239</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,365,085</u></u>

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NOTE 22: **OPERATING LEASES**

The District leases various copiers, computers and electronic equipment and software throughout the District. Total cost for the leases were \$251,302 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The future minimum lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Apple, Inc.	RS Business Machines, Inc.	Total
2014	\$ 74,998	\$ 176,304	\$ 251,302
2015	74,998	176,304	251,302
2016	74,998	176,304	251,302
2017	-	176,304	176,304
2018	-	88,152	88,152
Total	<u>\$ 224,994</u>	<u>\$ 793,368</u>	<u>\$ 1,018,362</u>

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture						
Passed through Ohio Department of Education						
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>						
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	050674-05PU-09	\$ 46,027	\$ 0	\$ 46,027	\$ 0
National School Lunch Program-See Note 2	10.555	050674-LLP4-09	340,950	64,750	340,950	64,750
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>			<u>386,977</u>	<u>64,750</u>	<u>386,977</u>	<u>64,750</u>
Farm to School Grant	10.575		0	0	4,649	0
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>386,977</u>	<u>64,750</u>	<u>391,626</u>	<u>64,750</u>
U.S. Department of Education						
Passed through Ohio Department of Education						
<i>Title I Grant Cluster:</i>						
Title I - Financial Assistance to Meet Special Education Needs of Disadvantaged Children						
Title I, Part A, ESEA	84.010		251,891	0	289,077	0
<i>Special Education Cluster:</i>						
Special Education Grants to States - IDEA, Part B	84.027		675,884	0	638,553	0
Special Education Pre-School	84.173		18,067	0	17,556	0
<i>Total Special Education Cluster</i>			<u>693,951</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>656,109</u>	<u>0</u>
ARRA - Race to the Top	84.395		35,040	0	29,947	0
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, Title II-A	84.367		81,358	0	79,288	0
Education Jobs Fund	84.410		246,578	0	140,902	0
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,308,818</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,195,323</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 1,695,795</u>	<u>\$ 64,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,586,949</u>	<u>\$ 64,750</u>

See accompanying notes to Supplemental Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

NOTE 1: **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

NOTE 2: **CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

NOTE 3: **FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Education
Amherst Exempted Village School District
Amherst, Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Lorain County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 2013, wherein we noted that the District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and restated its June 30, 2012 Net Position of governmental activities due to reclassification of debt issuance costs.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Ohio's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as **Finding 2013-01**.

Amherst Exempted Village School District's Responses to Findings

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Board of Education
Amherst Exempted Village School District
Amherst, Ohio

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Lorain County, Ohio's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Ohio's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2013. The Amherst Exempted Village School District, Ohio's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditors' Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance of the Amherst Exempted Village School District's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for its major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Amherst Exempted Village School District, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2013.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Amherst Exempted Village School District, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *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 type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over *compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 & §.505
JUNE 30, 2013**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

2013(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
2013(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
2013(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
2013(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
2013(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
2013(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
2013(v)	Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
2013(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under .510(a)?	No
2013(vii)	Major Programs (list): Child Nutrition Cluster, CFDA # 10.553, 10.555	
2013(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Program	Type A: \$300,000 or more Type B: All others less than \$300,000
2013(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 & §.505
JUNE 30, 2013
(CONTINUED)**

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

Finding No. 2013-01 - Material Noncompliance - Appropriations vs. Expenditures

Statement of Condition/Criteria

Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.41(B), states no taxing authority shall make any expenditures of money unless it has been appropriated.

Cause/Effect

Expenditures exceeded appropriations at June 30, 2013 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General (001)	\$34,810,446	\$35,886,630	\$ (1,076,184)

Failure to properly amend appropriations and limit expenditures by appropriations may result in negative fund balances.

Recommendation

We recommend the District take steps to ensure appropriations are being properly approved, monitored, and recorded in the ledgers. No expenditure should be made unless funds have been sufficiently appropriated.

Client Response

The Treasurer's Office had multiple staff changes during the fiscal year as the budget was being finalized, which affected proper monitoring of expenditures to appropriations. The District will review its current monitoring process and modify accordingly in order to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations in the future.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

**AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Management letter recommendations as of June 30, 2012, have been corrected, repeated, or procedures instituted to prevent occurrences in this audit period.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Amherst Exempted Village School District
185 Forest Street
Amherst, Ohio

To the Board of Education:

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

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

1. We noted that the Board amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting, to include violence via electronic means and on school buses within its definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

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

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

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AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

LORAIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JANUARY 9, 2014**