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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board
Columbus Municipal School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Columbus Municipal School District's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my 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 Columbus Municipal School District as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 13, 2006, on my consideration of the Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 through 11 and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule and related notes on pages 41 and 42 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying 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 not a required part of the basic financial statements. In addition, the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures – Governmental Funds is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Mississippi State Auditor's Office. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Ridgeland, MS
February 13, 2006

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of the Columbus Municipal School District's financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the district's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2005. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the district's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the district's financial performance.

This discussion and analysis is a new element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net assets increased \$1,525,111 which represents 8% of ending net assets.
- General revenues account for \$30,257,589 in revenue, or 77% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$8,858,333 or 23% of total revenues.
- The district had \$37,590,811 in expenses; only \$8,858,333 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$30,257,589 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The General Fund had \$29,326,376 in revenues and \$26,547,973 in expenditures. The General Fund had other financing uses of \$1,350,861. The General Fund's fund balance increased \$1,427,542 over the prior year.
- The Stokes-Beard Capital Projects Fund had \$5,809,067 in expenditures which were financed by a \$6,500,000 Three Mill Tax Note.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$4,908,185.
- Long-term debt increased by \$4,357,917.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the district's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and include all assets and liabilities.

The statement of net assets presents information on all the district's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the district is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the district's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the

timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the district that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the district include instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section and interest on long-term liabilities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 15 and 16 of this report.

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

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the district's current financing requirements. Governmental Funds are reported using modified accrual accounting. This method of accounting measures cash and other assets that can be easily converted to cash. The Governmental Funds Statements provide a detailed short-term view of the school district's operations.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the district's current financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are on pages 18 and 20, respectively.

The district maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School districts* issued by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all major funds. All other non-major funds are combined together and presented in these reports as other governmental funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17 and 19 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the district. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the district's own programs. The accrual basis of accounting is used for fiduciary funds. The school district is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose. The school district's fiduciary activities are presented in separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets on page 21 and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets on page 22.

Notes to the 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 financial statements can be found on pages 23 - 32 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the district's budget process.

The district adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major special revenue fund. This required supplementary information can be found on page 41 of this report.

Additionally, a schedule of expenditures of federal awards is required by OMB Cir. A-133 and can be found on page 35 of this report and a schedule of instructional, administrative and other expenditures -- governmental funds can be found on page 37.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets. Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the district, assets exceeded liabilities by \$18,109,759 as of June 30, 2005.

By far one of the largest portions of the district's net assets (\$7,703,293 or 43%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, mobile equipment and furniture and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The district uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently these assets are not available for future spending.

The district's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

The following table presents a summary of the district's net assets for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Current assets	\$ 15,374,713	\$ 13,770,001
Capital assets, net	\$ 24,345,136	\$ 19,436,951
Total assets	\$ 39,719,849	\$ 33,206,952
Current liabilities	\$ 3,378,740	\$ 2,532,642
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 18,231,350	\$ 13,978,648
Total liabilities	\$ 21,610,090	\$ 16,511,290
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 7,703,293	\$ 6,967,951
Restricted	\$ 3,499,655	\$ 9,974,526
Unrestricted	\$ 6,906,811	\$ (246,815)
Total net assets	\$ 18,109,759	\$ 16,695,662

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Assets.

- The district completed and transferred \$5,162,506 in building projects to Capital Assets.
- The district issued \$6,500,000 in Three Mill Tax Notes.
- The district paid \$2,401,905 toward the retirement of long-term debt.

Changes in net assets. The district's total revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 were \$39,115,922. The total cost of all programs and services was \$37,590,811. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net assets for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues	\$ 8,858,333	\$ 9,303,866
General revenues	\$ 30,257,589	\$ 29,686,086
Total revenues	\$ 39,115,922	\$ 38,989,952
Expenses:		
Instruction	\$ 20,415,786	\$ 20,567,106
Support services	\$ 13,897,884	\$ 13,239,772
Non-instructional	\$ 2,455,206	\$ 2,394,290
Interest on long-term liabilities	\$ 821,935	\$ 610,495
Total expenses	\$ 37,590,811	\$ 36,811,663
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ 1,525,111	\$ 2,178,289

Governmental activities. The following table presents the cost of five major district functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section and interest on long-term debt. The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific

programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and district's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	2005		2004	
	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue
Instruction	\$ 20,415,786	\$ (15,278,338)	\$ 20,567,106	\$ (14,911,858)
Support services	\$ 13,897,884	\$ (12,679,704)	\$ 13,239,772	\$ (11,935,524)
Non-instructional	\$ 2,455,206	\$ 47,499	\$ 2,394,290	\$ (49,920)
Interest on long-term liabilities	\$ 821,935	\$ (821,935)	\$ 610,495	\$ (610,495)
Total expenses	\$ 37,590,811	\$ (28,732,478)	\$ 36,811,663	\$ (27,507,797)

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$28,732,478) was financed by general revenue, which is made up primarily of property taxes amounting to \$11,206,825 and state revenues of \$18,144,677.
- Investment earnings accounted for \$328,262 of funding.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the district uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

The financial performance of the district as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the district completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,196,583, an increase of \$1,066,909. \$9,418,124 or 77% of the fund balance constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the district's discretion. The remaining fund balance of \$2,778,459 or 23% is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has already been committed for specified purposes.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the district. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$1,427,542 due primarily to an increase in local and state funding. The fund balance of the Capital Projects Fund remained at \$5,000,000.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the district revised the annual operating budget.

- Budget amounts for revenue from local sources were decreased due to a shortfall in the collection of local ad valorem taxes.
- Budget amounts for instructional expenditures were decreased due to the closing of one school and an effort to conserve at every level by reducing staff through attrition.
- Budget amounts for support services were decreased due to a district wide effort to reduce spending throughout the district.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the district's actual financial activity for the General Fund is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2005, the district's total capital assets were \$41,394,814, including land, school buildings, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$5,545,513 from the previous year. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2005 was \$17,049,678 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$781,593, resulting in total net assets of \$24,345,136.

Additional information of the district's capital assets can be found in Note 4 on pages 28 and 29 of this report.

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2005, the district had \$18,231,350 in outstanding general obligation bonds, three mill tax notes, shortfall notes and compensated absences, of which \$1,816,224 is due within one year.

The district maintains an Aaa bond rating.

Additional information of the district's long-term debt can be found in Note 5 on pages 29 - 31 of this report.

CURRENT ISSUES

Columbus Municipal School District is financially stable. The District is proud of the level of community support exhibited by an active Partner in Progress program that allows businesses and civic groups to work closely with schools, by the active participation of parents in the district's Parent Choice Plan in which all parents may select from one of the seven K-4 elementary schools irregardless of where in the district the family lives, and by the support of the Columbus Air Force Base. At the peak of the hurricane evacuation, Columbus schools served nearly 100 evacuee students and continue to serve nearly 50. With four level 5 schools, three level 4 schools, and three level 3 schools, Columbus Municipal School District is indeed a Rising STAR and a key player in the economic development of the area as the SeverCorp Steel Mill is under construction and other major expansions are taking place.

The District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The millage has been decreased 7 mils over the past decade while the fund balance has been increased during the same period. In addition, the District's system of financial planning, budgeting and internal financial controls are well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

A new building for Stokes-Beard Elementary Magnet School was opened in August 2005. This 53,668 square foot building replaces the school building that was destroyed during the November 2003 tornado. At a cost exceeding \$6 million, this is the first completely new school to be built in the District in over 40 years.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have questions about this report, contact the superintendent's office at the following address: Columbus Municipal School District, P O Box 1308, Columbus, MS 39703.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Columbus Municipal School District
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

Exhibit A

	<u>Primary Government</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 14,559,625
Due from other governments	\$ 785,245
Inventories	\$ 29,843
Capital assets, net (Note 4)	\$ 24,345,136
Total Assets	<u>\$ 39,719,849</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,178,130
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	\$ 200,610
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	\$ 1,488,000
Non-capital related liabilities	\$ 328,224
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	\$ 16,065,000
Non-capital related liabilities	\$ 350,126
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 21,610,090</u>
Net assets	
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	\$ 7,703,293
Restricted net assets	
Expendable	
School-based activities	\$ 1,862,806
Debt service	\$ 1,487,666
Unemployment benefits	\$ 149,183
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 6,906,811</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,109,759</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
Instruction	\$ 20,415,786	\$ 384,496	\$ 4,752,952	\$ (15,278,338)
Support services	\$ 13,897,884	\$ 44,916	\$ 1,173,264	\$ (12,679,704)
Non-instructional	\$ 2,455,206	\$ 376,497	\$ 2,126,208	\$ 47,499
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	\$ 821,935			\$ (821,935)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 37,590,811</u>	<u>\$ 805,909</u>	<u>\$ 8,052,424</u>	<u>\$ (28,732,478)</u>
General Revenues				
Taxes				
General purpose levies				\$ 8,964,460
Debt purpose levies				\$ 2,242,365
Unrestricted grants and contributions				
State				\$ 18,144,677
Federal				\$ 557,738
Unrestricted investment earnings				\$ 328,262
Sixteenth section sources				\$ 7,374
Other				\$ 12,713
Total General Revenues				<u>\$ 30,257,589</u>
Changes in Net Assets				
Net Assets - Beginning				
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 8)				
Net Assets - Beginning - Restated				
Net Assets - Ending				
				<u>\$ 1,525,111</u>
				\$ 16,695,662
				\$ (111,014)
				<u>\$ 16,584,648</u>
				<u>\$ 18,109,759</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2005

Exhibit C

	Major Funds			Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Stokes-Beard Capital Project Fund	Capital Project Fund		
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 4,048,628	\$ 1,606,620	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,904,377	\$ 14,559,625
Due from other governments	\$ 289,981			\$ 495,264	\$ 785,245
Due from other funds (Note 3)	\$ 98,065			\$ 74,114	\$ 172,179
Inventories				\$ 29,843	\$ 29,843
Total Assets	\$ 4,436,674	\$ 1,606,620	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,503,598	\$ 15,546,892
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 1,851,513	\$ 695,463		\$ 631,154	\$ 3,178,130
Due to other funds (Note 3)				\$ 172,179	\$ 172,179
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,851,513	\$ 695,463	\$ -	\$ 803,333	\$ 3,350,309
Fund Balances					
Reserved for					
Capital project purposes		\$ 911,157			\$ 911,157
Debt service purposes				\$ 1,688,276	\$ 1,688,276
Unemployment benefits				\$ 149,183	\$ 149,183
Inventory				\$ 29,843	\$ 29,843
Unreserved					
Undesignated, reported in					
General fund	\$ 2,585,161				\$ 2,585,161
Special revenue funds				\$ 1,832,963	\$ 1,832,963
Capital projects funds			\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,585,161	\$ 911,157	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,700,265	\$ 12,196,583
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 4,436,674	\$ 1,606,620	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,503,598	\$ 15,546,892

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

Exhibit C-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 12,196,583
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources, therefore the assets are not reported in the governmental funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$17,049,678. (Note 4)	\$ 24,345,136
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore the long-term liabilities are not reported in the governmental funds. (Note 5)	\$ (18,231,350)
Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is not due and payable in the current period, therefore it is not reported in the governmental funds.	\$ (200,610)
Total net assets - governmental activities	<u>\$ 18,109,759</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit D

	Major Funds			Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Stokes-Beard Capital Project Fund	Capital Project Fund		
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 9,729,895			\$ 2,828,003	\$ 12,557,898
State sources	\$ 19,038,743			\$ 820,509	\$ 19,859,252
Federal sources	\$ 557,738			\$ 6,128,708	\$ 6,686,446
Sixteenth section sources				\$ 7,374	\$ 7,374
Total Revenues	\$ 29,326,376	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,784,594	\$ 39,110,970
Expenditures					
Instruction	\$ 15,301,853	\$ 4,489		\$ 4,828,505	\$ 20,134,847
Support services	\$ 11,108,120	\$ 40,177		\$ 2,177,343	\$ 13,325,640
Noninstructional services	\$ 43,989			\$ 2,354,034	\$ 2,398,023
Facilities acquisition and construction		\$ 5,764,401		\$ 43,740	\$ 5,808,141
Debt service					
Principal (Note 5)	\$ 86,000			\$ 2,315,905	\$ 2,401,905
Interest	\$ 8,011			\$ 723,166	\$ 731,177
Other	\$ -			\$ 2,430	\$ 2,430
Total Expenditures	\$ 26,547,973	\$ 5,809,067	\$ -	\$ 12,445,123	\$ 44,802,163
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 2,778,403	\$ (5,809,067)	\$ -	\$ (2,660,529)	\$ (5,691,193)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds of loans (Note 5)	\$ 200,842	\$ 6,500,000		\$ 51,158	\$ 6,752,000
Insurances loss recoveries	\$ 3,924				\$ 3,924
Sale of transportation equipment	\$ 1,150			\$ -	\$ 1,150
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	\$ 3,835,653	\$ 235,000		\$ 2,001,090	\$ 6,071,743
Other financing sources				\$ 1,028	\$ 1,028
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	\$ (5,392,430)	\$ (14,776)		\$ (664,537)	\$ (6,071,743)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (1,350,861)	\$ 6,720,224	\$ -	\$ 1,388,739	\$ 6,758,102
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 1,427,542	\$ 911,157	\$ -	\$ (1,271,790)	\$ 1,066,909
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2004	\$ 1,157,619	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,974,526	\$ 11,132,145
Decrease in reserve for inventory				\$ (2,471)	\$ (2,471)
June 30, 2005	\$ 2,585,161	\$ 911,157	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,700,265	\$ 12,196,583

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
 Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit D-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 1,066,909
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital assets as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital assets purchased amounted to \$5,706,286 and the depreciation expense amounted to \$781,593. (Note 4)	\$ 4,924,693
Payment on the principal on long-term liabilities is reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of activities. (Note 5)	\$ 2,401,905
Expenses associated with changes in the compensated absences liability is reported in the statement of activities, but is not reported in the governmental funds. (Note 5)	\$ (7,822)
Proceeds of long-term liabilities are reported in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities. (Note 5)	\$ (6,752,000)
The sale and/or disposal of capital assets is reported as other financing sources in the governmental funds, but is reported as a reduction of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, along with the loss on the sale/disposal of capital assets on the statement of activities. (Note 4)	\$ (17,776)
Accrued interest payable is reported in the statement of activities, but is not reported in the governmental funds.	\$ (88,327)
The governmental funds reported a decrease in reserve for inventory while the transaction is not reported in the statement of activities.	\$ (2,471)
Changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,525,111</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2005

Exhibit E

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 3,446	\$ 657,626
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,446</u>	<u>\$ 657,626</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 582,782
Due to student clubs		\$ 74,844
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 657,626</u>
Net Assets		
Reserved for endowments	\$ 3,446	
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,446</u>	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
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Exhibit F

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust Funds</u>
Additions	
Contributions and donations from private sources	\$ 3,000
Total Additions	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Deductions	
Scholarships awarded	\$ 3,506
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 3,506</u>
Changes in Net Assets	<u>\$ (506)</u>
Net Assets	
July 1, 2004	<u>\$ 3,952</u>
June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 3,446</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

The accompanying basic financial statements of the school district have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the school district's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

For financial reporting purposes, the reporting entity includes all funds that are covered by the oversight responsibility of the school district's governing board. As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the school district is considered an "other stand-alone government." The school district is a related organization of, but not a component unit of, the city of Columbus since the governing authority of the city selects a majority of the school district's board but does not have financial accountability for the school district.

B. Basis of Presentation.

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds, if applicable. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets 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 function or program 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. It also includes grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the school district, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the school district.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Program revenues on the Statement of Activities consist primarily of state appropriations and federal awards.

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In the fund financial statements, governmental funds and agency funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when "measurable and available". Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year end. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the school district's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the school district, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Stokes-Beard Capital

Project Fund - This is a capital project fund consisting of bond proceeds that were used to construct a new school building.

Capital Project Fund - This is a capital project fund that will be used for future construction projects of the district.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of Exhibit C.

Additionally the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted for specific expenditure purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Permanent Funds - Permanent Funds are used to account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Private-purpose Trust Funds - Private-purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, under which the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Agency Funds - Agency Funds are used to report resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

D. Account Classifications.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the classifications prescribed in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts* issued by the Office of the State Auditor. The classifications in that manual are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in

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Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 1990 issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

E. Encumbrances.

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The school district deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts on deposit in demand accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 12 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost.

G. Investments.

The school district can invest its excess funds, as permitted by Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), in interest-bearing deposits or other obligations of the types described in Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the state of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have a maturity greater than 12 months when acquired.

H. Inventories and Prepaid Items.

Donated commodities are received from the USDA and are valued at USDA cost. Other inventories are valued at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis).

The costs of governmental fund type inventories are reported as expenditures when purchased.

Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for governmental fund types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

I. Capital Assets.

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are reported in the government-wide statements. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. The following schedule details those thresholds.

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	\$ 50,000	40 years
Building improvements	\$ 25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	\$ 5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	\$ 5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

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* The threshold amount corresponds with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed (see Note 4).

J. Long-term liabilities.

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, warrants, notes, or other forms of noncurrent or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on lease-purchase agreements and other commitments. Long-term liabilities should not be reported as liabilities in governmental funds, but should be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net assets (see Note 5).

K. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

Interfund transactions and balances are the result of timing differences between the date expenses/expenditures occur and the date payments are made.

Short-term (due within one year) interfund loan receivables are reported as "due from other funds" and are considered available expendable resources.

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 3 for details for interfund transactions, including receivables and payables at year-end.

L. Equity Classifications.

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, constructions, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets - All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

Fund reserves are portions of fund equity that are legally segregated for a specific future use or are not available for current operations. Following is a description of fund reserves used by the district:

Reserved for capital project purposes - An account that represents a portion of the fund balance that is legally restricted for capital expenditures or expenditures for maintaining, repairing or equipping school district facilities in accordance with bonding resolutions approved by the school board.

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Reserved for debt service purposes - An account that represents a portion of the fund balance that is legally restricted for the retirement of school district debt.

Reserved for unemployment benefits - An account that represents a portion of the fund balance that is legally restricted for the payment of unemployment benefits.

Reserved for inventory - An account that represents a portion of the fund balance which indicates that inventories do not represent available spendable resources even though they are a component of net current assets.

M. Property Taxes.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the city on behalf of the school district based upon an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the school district, the revenues to be generated by the annual levies are not recognized until the taxes are actually collected by the tax levying authority.

N. Mississippi Adequate Education Program Revenues.

Revenues from the adequate education program are appropriated on a fiscal year basis and are recorded at the time the revenues are received from the state of Mississippi.

O. Compensated Absences.

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law or at a greater amount provided by school district policy. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school district policy. The district pays for unused leave for employees as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long-term liabilities in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this liability is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Various restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes. These restrictions are summarized below:

The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for school district deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the school district's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds, private purpose funds and fiduciary funds was \$14,559,625, \$3,446 and \$657,626, respectively. The carrying amount of deposits reported in the government-wide financial statements was: Cash and Cash Equivalents - \$14,559,625. The carrying amount of school district's cash held by financial institutions was \$15,551,339.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of a depository failure, the school district deposits may not be returned to it. The school district does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk.

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However, state law permits the Mississippi State Treasurer's office to manage that risk on behalf of the school district. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. By signed agreement the Mississippi State Treasurer's office is acting on behalf of the school district.

(3) Interfund Transactions and Balances.

The following is a summary of interfund transactions and balances:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

	Due From	Due To
Major funds:		
General fund	\$ 98,065	\$
Non-major Funds	\$ 74,114	\$ 172,179
Total funds	\$ 172,179	\$ 172,179

The purpose of the more significant interfund loans was to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain federal programs as part of normal year end closing adjustments.

B. Transfers In/Out.

	Transfer In	Transfers Out
Major funds:		
General Fund	\$ 3,835,653	\$ 5,392,430
Stokes-Beard Capital Project Fund	\$ 235,000	\$ 14,776
Non-major Funds	\$ 2,001,090	\$ 664,537
Total funds	\$ 6,071,743	\$ 6,071,743

The purpose of the transfers with the General Fund are to finance basic operations of the district that are not directly funded (i.e., state funded special education, alternative school, activity and athletic programs). The purpose of the transfers out of the General Fund (and into the Non-major Funds) are to finance other basic operations of the district that are not directly funded (i.e., vocational program) and to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain federal programs as part of normal year end closing adjustments. The transfers out of the Non-major funds are primarily the transfer of indirect cost on federal programs to the General Fund.

(4) Capital Assets.

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities:

	Balance 7-1-2004	Additions	Retirements	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2005
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Land	\$ 1,453,872	\$ 117,206				\$ 1,571,078
Construction in progress	\$ 203,635	\$ 5,269,280		\$ (5,162,506)		\$ 310,409
Total non-depreciable capital assets	\$ 1,657,507	\$ 5,386,486	\$ 0	\$ (5,162,506)	\$ 0	\$ 1,881,487
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Buildings	\$ 29,418,526			\$ 5,162,506	\$ 138,600	\$ 34,719,632
Building improvements	\$ 138,600				\$ (138,600)	\$ 0
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 576,558					\$ 576,558

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	Balance 7-1-2004	Additions	Retirements	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2005
Mobile equipment	\$ 2,773,255	\$ 319,800	\$ (114,140)			\$ 2,978,915
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,284,855		\$ (46,633)			\$ 1,238,222
Total depreciable capital assets	\$ 34,191,794	\$ 319,800	\$ (160,773)	\$ 5,162,506	\$ 0	\$ 39,513,327
<u>Less accumulated depreciation</u>						
Buildings	\$ 13,032,167	\$ 488,122				\$ 13,520,289
Building improvements	\$ 5,544				\$ (5,544)	\$ 0
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 314,462	\$ 13,344				\$ 327,806
Mobile equipment	\$ 2,080,426	\$ 177,560	\$ (99,486)		\$ 1,620	\$ 2,160,120
Furniture and equipment	\$ 979,751	\$ 102,567	\$ (43,511)		\$ 2,656	\$ 1,041,463
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 16,412,350	\$ 781,593	\$ (142,997)		\$ (1,268)	\$ 17,049,678
Total depreciable capital assets, net	\$ 17,779,444	\$ (461,793)	\$ (17,776)	\$ 0	\$ 1,268	\$ 22,463,649
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 19,436,951	\$ 4,924,693	\$ (17,776)	\$ 0	\$ 1,268	\$ 24,345,136

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 437,692
Support services	\$ 289,189
Non-instructional	\$ 54,712
Total depreciation expense	\$ 781,593

(5) Long-term liabilities.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

	Balance 7-1-2004	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2005	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation bonds payable	\$ 12,052,000		\$ 976,000	\$ 417,000	\$ 11,493,000	\$ 998,000
B. Certificates of participation payable	\$ 417,000			\$ (417,000)	\$ 0	
C. Three mill notes payable	\$ 700,000	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 1,140,000		\$ 6,060,000	\$ 490,000
D. Shortfall notes payable	\$ 467,966	\$ 252,000	\$ 285,905		\$ 434,061	\$ 303,796
E. Compensated absences payable	\$ 236,467	\$ 7,822			\$ 244,289	\$ 24,428
Total	\$ 13,873,433	\$ 6,759,822	\$ 2,401,905	\$ 0	\$ 18,231,350	\$ 1,816,224

General obligation bonds payable

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the school district. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

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Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General obligation bonds, Series 1997	4.1- 4.75	6-15-97	9-1-14	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 8,490,000
General obligation bonds, Series, 2002	2.89	12-1-02	9-1-07	\$ 2,752,000	\$ 2,672,000
General obligation bonds, refunding, Series 2003	2.22	4-1-03	8-1-08	\$ 495,000	\$ 331,000
Total				<u>\$ 11,997,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,493,000</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

	Year Ending		
	June 30	Principal	Interest
2006	\$ 998,000	\$ 493,239	\$ 1,491,239
2007	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 463,719	\$ 1,498,719
2008	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 433,096	\$ 1,488,096
2009	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 392,040	\$ 1,502,040
2010	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 340,434	\$ 1,415,434
2011 – 2015	\$ 6,220,000	\$ 823,333	\$ 7,043,333
Total	<u>\$ 11,493,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,945,861</u>	<u>\$ 14,438,861</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund (General Fund) and the GO Bond Nine Mill Levy Fund (Debt Service Fund).

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by state statute. Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in state statutes, have been met. As of June 30, 2005, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 6% of property assessments as of October 1, 2004.

Three mill notes payable

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

	Year Ending		
	June 30	Principal	Interest
2006	\$ 490,000	\$ 254,086	\$ 744,086
2007	\$ 510,000	\$ 229,588	\$ 739,588
2008	\$ 525,000	\$ 204,088	\$ 729,088
2009	\$ 550,000	\$ 177,838	\$ 727,838
2010	\$ 375,000	\$ 150,338	\$ 525,338
2011 – 2015	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 518,662	\$ 2,443,662
2016 – 2019	\$ 1,685,000	\$ 156,062	\$ 1,841,062
Total	<u>\$ 6,060,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,662</u>	<u>\$ 7,750,662</u>

This debt will be retired from the Negotiable Notes P & I Fund (Debt Service Fund).

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Shortfall notes payable

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

	Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2006	\$ 303,796	\$ 17,250	\$ 321,046	
2007	\$ 86,014	\$ 4,198	\$ 90,212	
2008	\$ 44,251	\$ 854	\$ 45,105	
Total	\$ 434,061	\$ 22,302	\$ 456,363	

This debt will be retired from the Shortfall Notes Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Compensated absences payable

As more fully explained in Note 1(O), compensated absences payable is adjusted on an annual basis as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salary were paid.

(6) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description. The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy. PERS members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$2,175,532, \$2,157,011 and \$2,070,224, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

(7) Sixteenth Section Lands.

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands and all funds arising therefrom as trust property. Accordingly, the board shall assure that adequate compensation is received for all uses of the trust lands, except for uses by the public schools. The following are the future rental payments to be made to the school district for the use of school trust lands. These future rental payments are from existing leases and do not anticipate renewals or new leases.

	Year Ending June 30	Amount
2006	\$ 5,833	
2007	\$ 5,832	
2008	\$ 5,832	

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2009	\$ 5,832
2010	\$ 5,832
2011 – 2015	\$ 29,160
2016 – 2020	\$ 24,647
2021 – 2025	\$ 16,625
2026 – 2030	\$ 16,625
Thereafter	\$ 23,275
Total	\$ 139,493

(8) Prior Period Adjustments/Exhibits.

Exhibit B	Amount	Explanation
Primary Government	\$ 1,268	Adjustments made to capital assets (see Note 4)
	\$ (112,282)	Adjustment to record prior year accrued interest payable
	\$ (111,014)	

(9) 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. Except as described below, the district carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool.

The school district is a member of the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust (MPEWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the school district's employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MPEWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$350,000. For a claim exceeding \$350,000, MPEWCT has insurance which will pay the excess up to \$1,000,000. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
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Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Non-cash assistance:		
Food donation	10.550	\$ <u>154,923</u>
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 576,477
National school lunch program	10.555	\$ 1,536,864
Summer food service program for children	10.559	\$ 101,749
Total child nutrition cluster		\$ <u>2,215,090</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$ <u>2,370,013</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Direct programs:		
Impact aid	84.041	\$ <u>259,349</u>
Total		\$ <u>259,349</u>
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	\$ 844,200
Vocational education - basic grants to states	84.048	\$ 96,393
Safe and drug-free schools and communities - state grants	84.186	\$ 26,359
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	\$ 87,853
State grants of innovative programs	84.298	\$ 16,163
Education technology - state grants	84.318	\$ 41,454
Comprehensive school reform demonstration	84.332	\$ 194,155
Rural Education Achievement Program	84.358	\$ 20,888
Improving teacher quality – state grants	84.367	\$ 555,669
Total		\$ <u>1,883,134</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	\$ 1,021,344
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	\$ 24,314
Total special education cluster		\$ <u>1,045,658</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		\$ <u>2,928,792</u>
Passed through Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning		
Gear-up	84.334S	\$ <u>23,261</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		\$ <u>3,211,402</u>
<u>Other Federal Assistance</u>		
Direct program:		
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.XXX	\$ <u>64,042</u>
Total Other Federal Assistance		\$ <u>64,042</u>
Total for All Federal Awards		\$ <u>5,645,457</u>

Columbus Municipal School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

1. This schedule was prepared using the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, used for the basic financial statements.
2. The expenditure amounts include transfers out.
3. The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.

Columbus Municipal School District
 Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 29,187,717	\$ 18,846,355	\$ 600,377	\$ 9,740,985
Other	\$ 15,614,446	\$ 1,288,492	\$ 375,401	\$ 13,950,553
Total	\$ 44,802,163	\$ 20,134,847	\$ 975,778	\$ 23,691,538
Total number of students	<u>4,845</u>			
Cost per student	\$ <u>9,247</u>	\$ <u>4,156</u>	\$ <u>201</u>	\$ <u>4,890</u>

Notes to the schedule.

Instruction - includes the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students (all 1000 function codes).

Administration - includes expenditures for the following functions: Support Services - General Administration (2300's); Support Services - School Administration (2400's); and Support Services - Business (2500's).

Other - includes all expenditure functions not included in Instruction or Administration.

* Total number of students reported on the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the fiscal year.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Columbus Municipal School District
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 10,059,335	\$ 9,729,937	\$ 9,729,895	\$ 329,398	\$ 42
State sources	\$ 18,951,262	\$ 19,038,747	\$ 19,038,743	\$ (87,485)	\$ 4
Federal sources	\$ 555,000	\$ 557,738	\$ 557,738	\$ (2,738)	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 29,565,597</u>	<u>\$ 29,326,422</u>	<u>\$ 29,326,376</u>	<u>\$ 239,175</u>	<u>\$ 46</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	\$ 16,544,521	\$ 15,302,161	\$ 15,301,853	\$ 1,242,360	\$ 308
Support services	\$ 12,180,171	\$ 11,202,484	\$ 11,108,120	\$ 977,687	\$ 94,364
Noninstructional services	\$ 75,806	\$ 43,998	\$ 43,989	\$ 31,808	\$ 9
Debt service					
Principal	\$ -	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ (86,000)	\$ -
Interest	\$ -	\$ 8,011	\$ 8,011	\$ (8,011)	\$ -
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 28,800,498</u>	<u>\$ 26,642,654</u>	<u>\$ 26,547,973</u>	<u>\$ 2,157,844</u>	<u>\$ 94,681</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 765,099</u>	<u>\$ 2,683,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,778,403</u>	<u>\$ (1,918,669)</u>	<u>\$ (94,635)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds of loans	\$ -	\$ 200,842	\$ 200,842	\$ (200,842)	\$ -
Insurance loss recoveries	\$ -	\$ 3,924	\$ 3,924	\$ (3,924)	\$ -
Sale of transportation equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ (1,150)	\$ -
Operating transfers in	\$ 3,490,921	\$ 3,835,656	\$ 3,835,653	\$ (344,735)	\$ 3
Operating transfers out	\$ (4,431,593)	\$ (5,392,435)	\$ (5,392,430)	\$ 960,842	\$ (5)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (940,672)</u>	<u>\$ (1,350,863)</u>	<u>\$ (1,350,861)</u>	<u>\$ 410,191</u>	<u>\$ (2)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ (175,573)</u>	<u>\$ 1,332,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,427,542</u>	<u>\$ (1,508,478)</u>	<u>\$ (94,637)</u>
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2004	<u>\$ 3,191,600</u>	<u>\$ 3,191,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,619</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,033,981</u>
June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 3,016,027</u>	<u>\$ 4,524,505</u>	<u>\$ 2,585,161</u>	<u>\$ (1,508,478)</u>	<u>\$ 1,939,344</u>

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this statement.

Columbus Municipal School District
Notes to the Required Supplemental Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

(1) Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions.

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before a date established by the Mississippi Board of Education (generally on or about September 1 of the following fiscal year). A budgetary comparison is presented for the general fund on the same basis of accounting as the budget which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

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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*

Superintendent and School Board
Columbus Municipal School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the district's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 13, 2006. I conducted my 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the school district's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the school district's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2005-01.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the school district's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with State Laws and Regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the district's school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Superintendent and School Board
Columbus Municipal School District

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the Columbus Municipal School District with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005. The district's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the school district's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the school district's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I 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 school district's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, the Columbus Municipal School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

I noted certain matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Columbus Municipal School District's ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with the applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Finding 2005-02.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with the applicable requirements of laws,

regulations, contracts, and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses.

However, I believe that none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the district's school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board
Columbus Municipal School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 13, 2006. I conducted my 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.

Section 37-9-18(3), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the Auditor shall test to insure that the school district is complying with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), relating to classroom supply funds." As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, I have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of my procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance. The district reported \$66,469 of classroom supply funds carried over from previous years.

The results of those procedures and my audit of the basic financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. My finding and recommendation and your response are as follows:

Finding

Interest income earned during the year was credited to the District Maintenance Fund. Section 37-59-43 Miss. Code 1972 requires interest income in excess of \$100 be credited to the fund earning the interest. The interest income may then be transferred to other funds. However, this section requires that all interest income earned on bond proceeds or debt service funds be credited to and remain with those funds.

Recommendation

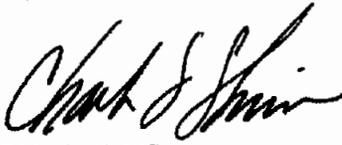
It is recommended that interest income in excess of \$100 be credited to the fund earning the interest. It is also recommended that the interest income earned on the bond proceeds and the debt service funds for the 2005 fiscal year be determined and transferred into the appropriate funds.

District Response

The District concurs with the finding and will implement the recommendation above.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on the subsequent year's audit engagement, the finding in this report to insure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ridgeland, MS
February 13, 2006

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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Columbus Municipal School District
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Type of auditor's report issued on the basic financial statements: | Unqualified |
| 2. | Material noncompliance relating to the basic financial statements? | No |
| 3. | Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| | a. Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| | b. Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |

Federal Awards:

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 4. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: | Unqualified |
| 5. | Internal control over major programs: | |
| | a. Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| | b. Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |
| 6. | Any audit finding(s) reported as required by section __.510(a) of Circular A-133? | No |
| 7. | Federal program identified as major program: | |
| | a. Improving teacher quality – state grants | |
| | CFDA #: 84.367 | |
| | b. Special Education Cluster | |
| | CFDA #: 84.027 | |
| | CFDA#: 84.173 | |
| 8. | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$300,000 |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? | Yes |
| 10. | Prior fiscal year audit findings and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings as discussed in Section ____315(b) of OMB Circular A-133? | No |

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses.

2005-01

Finding

The school district utilizes the services of Fuel Man. Payments to Fuel Man were based on statements rather than detailed invoices. Fuel Man not only offers users the ability to purchase fuel at convenient locations, but also provides management with detailed reports on fuel and vehicle management. These reports were not being used by management. Upon inquiry by the auditor, management had to contact Fuel Man for copies of these reports.

Recommendation

It recommended that management pay for services based on detailed invoices rather than statements. Detailed invoices provide sufficient detail to gain satisfaction that payments are for services actually received. Also, it is

Columbus Municipal School District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

recommended that management acquire from Fuel Man the fuel and vehicle management reports and review and approve these on a monthly basis.

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses.

2005-02

Program: Improving Teacher Quality – State Grants; CFDA# 84.367; US Department of Education; Passed through the Mississippi Department of Education

Special Education Cluster; CFDA# 84.027 and 84.173; US Department of Education; Passed through the Mississippi Department of Education

Compliance Requirement: Cash Management

Finding

The district's request for reimbursement exceeded the program needs and resulted in excessive cash on hand. The cash management requirements contained in the federal compliance supplement indicates that requests of reimbursements be limited to paid expenditures and obligations incurred which will be liquidated within a reasonable period of time. Significant violations of this nature could result in certain restrictive sanctions being placed on the program by the grantor or pass through grantor.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the district develop a conservative procedure to arrive at the amount to request for reimbursement. Reimbursement requests should be made monthly using this procedure.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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Columbus Municipal School District

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J. David Sullivan
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

February 27, 2006

As required by Section 315(c) of OMB Circular A-1233, the Columbus Municipal School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Finding

2005-01

Corrective Action Plan

The District concurs with the finding and will only pay from actual invoices and will file those invoices in a vendor file located in the business office, just as it does all other vendors. The Assistant Superintendent of Support Services will review, analyze and approve all management reports on a monthly basis. The District will instruct Fuelman to setup the business manager as a user on the web based software. This corrective action plan will be implemented immediately.

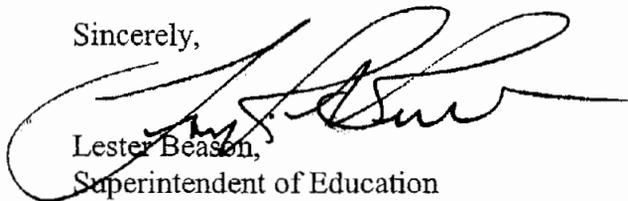
Finding

2005-02

Response

The District concurs with the finding and has already implemented the recommendation noted above. The business manager will review and approve the request using the recommended procedure.

Sincerely,



Lester Beason,
Superintendent of Education



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