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COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board
Columbia School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbia School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Columbia School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Columbia School District's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

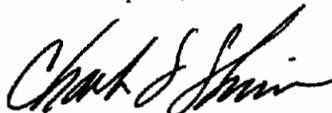
I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and 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 Columbia School District as of June 30, 2007, 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 July 15, 2008, on my consideration of the Columbia 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 that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial 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 and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule and related notes 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 Columbia 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
July 15, 2008

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of the Columbia School District's financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2007. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance. Information contained in this section is qualified by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this district's financial statements, notes to financial statements and any accompanying materials. To the extent this discussion contains any forward-looking statements of the District's plans, objectives, expectations and prospects, the actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net assets, including the effect of prior period adjustments, increased \$233,886, which represents a 2% increase from fiscal year 2006.
- General revenues accounted for \$12,509,601 in revenue, or 82% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$2,805,129, or 18% of total revenues.
- The District had \$15,254,878 in expenses; only \$2,805,129 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$12,509,601 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$11,100,312 in revenues and \$12,236,786 in expenditures. After net other financing sources of \$424,811, the net change in fund balance for the General Fund was a decrease of \$711,663 from the previous fiscal year. This decrease is primarily a result of the purchase of land, buildings and mobile equipment during the fiscal year totaling \$462,106.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$165,734.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$446,876 due primarily to principal payments made during the fiscal year on existing long-term debt.

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 are comprised of 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 and interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities.

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.

The District maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts*. 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.

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.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to have a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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.

Additionally, a schedule of expenditures of federal awards is required by OMB Cir. A-133 and a schedule of instructional, administrative and other expenditures for governmental funds is also included in this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets. Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$13,254,920 as of June 30, 2007.

The district's net assets are comprised of 1) net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, 2) restricted net assets and 3) unrestricted net assets. \$3,563,024 of the District's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements other than 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. \$10,128,175 of the District's net assets reflects its restricted net assets. A portion of the restricted net assets is expendable for school based activities, debt service and unemployment benefits. The remaining portion of the restricted net assets is nonexpendable for 16th section investment purposes. The unrestricted portion of the District's net assets is a negative \$436,279 due to the deficiency of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses in the General Fund for the current year and because non-capital long-term liabilities were applied toward the negative fund balance in the General Fund to arrive at unrestricted net assets.

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 year ended June 30, 2007 and comparative data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

	Net Assets		Percentage Change
	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006	
Current assets	\$ 3,489,186	\$ 3,526,139	(1.0) %
Other assets	7,348,741	7,093,365	3.6 %
Capital assets, net	<u>8,928,024</u>	<u>8,762,290</u>	1.9 %
Total assets	<u>19,765,951</u>	<u>19,381,794</u>	2.0 %
Current liabilities	912,040	314,893	189.6 %
Long-term debt outstanding	<u>5,598,991</u>	<u>6,045,867</u>	(7.4) %
Total liabilities	<u>6,511,031</u>	<u>6,360,760</u>	2.4 %
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,563,024	2,982,290	19.5 %
Restricted	10,128,175	10,139,838	(0.1) %
Unrestricted	<u>(436,279)</u>	<u>(101,094)</u>	331.6 %
Total net assets	<u>\$ 13,254,920</u>	<u>13,021,034</u>	1.8 %

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

- Current assets decreased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to a decrease in amounts due from other governments. In the previous fiscal year, the District reported large amounts due from the federal government related to the Displaced Student Grant and Restart School Grant which resulted from Hurricane Katrina.
- Other assets increased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to the increase in cash and cash equivalents in the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund which are included in restricted assets (other assets) on the Statement of Net Assets.
- Long-term debt outstanding decreased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to principal payments made during the fiscal year on existing long-term debt.
- Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, increased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to the increase in capital assets during the fiscal year and the reduction of long-term debt related to the capital assets.
- Unrestricted net assets decreased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to the decrease in the fund balance of the General Fund.

Changes in net assets. The District's total revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 were \$15,314,730. The total cost of all programs and services was \$15,254,878. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and comparative data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

	Change in Net Assets		Percentage Change
	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006	
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 400,067	\$ 370,487	8.0 %
Operating grants and contributions	2,405,062	4,841,092	(50.3) %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	3,755,564	3,804,585	(1.3) %
Grants and contributions not restricted	8,091,860	7,630,798	6.0 %
Other	662,177	630,908	5.0 %
Total revenues	<u>15,314,730</u>	<u>17,277,870</u>	(11.4) %
Expenses:			
Instruction	8,963,871	8,356,636	7.3 %
Support services	5,133,272	5,079,066	1.1 %
Non-instructional	904,817	882,479	2.5 %
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	252,918	377,500	(33.0) %
Total expenses	<u>15,254,878</u>	<u>14,695,681</u>	3.8 %
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	59,852	2,582,189	(97.7) %
Net Assets, July 1	13,021,034	10,486,045	24.2 %
Prior Period Adjustments	174,034	(47,200)	512.4 %
Net Assets, Restated, July 1	<u>13,195,068</u>	<u>10,438,845</u>	26.4 %
Net Assets, June 30	<u>\$13,254,920</u>	<u>\$ 13,021,034</u>	1.8 %

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Activities:

- Program revenues decreased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to a decrease in operating grants and contributions. In the previous fiscal year, the District received revenue related to the Displaced Students Grant and Restart School Grant resulting from Hurricane Katrina.
- General revenues increased from the previous fiscal year due primarily to an increase in unrestricted state grants and contributions.

Governmental activities. The following table presents, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and comparative data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, the cost of four major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional and interest and other expenses 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.

	2007		2006	
	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue
Instruction	\$ 8,963,871	\$ (7,633,802)	\$ 8,356,636	\$ (5,500,328)
Support services	5,133,272	(4,634,784)	5,079,066	(3,587,840)
Non-instructional	904,817	71,755	882,479	(18,434)
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	252,918	(252,918)	377,500	(377,500)
Total expenses	<u>\$ 15,254,878</u>	<u>\$ (12,449,749)</u>	<u>\$ 14,695,681</u>	<u>\$ (9,484,102)</u>

- The net cost of governmental activities for fiscal year 2007 in the amount of \$12,449,749 was financed by general revenue, which is made up of primarily property taxes of \$3,755,564 and state revenue of \$8,056,832.
- Investment earnings accounted for \$250,750 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 fiscal year June 30, 2007, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,004,646. The net change in fund balance for the fiscal year was a decrease of \$523,143 due primarily to the purchase of land, buildings and mobile equipment during the fiscal year. Prior period adjustments totaling \$127,084 were needed to increase and restate the beginning fund balance. The portion of the fund balance reported by fund type in the unreserved, undesignated section of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet is \$80,467. The remaining fund balance of \$9,924,179 is reserved or designated to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has already been committed. This portion of the fund balance is reserved for advances, inventory, unemployment benefits, debt service purposes and permanent fund purposes.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The net change in fund balance for the General Fund for the fiscal year was a decrease of \$711,663 due primarily to the purchase of land, buildings and new school buses during the fiscal year. The net change in fund balance for the 16th Section Principal Fund for the fiscal year was an increase of \$209,060 resulting primarily from pro-rata revenue from other school districts and earning on sixteenth section investments. The net change in fund balance for the Other Governmental Funds for the fiscal year was a decrease of \$20,540 due to the excess of expenditures over revenues in various funds.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Significant budget revisions during the fiscal year are as follows:

- Budgeted amounts for revenue from state sources in the General Fund were decreased to reflect the decrease in Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds received during the fiscal year. The original budgeted amounts were overstated.
- Budgeted amounts for instructional expenditures in the General Fund were decreased during the fiscal year. Instructional salary expenditures were originally budgeted using the salaries from the previous fiscal year. Teachers with greater years of experience retired during the fiscal year and were replaced with teachers with less years of experience and lower salaries. Also, textbook expenditures were budgeted for the fiscal year but the expenditures were not incurred.
- Budgeted amounts for support services expenditures in the General Fund were increased during the fiscal year to reflect expenditures related to the bus shop and the purchase of new school buses.

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, 2007, the District's total capital assets, before depreciation, were \$13,117,184, including land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, mobile equipment and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a gross increase of \$334,172 from the previous year. During the fiscal year, the District purchased land, a bus shop, five new school buses and various items of furniture and equipment. The District also disposed of four school buses and various items of furniture and equipment. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$328,573. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2007 was \$4,189,160, resulting in total net capital assets of \$8,928,024.

	<u>Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Change</u>
Land	\$ 826,960	\$ 727,266	13.7 %
Buildings	7,285,571	7,416,016	(1.8) %
Improvements other than buildings	65,040	73,405	(11.4) %
Mobile equipment	664,084	510,547	30.1 %
Furniture and equipment	86,369	35,056	146.4 %
Total	\$ 8,928,024	\$ 8,762,290	1.9 %

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2007, the District had \$5,598,991 in general and limited obligation bonds and other long-term debt outstanding, of which \$490,599 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District made principal payments in the amount of \$450,110 on existing long-term debt.

	<u>Outstanding Debt</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Change</u>
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 4,090,000	\$ 4,420,000	(7.5) %
Limited obligation bonds payable	1,275,000	1,360,000	(6.3) %
Shortfall notes payable	58,387	93,497	(37.6) %
Compensated absences payable	175,604	172,370	1.9 %
Total	\$ 5,598,991	\$ 6,045,867	(7.4) %

CURRENT ISSUES

The Columbia School District is proud of its community support of the public schools. The District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. 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.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have questions about this report, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Columbia School District, 613 Bryan Avenue, Columbia, MS 39429.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Columbia School District
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007

Exhibit A

	<u>Primary Government</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 3,116,594
Investments (Note 2)	\$ 50,285
Due from other governments	\$ 275,692
Inventories and prepaid items	\$ 46,615
Restricted assets (Note 2)	\$ 7,348,741
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 4)	\$ 826,960
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 4)	\$ 8,101,064
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,765,951</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 637,751
Deferred revenue	\$ 195,530
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	\$ 78,759
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	\$ 445,000
Non-capital related liabilities	\$ 45,599
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	\$ 4,920,000
Non-capital related liabilities	\$ 188,392
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,511,031</u>
Net assets	
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	\$ 3,563,024
Restricted net assets	
Expendable	
School-based activities	\$ 329,370
Debt service	\$ 578,522
Unemployment benefits	\$ 99,696
Non-expendable	
Sixteenth section	\$ 9,120,587
Unrestricted	<u>\$ (436,279)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 13,254,920</u>

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

Columbia School District
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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	\$ 8,963,871	\$ 127,575	\$ 1,202,494	\$ (7,633,802)
Support services	\$ 5,133,272		\$ 498,488	\$ (4,634,784)
Non-instructional	\$ 904,817	\$ 272,492	\$ 704,080	\$ 71,755
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	\$ 252,918			\$ (252,918)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 15,254,878	\$ 400,067	\$ 2,405,062	\$ (12,449,749)
General Revenues				
Taxes				
General purpose levies				\$ 3,067,810
Debt purpose levies				\$ 687,754
Unrestricted grants and contributions				
State				\$ 8,056,832
Federal				\$ 35,028
Unrestricted investment earnings				\$ 250,750
Sixteenth section sources				\$ 351,289
Other				\$ 60,138
Total General Revenues				\$ 12,509,601
Changes in Net Assets				
Net Assets - Beginning				
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 9)				\$ 174,034
Net Assets - Beginning - Restated				
Net Assets - Ending				

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

Columbia School District
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2007

Exhibit C

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	16th Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,828,333	\$ 7,348,741	\$ 1,288,261	\$ 10,465,335
Investments (Note 2)			\$ 50,285	\$ 50,285
Due from other governments	\$ 133,732		\$ 141,960	\$ 275,692
Due from other funds (Note 3)	\$ 132,103			\$ 132,103
Advances to other funds (Note 3)		\$ 2,001,951		\$ 2,001,951
Inventories			\$ 46,615	\$ 46,615
Total Assets	\$ 2,094,168	\$ 9,350,692	\$ 1,527,121	\$ 12,971,981
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 524,610		\$ 113,141	\$ 637,751
Due to other funds (Note 3)			\$ 132,103	\$ 132,103
Advances from other funds (Note 3)	\$ 2,001,951			\$ 2,001,951
Deferred revenue			\$ 195,530	\$ 195,530
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,526,561	\$ -	\$ 440,774	\$ 2,967,335
Fund Balances				
Reserved for				
Debt service purposes			\$ 657,281	\$ 657,281
Permanent fund purposes		\$ 7,108,636		\$ 7,108,636
Unemployment benefits			\$ 99,696	\$ 99,696
Advances		\$ 2,011,951		\$ 2,011,951
Inventory			\$ 46,615	\$ 46,615
Unreserved				
Undesignated, reported in				
General fund	\$ (432,393)			\$ (432,393)
Special revenue funds			\$ 282,755	\$ 282,755
Permanent funds		\$ 230,105		\$ 230,105
Total Fund Balances	\$ (432,393)	\$ 9,350,692	\$ 1,086,347	\$ 10,004,646
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,094,168	\$ 9,350,692	\$ 1,527,121	\$ 12,971,981

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

Columbia School District
 Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
 June 30, 2007

Exhibit C-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 10,004,646
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 \$4,189,160.	\$ 8,928,024
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore the long-term liabilities are not reported in the governmental funds.	\$ (5,598,991)
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.	<u>\$ (78,759)</u>
Total net assets - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 13,254,920</u></u>

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

Columbia School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Exhibit D

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	16th Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 2,999,832	\$ 260,990	\$ 1,235,886	\$ 4,496,708
State sources	\$ 7,995,184		\$ 298,967	\$ 8,294,151
Federal sources	\$ 105,296		\$ 2,097,477	\$ 2,202,773
Sixteenth section sources		\$ 267,342		\$ 267,342
Total Revenues	\$ 11,100,312	\$ 528,332	\$ 3,632,330	\$ 15,260,974
Expenditures				
Instruction	\$ 7,266,668		\$ 1,542,317	\$ 8,808,985
Support services	\$ 4,870,424		\$ 453,242	\$ 5,323,666
Noninstructional services			\$ 893,559	\$ 893,559
Facilities acquisition and construction	\$ 99,694			\$ 99,694
Debt service				
Principal (Note 5)			\$ 450,110	\$ 450,110
Interest			\$ 258,625	\$ 258,625
Other			\$ 3,234	\$ 3,234
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,236,786	\$ -	\$ 3,601,087	\$ 15,837,873
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (1,136,474)	\$ 528,332	\$ 31,243	\$ (576,899)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Refund of prior year expenditure	\$ 53,756			\$ 53,756
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	\$ 622,105	\$ 83,947	\$ 170,103	\$ 876,155
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	\$ (251,050)	\$ (403,219)	\$ (221,886)	\$ (876,155)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 424,811	\$ (319,272)	\$ (51,783)	\$ 53,756
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (711,663)	\$ 209,060	\$ (20,540)	\$ (523,143)
Fund Balances				
July 1, 2006	\$ 164,773	\$ 9,141,632	\$ 1,085,906	\$ 10,392,311
Prior period adjustments (Note 9)	\$ 114,497	\$ -	\$ 12,587	\$ 127,084
July 1, 2006, as restated	\$ 279,270	\$ 9,141,632	\$ 1,098,493	\$ 10,519,395
Increase in reserve for inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,394	\$ 8,394
June 30, 2007	\$ (432,393)	\$ 9,350,692	\$ 1,086,347	\$ 10,004,646

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

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 Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
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Exhibit D-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ (523,143)
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 \$462,106 and the depreciation expense amounted to \$328,573.	\$ 133,533
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.	\$ 450,110
Expenses associated with changes in the compensated absences liability is reported in the statement of activities, but is not reported in the governmental funds.	\$ (3,234)
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.	\$ (14,749)
Accrued interest payable is reported in the statement of activities, but is not reported in the governmental funds.	\$ 8,941
The governmental funds reported a decrease in reserve for inventory while the transaction is not reported in the statement of activities.	<u>\$ 8,394</u>
Changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 59,852</u></u>

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Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2007

Exhibit E

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 61,990
Total Assets	<u>\$ 61,990</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 20,240
Due to student clubs	\$ 41,750
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 61,990</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
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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 Columbia 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. 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 as are the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like

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transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Program revenues on the Statement of Activities consist primarily of state appropriations and federal awards.

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.

16th Section Principal Fund – This fund is used to account for the non-expendable resources generated from the sale of non-renewable resources on sixteenth section lands.

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

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 broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2005 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in the *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 2003* issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

E. Encumbrances.

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase

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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 deposits with maturities of three 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 three months when acquired.

Investments are reported at fair value.

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 asset acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in the governmental fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

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 will correspond with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed. See Note 4 for details.

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. In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column. (See Note 5 for details).

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. Noncurrent portions of long-term interfund loan receivables are reported as advances and are offset equally by a fund balance reserve account which indicates that they do not constitute expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation.

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:

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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 permanent fund purposes - An account that represents a portion of the fund balances that is legally restricted for investment purposes or borrowing by the school board for capital expenditures.

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 advances - An account used to offset advances recorded in the asset accounts since they do not constitute available spendable resources and are not a component of net current assets.

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 the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee retires.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments.

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:

Deposits. 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.

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Investments. Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to invest surplus funds in the types of investments authorized by Section 27-105-33 (d) and (e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and investments authorized under Section 27-105-365 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). That authority permits the following types of investments: (a) certificates of deposit and interest bearing accounts; (b) direct US Treasury obligations; (c) US Government agencies, US Government instrumentalities or US Government sponsored enterprise obligations; (d) direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of those securities enumerated in (b) and (c) above; (e) direct obligations of the US in open-end or closed-end of any management type investment company; (f) in a trust consisting of pooled or commingled funds that includes investments in commercial paper and bankers acceptances or other short-term obligations issued by banks having one (1) of the two (2) highest short-term rating categories of either Standard Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, or corporate notes and bonds having one (1) of the three (3) highest long-term rating categories of either Standard Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, or in any open-ended or closed-ended management-type investment company or investment trust registered under the provisions or 15 USCS Section 80(a)-1 et seq. Investment income on bond funds (Capital Projects), bond sinking funds (Debt Service Funds) and sixteenth section principal funds (Permanent Funds) must be credited to those funds. Investment income of \$100 or more of any fund must be credited to that fund. Amounts less than \$100 can be credited to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$10,465,335 and \$61,990, respectively. The carrying amount of deposits reported in the government-wide financial statements was: Cash and Cash Equivalents - \$3,116,594 and Restricted Assets - \$7,348,741. The Restricted Assets represents the cash balance of the sixteenth section principal fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. The bank balance was \$10,626,213.

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. 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.

Investments.

The school district had the following investments at year end:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
External Investment Pool Money Market Account	AAAm	Less than one year	\$ <u>50,285</u>

Investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market price.

Interest Rate Risk. The school district does not have a formal investment policy that limits investments maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The district does not have a policy that limits investment types.

(3) Interfund Transactions and Balances.

The following is a summary of interfund transactions and balances:

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A. Due From/To Other Funds:

	Due From	Due To
Major funds:		
General fund	\$ 132,103	\$
Other governmental funds		\$ 132,103
Total funds	\$ 132,103	\$ 132,103

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. Advances To/From Other Funds:

	Advances To	Advances From
Major funds:		
General fund	\$	\$ 2,001,951
Other major fund(s)		
16 th section principal fund	\$ 2,001,951	
Total funds	\$ 2,001,951	\$ 2,001,951

The sixteenth section principal loans payable is not reflected on the statement of net assets because these funds were borrowed by the general fund from the sixteenth section trust fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann., 1972). The purpose of these advances was to provide long term financing for capital related improvements in the district.

Sixteenth section principal loans payable.

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$ 359,758	\$ 80,078	\$ 439,836
2009	\$ 248,924	\$ 65,688	\$ 314,612
2010	\$ 258,881	\$ 55,731	\$ 314,612
2011	\$ 161,347	\$ 45,375	\$ 206,722
2012	\$ 167,801	\$ 38,922	\$ 206,723
2013 – 2017	\$ 805,240	\$ 93,846	\$ 899,086
Total	\$ 2,001,951	\$ 379,640	\$ 2,381,591

C. Transfers In/Out.

	Transfer In	Transfers Out
Major funds:		
General fund	\$ 622,105	\$ 251,050
Other major fund(s)		
16 th section principal fund	\$ 83,947	\$ 403,219
Other governmental funds	\$ 170,103	\$ 221,886
Total funds	\$ 876,155	\$ 876,155

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The purpose of the interfund transfers out of the general fund are to finance basic operations of the district that are not directly funded (i.e., vocational program). The transfer out of the 16th section principal fund represents accumulated interest income for the year and was transferred to the general fund. The transfers out in the other governmental 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 7-1-2006	Additions	Retirements	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2007
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 727,266	\$ 99,694			\$ 826,960
Total non-depreciable capital assets	\$ 727,266	\$ 99,694	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 826,960
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	\$ 10,369,450			\$ (22,682)	\$ 10,346,768
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 121,118			\$ (22,000)	\$ 99,118
Mobile equipment	\$ 1,250,522	\$ 292,559	\$ (143,560)		\$ 1,399,521
Furniture and equipment	\$ 314,656	\$ 69,853	\$ (39,300)	\$ 99,608	\$ 444,817
Total depreciable capital assets	\$ 12,055,746	\$ 362,412	\$ (182,860)	\$ 54,926	\$ 12,290,224
<u>Less accumulated depreciation</u>					
Buildings	\$ 2,953,434	\$ 169,740		\$ (61,977)	\$ 3,061,197
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 47,713	\$ 3,965		\$ (17,600)	\$ 34,078
Mobile equipment	\$ 739,975	\$ 121,324	\$ (129,204)	\$ 3,342	\$ 735,437
Furniture and equipment	\$ 279,600	\$ 33,544	\$ (38,907)	\$ 84,211	\$ 358,448
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 4,020,722	\$ 328,573	\$ (168,111)	\$ 7,976	\$ 4,189,160
Total depreciable capital assets, net	\$ 8,035,024	\$ 33,839	\$ (14,749)	\$ 46,950	\$ 8,101,064
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 8,762,290	\$ 133,533	\$ (14,749)	\$ 46,950	\$ 8,928,024

The adjustments represent capital assets either acquired or disposed in prior years that were not correctly reported at that time and the related impact on accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 154,886
Support services	\$ 154,035
Non-instructional	\$ 19,652
Total depreciation expense	\$ 328,573

(5) Long-term liabilities.

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

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	Balance 7-1-2006	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6-30-2007	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation bonds payable	\$ 4,420,000		\$ 330,000	\$ 4,090,000	\$ 355,000
B. Limited obligation bonds payable	\$ 1,360,000		\$ 85,000	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 90,000
C. Shortfall notes payable	\$ 93,497		\$ 35,110	\$ 58,387	\$ 36,819
D. Compensated absences payable	\$ 172,370	\$ 3,234		\$ 175,604	\$ 8,780
Total	<u>\$ 6,045,867</u>	<u>\$ 3,234</u>	<u>\$ 450,110</u>	<u>\$ 5,598,991</u>	<u>\$ 490,599</u>

A. 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:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General obligation bonds, Series 1999	Varies	3-15-99	3-15-17	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,090,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$ 355,000	\$ 171,885	\$ 526,885
2009	\$ 375,000	\$ 151,650	\$ 526,650
2010	\$ 395,000	\$ 134,400	\$ 529,400
2011	\$ 415,000	\$ 118,600	\$ 533,600
2012	\$ 440,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 542,000
2013 – 2017	\$ 2,110,000	\$ 227,200	\$ 2,337,200
Total	<u>\$ 4,090,000</u>	<u>\$ 905,735</u>	<u>\$ 4,995,735</u>

This debt will be retired from the Bond Issue 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, 2006, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 6% of property assessments as of October 1, 2006.

B. Limited obligation bonds payable.

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
State aid capital Improvement bonds	Varies	10-1-97	2-1-18	\$ 1,830,000	\$ 1,275,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal		Interest		Total
2008	\$	90,000	\$	58,430	\$ 148,430
2009	\$	95,000	\$	53,818	\$ 148,818
2010	\$	100,000	\$	49,380	\$ 149,380
2011	\$	100,000	\$	44,768	\$ 144,768
2012	\$	110,000	\$	39,870	\$ 149,870
2013 – 2017	\$	620,000	\$	114,773	\$ 734,773
2018	\$	160,000	\$	4,156	\$ 164,156
Total	\$	<u>1,275,000</u>	\$	<u>365,195</u>	\$ <u>1,640,195</u>

This debt will be retired from the MAEP Note Retirement Fund (Debt Service Funds).

The state aid capital improvement bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge of certain revenues the district receives from the state of Mississippi pursuant to the Mississippi Accountability and Adequate Education Program Act, Sections 37-151-1 through 37-151-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The state aid capital improvement bonds are not included in the computation of the debt limit percentage.

C. Shortfall notes payable.

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Shortfall Note, 2004	Varies	9-1-04	9-1-07	\$ 47,200	\$ 16,373
Shortfall Note, 2005	Varies	9-1-05	9-1-08	\$ 61,400	\$ 42,014
				\$ <u>108,600</u>	\$ <u>58,387</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal		Interest		Total
2008	\$	36,819	\$	2,977	\$ 39,796
2009	\$	21,568	\$	1,182	\$ 22,750
Total	\$	<u>58,387</u>	\$	<u>4,159</u>	\$ <u>62,546</u>

This debt will be retired from the Shortfall Note 04 Fund and the Shortfall Note 05 Fund (Debt Service Funds).

D. 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

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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 11.3% 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, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$925,686, \$894,253 and \$786,178, 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 Marion County School Board manages the 16th section lands that are located within the boundaries of the Columbia School District. Sufficient information is not available to disclose future rentals from these lands. However, during the year the district collected \$1,402 from rents and leases from these lands and management does not expect any substantial increase in future years.

(8) Deficit Fund Balance of Individual Funds.

The district maintenance fund has a deficit fund balance of \$1,459,227. The deficit is the result of accounting for the liability of the 16th section principal fund loans as advances from other funds in the district maintenance fund. The deficit fund balance is in violation of state law. However, the school district has no liability associated with this violation.

(9) Prior Period Adjustments/Exhibits.

Exhibit B and D	Amount	Explanation
Exhibit D		
General Fund		
District Maintenance Fund	\$ 114,497	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Other Governmental Funds		
Food Service Fund	\$ 33,471	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Title I Fund	\$ 11,621	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Title VI Fund	\$ 39	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
IDEA, Part B Fund	\$ 10,263	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Title IV Fund	\$ (6,050)	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Nursing Grant Fund	\$ (32,775)	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
MAEP Note Retirement Fund	\$ (3,982)	Prior year adjustment – correction of error
Total Other Governmental Fund	\$ 12,587	
Total Exhibit D	\$ 127,084	
Primary Government	\$ 46,950	Adjustments to capital assets (See Note 4)
Total Exhibit B	\$ 174,034	

(10) 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.

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The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 121 school districts and one community college and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the member'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 MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by BancorpSouth Bank in Jackson. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$700,000. For a claim exceeding \$700,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

(11) Joint Operated Vocational Center.

The school district entered into a Vocational Education Agreement dated April 4, 1991 creating the Columbia-Marion County Career Center. This center was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and was approved by the Mississippi Department of Education. The center includes the Columbia School District and the Marion County School District.

Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the above noted entities to enter into an agreement for the construction or operation of a regional vocational education center. The agreement designates the fiscal agent and provides the method of financing the operation for the center, the manner in which the center is to be controlled and staffed and sets detail procedures for student admission and the transportation services for those students.

The Marion County School District has been designated as the fiscal agent for the Columbia-Marion County Career Center and the operations of the center are included in its financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Columbia School District
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 3,093,753	\$ 3,201,590	\$ 2,999,832	\$ 107,837	\$ (201,758)
State sources	\$ 8,269,683	\$ 8,053,013	\$ 7,995,184	\$ (216,670)	\$ (57,829)
Federal sources	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,028	\$ 105,296	\$ 10,028	\$ 70,268
Total Revenues	\$ 11,388,436	\$ 11,289,631	\$ 11,100,312	\$ (98,805)	\$ (189,319)
Expenditures					
Instruction	\$ 8,069,273	\$ 7,266,172	\$ 7,266,668	\$ (803,101)	\$ (496)
Support services	\$ 4,427,303	\$ 4,859,160	\$ 4,870,424	\$ 431,857	\$ (11,264)
Noninstructional services	\$ 99,694	\$ 99,694	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,694
Facilities acquisition and construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,694	\$ -	\$ (99,694)
Debt service					
Principal	\$ 231,061	\$ 231,061	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,061
Interest	\$ 75,110	\$ 75,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,110
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,902,441	\$ 12,531,197	\$ 12,236,786	\$ (371,244)	\$ 294,411
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (1,514,005)	\$ (1,241,566)	\$ (1,136,474)	\$ (470,049)	\$ 105,092
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds of loans	\$ -	\$ 299,401	\$ -	\$ 299,401	\$ (299,401)
Refund of prior year expenditures	\$ -	\$ 53,756	\$ 53,756	\$ 53,756	\$ -
Operating transfers in	\$ 2,210,396	\$ 2,506,541	\$ 622,105	\$ 296,145	\$ (1,884,436)
Operating transfers out	\$ (2,129,612)	\$ (2,225,425)	\$ (251,050)	\$ (95,813)	\$ 1,974,375
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 80,784	\$ 634,273	\$ 424,811	\$ 553,489	\$ (209,462)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (1,433,221)	\$ (607,293)	\$ (711,663)	\$ 825,928	\$ (104,370)
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2006			\$ 164,773		
Prior period adjustments			\$ 114,497		
July 1, 2006, as restated			<u>\$ 279,270</u>		
June 30, 2007			<u>\$ (432,393)</u>		

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

Columbia School District
Notes to the Required Supplemental Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

(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 October 15 following the end of the 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Columbia School District
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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>50,107</u>
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 257,178
National school lunch program	10.555	\$ 700,264
Total child nutrition cluster		\$ <u>957,442</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$ <u>1,007,549</u>
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>		
Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The school and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.XXX	\$ 35,028
Total Federal Communications Commission		\$ <u>35,028</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	\$ 661,783
Vocational education - basic grants to states	84.048	\$ 26,738
Safe and drug-free schools and communities - state grants	84.186	\$ 12,730
State grants for innovative programs	84.298	\$ 3,377
Education technology - state grants	84.318	\$ 14,760
Rural education	84.358	\$ 53,163
Improving teacher quality – state grants	84.367	\$ 171,867
Grants for state assessments and related activities	84.369	\$ 32,443
Total		\$ <u>976,861</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	\$ 419,245
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	\$ 22,909
Total special education cluster		\$ <u>442,154</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		\$ <u>1,419,015</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		\$ <u>1,419,015</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	\$ 65,948
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$ <u>65,948</u>
Total for All Federal Awards		\$ <u>2,527,540</u>

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.

Columbia School District
 Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administrative</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 9,548,159	\$ 7,382,126	\$ 457,959	\$ 815,026	\$ 893,048
Other	\$ 6,289,714	\$ 2,284,424	\$ 42,340	\$ 23,776	\$ 3,939,174
Total	<u>\$ 15,837,873</u>	<u>\$ 9,666,550</u>	<u>\$ 500,299</u>	<u>\$ 838,802</u>	<u>\$ 4,832,222</u>
Total number of students	<u>1,824</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 8,683</u>	<u>\$ 5,300</u>	<u>\$ 274</u>	<u>\$ 460</u>	<u>\$ 2,649</u>

Notes to the schedule.

Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures - includes the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Included here are the activities of teachers, teachers aides or classroom assistants of any type.

General Administration - includes expenditures for the following functions: Support Services - General Administration and Support Services - Business.

School Administration - includes expenditures for the following function: Support Services - School Administration.

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

Total number of students - the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the school year.

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
Columbia School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbia School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the district's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated July 15, 2008. 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 as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over financial reporting.

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

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the school district's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the school district's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the school district's internal control. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. See Finding 2007-01 and 2007-02.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the school district's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe that the significant deficiency 2007-02 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The school district's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. I did not audit the school district's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

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.



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July 15, 2008

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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
Columbia School District

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the Columbia 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, 2007. 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, Columbia 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, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Columbia 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over compliance.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the entity's internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses as defined below. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance 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

noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2007-03 to be significant deficiencies.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. Of the significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, I consider none of the items to be considered material weaknesses.

The school district's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. I did not audit the school district's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it

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.



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July 15, 2008

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board
Columbia School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbia School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise Columbia School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated July 15, 2008. 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)(a), 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."

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 \$30,994 of classroom supply funds carried over from previous years.

Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the Auditor shall test to insure correct and appropriate coding at the function level. The audit must include a report showing the correct and appropriate functional level expenditure codes in expenditures by the school district."

The results of my procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance related to incorrect or inappropriate functional level expenditure coding.

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. For the items tested for compliance with other state laws and regulations as required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor and my audit of the basic financial statements, nothing came to my attention to indicate that the district did not comply with the items tested.

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.



Ridgeland, MS
July 15, 2008

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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Columbia School District
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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? | Yes |
| | 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: | |
| | Title I grants to Local Educational Agencies | |
| | CFDA #: 84.010 | |
| 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

The results of my tests disclosed the following findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by the *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

2007-01

Finding: As part of testing activity fund revenue, it was noted that the school event forms that are used to document and account for revenues generated from athletic events were not properly completed to adequately document and support the revenues indicated on the form. The forms tested included one football game and several basketball games. Specifically, there was no accounting for the tickets sold, change cash was not accounted for on the form as part of the deposit, and the form was signed by the school principal rather than the individuals charged with the responsibility of selling tickets and collecting the cash.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the school event forms be properly completed by those responsible. Doing so will provide management with additional assurance of accountability of revenues generated from school events.

Columbia School District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Material weaknesses identified.

2007-02

Finding: As part of the year end closing entries, the journal entry for accrued payroll was made for an incorrect amount and was improperly allocated to the individual funds affected. To ensure that year end financial statements are correctly presented, it is important that material adjustments to the general ledger (financial statements) be for the correct amounts and be properly allocated to the affected funds. The cause of this condition was, in part, caused by suggested closing entries proposed by a third party. Inappropriate closing journal entries could lead to materially misstated financial statements which could affect the audit opinion and/or result in additional auditor comments. This is considered an isolated incident.

Recommendation: It is recommended that management exercise caution and due diligence in the preparation and posting of closing journal entries to ensure the financial statements are correctly presented and documented.

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

2007-03

Program: Special Education – Grants to States; CFDA# 84.027; US Department of Education;
Passed through the Mississippi Department of Education

Compliance Requirement: Cash Management

Finding: In the test of the account deferred revenue, it was noted that a substantial amount of the account balance was attributable to excessive cash draws (reimbursements) on the Special Education – Grants to States (IDEA, Part B Fund). The cash management requirements limit the cash draws to the immediate needs of the entity. Material compliance violations of this requirement could result in something other than a qualified opinion on program compliance and possibly result in sanctions by the pass-through grantor (Mississippi Department of Education). The cause of the condition was the result of certain adjustments made to the federal program at year end (transfer of federal program cost to local programs) and the failure to obligate program funds due to a decision to not place a purchase order for certain goods and services. This is considered an isolated incident.

Recommendation: School district management should evaluate early on those costs that will be charged to the federal program and not make significant changes at year end that adversely affect the program with the requirement of cash management.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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July 1, 2008

As required by Section 315 (c) of OMB Circular A-133, the Columbia 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, 2007.

Finding

2007-1

Corrective Action Plan

- a. Kim Rogers, Business Manager, will be the contact person responsible for the corrective action.
- b. The change cash fund has been deposited into the activity account. The District will fully account for the number of tickets sold, tickets returned and change cash returned. These forms will be signed by the person responsible for the tickets and the person accounting for the money generated from the ticket sales.
- c. This corrective action will begin July 1, 2008.

Finding

2007-2

Corrective Action Plan

- a. Kim Rogers, Business Manager, will be the contact person responsible for the corrective action.
- b. The accrued payroll has been completed and the funds have been transferred to the agency fund to cover this accrued payroll. The District will ensure the proper journal entry is made to account for the accrued payroll.
- c. This corrective action will begin July 1, 2008.

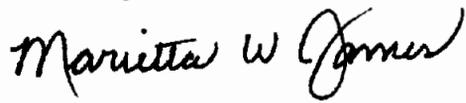
Finding

2007-3

Corrective Action Plan

- a. Kim Rogers, Business Manager, will be the contact person responsible for the corrective action.
- b. The District will monitor federal programs monthly to ensure the cash draws do not exceed the current expenditures.
- c. This corrective action will begin July 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marietta W. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Marietta W. James, Ed.D.
Superintendent