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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Audited Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AUDIT REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2007**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON  
THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County 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*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2007, on our consideration of the Lauderdale County School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws,

regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages (3) through (10) and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule and corresponding notes on pages (43) through (45) are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We 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, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lauderdale County 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 the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC  
Philadelphia, Mississippi  
November 27, 2007

*Watkins Ward and Stafford PLLC*

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**



**Superintendent  
David Little**

The discussion and analysis of Lauderdale County 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 notes to the basic financial statements and the 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 increased \$2,080,880, which represents 6% increase from fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.
- General revenues account for \$40,742,886 in revenue, or 83% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$8,096,918 or 17% of total revenues.
- The district had \$46,758,924 in expenses; only \$8,096,918 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$40,742,886 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$39,253,059 in revenues and \$36,867,788 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance decreased \$251,208 over the prior year.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$4,818,242.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$1,207,424.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the district's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found in this report.

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

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the district's current financing decisions. Both the

governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are included in the financial statements of the audit report.

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.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in this report.

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

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found in this report.

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

The district adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major fund. These budgetary comparison statements are provided as required supplementary information in this report.

Additionally, a schedule of expenditures of federal awards is required by OMB Cir. A-133 and is included as supplemental information in this report. Also included in the supplemental information is a schedule of instructional, administrative and other expenditures of governmental funds.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net Assets.** Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the district, assets exceeded liabilities by \$34,367,671 as of June 30, 2007.

By far the largest portion of the district's net assets (61%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, mobile equipment, furniture and equipment and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The district uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently these assets are not available for future spending.

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

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

	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Current assets	\$ 15,029,063	18,742,742
Capital assets, net	34,169,114	29,350,872
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>49,198,177</u>	<u>48,093,614</u>
Current liabilities	2,513,361	2,148,862
Long-term debt outstanding	12,317,145	13,630,921
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>14,830,506</u>	<u>15,779,783</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	20,839,388	14,813,722
Restricted	7,812,214	11,529,745
Unrestricted	5,716,069	5,970,364
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 34,367,671</u>	<u>32,313,831</u>

**Changes in net assets.** The district's total revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, were \$48,839,804. This represents an increase of \$1,212,985, or 3%, from the prior year. The total cost of all programs and services was \$46,758,924. This represents an increase of \$2,008,200, or 4%, from the prior year. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended:

	<u>06/30/07</u>	<u>06/30/06</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,432,409	1,342,719
Operating grants and contributions	6,664,509	7,248,754
General revenues:		
Property taxes	9,988,226	9,796,997
Grants and contributions not restricted	29,310,967	27,438,246
Other	1,443,693	1,800,103
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>48,839,804</u>	<u>47,626,819</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Instruction	28,885,961	25,518,133
Support services	14,630,404	16,422,564
Non-instructional	2,455,871	2,306,138
Sixteenth section	237,675	140,688
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	<u>549,013</u>	<u>363,201</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>46,758,924</u>	<u>44,750,724</u>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,080,880</u>	<u>2,876,095</u>

**Governmental activities.** The following table presents the cost of five major district functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section interest, interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities for years ending June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006. 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.

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Total Net (Expenses) Revenue</b>	
	<b>June 30, 2007</b>	<b>June 30, 2006</b>	<b>June 30, 2007</b>	<b>June 30, 2006</b>
Instruction	\$ 28,885,961	25,518,133	(25,564,597)	(21,134,493)
Support services	14,630,404	16,422,564	(12,631,982)	(14,744,652)
Non-instructional	2,455,871	2,306,138	284,190	209,339
Sixteenth section	237,675	140,688	( 200,604)	( 126,244)
Interest on long-term liabilities	<u>549,013</u>	<u>363,201</u>	<u>( 549,013)</u>	<u>( 363,201)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>46,758,924</u></b>	<b><u>44,750,724</u></b>	<b><u>(38,662,006)</u></b>	<b><u>(36,159,251)</u></b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$38,662,006) was financed by general revenue, which is made up of primarily property taxes (\$9,988,226), state revenue (\$29,239,486) and sixteenth section sources (\$504,342).
- Investment earnings accounted for \$640,434 of funding.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

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

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

The financial performance of the district as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the district completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$13,942,479, a decrease of \$4,013,531 due to construction cost during the fiscal year. \$7,924,941 or 57% of the fund balance constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the district's discretion. The remaining fund balance of \$6,017,538 or 43% is reserved or designated to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has already been committed.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the district. The decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$251,208. The fund balance of the Three Mill Building Fund showed a decrease of \$3,858,782. The decrease of General Fund was due to expenditures exceeding revenues. The decrease in the Three Mill Building Fund was due to construction expenditures. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase of \$485,619. The fund balance of the Building Project Fund decreased \$389,160 during the fiscal year. These decreases were due to expenditures exceeding revenues.

## **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

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

- Budget amounts for revenue from state sources was increased to full funding for Mississippi Adequate Education. The original budgeted amounts underestimated for potential cuts by the Mississippi legislature. This was done upon suggestion of the Mississippi Department of Education.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the district's actual financial activity for the General Fund and other major funds 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 were \$45,695,531 including school buildings, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$6,013,156 from the previous year. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2007, was \$11,526,417, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,305,167, resulting in total net assets of \$34,169,114.

Additional information of the district's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of this report.

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2007, the district had \$13,329,726 in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt outstanding, excluding compensated absences payable, of which \$1,342,724 is due within one year. The district retired \$1,234,464 of long-term debt excluding compensated absences during the year ended June 30, 2007.

The district maintains an AA-bond rating.

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

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

The Lauderdale County District is financially stable. The district is proud of its community support of the public schools.

The district has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The millage increased from 46.37 mills for the year ending June 30, 2006, to 46.98 mills for the year ending June 30, 2007. 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.

The district has experienced steady growth over the past five years. Latest enrollment figures indicate that student enrollment in the district will remain relatively steady next year. The budget for the next fiscal year has taken this into account in both funding and staffing needs.

### **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have questions about this report, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Lauderdale County School District, P.O. Box 5498, Meridian, Mississippi 39301.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 12,870,719
Due from other governments	1,273,220
Lease receivable, net	13,634
Inventories and prepaid items	98,462
Restricted assets	773,028
Land	482,482
Construction in progress	4,357,351
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	23,624,404
Improvements other than buildings	2,960,259
Mobile equipment	2,609,851
Furniture and equipment	123,783
Leased property under capital leases	10,984
Total Assets	<u>49,198,177</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,176
Construction contracts and retainage payable	816,296
Deferred revenue	67,724
Other payables	187,388
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	84,053
Long-term liabilities, due within one year (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	1,342,724
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year (Note 5)	
Capital related liabilities	11,987,002
Non capital related liabilities	330,143
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 14,830,506</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 20,839,388
Restricted net assets:	
Expendable:	
School - based activities	1,596,564
Debt service	1,717,572
Capital improvements	3,963,733
Forestry improvements	206,957
Unemployment benefits	132,547
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	194,841
Unrestricted	<u>5,716,069</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 34,367,671</u>

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Revenue and Assets</u>
					<u>Primary Governmental Activities</u>
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 28,885,961	492,385	2,828,979		(25,564,597)
Support services	14,630,404		1,998,422		(12,631,982)
Non-instructional	2,455,871	902,953	1,837,108		284,190
Sixteenth section	237,675	37,071			(200,604)
Interest and other expenses on long-term liabilities	543,993				(543,993)
Debt - other	5,020	0	0	0	(5,020)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 46,758,924</u>	<u>1,432,409</u>	<u>6,664,509</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38,662,006)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
General purpose levies				\$ 8,822,958	
Debt purpose levies				1,165,268	
Unrestricted grants and contributions:					
State				29,239,486	
Federal				71,481	
Unrestricted investment earnings				640,434	
Sixteenth section sources				504,342	
Other				298,917	
Total General Revenues				<u>40,742,886</u>	
Total General Revenues, Special Items Extraordinary Items and Transfers				<u>40,742,886</u>	
Change in Net Assets				<u>2,080,880</u>	
Net Assets - Beginning				32,313,831	
Prior period adjustments				(27,040)	
Net Assets - Beginning - Restated				<u>32,286,791</u>	
Net Assets - Ending				<u>\$ 34,367,671</u>	

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2007

	Major Funds				Special Education PL94-142 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Three Mill Building Fund	Building Project Fund				
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 5,079,823	1,148,329	3,604,665	13,263	3,219,480	13,065,560	
Cash with fiscal agents (Note 2)					578,187	578,187	
Due from other governments	612,417			142,649	518,154	1,273,220	
Lease receivable, net					13,634	13,634	
Due from other funds (Note 3)	411,853				21,171	411,853	
Advances to other funds					98,462	98,462	
Inventories and prepaid items	0	0	0	0			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,104,093</u>	<u>1,148,329</u>	<u>3,604,665</u>	<u>155,912</u>	<u>4,449,088</u>	<u>15,462,087</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,368			510	4,298	15,176	
Construction contracts and retainage payable	19,448	287,303	509,545		249,557	816,296	
Due to other funds (Note 3)	6,894			155,402	67,724	411,853	
Deferred revenue					135,891	67,724	
Other payables		51,497				187,388	
Advances from other funds	21,171	0	0	0	0	21,171	
Total Liabilities	<u>57,881</u>	<u>338,800</u>	<u>509,545</u>	<u>155,912</u>	<u>457,470</u>	<u>1,519,608</u>	

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds (Continued)  
 June 30, 2007

	Major Funds				Special Education PL94-142 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Three Mill Building Fund	Building Project Fund				
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for:							
Inventory	\$					98,462	98,462
Advances						21,171	21,171
Unemployment benefits						132,547	132,547
Capital projects		809,529	550,311				1,359,840
Debt service funds						1,801,625	1,801,625
Unreserved:							
Designated for, reported in:							
Capital projects funds			2,544,809			59,084	2,603,893
Undesignated, reported in:							
General fund	6,046,212						6,046,212
Special Revenue funds						1,683,888	1,683,888
Permanent funds	0	0	0			194,841	194,841
Total Fund Balances	<u>6,046,212</u>	<u>809,529</u>	<u>3,095,120</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>3,991,618</u>	<u>13,942,479</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 6,104,093</u>	<u>1,148,329</u>	<u>3,604,665</u>		<u>155,912</u>	<u>4,449,088</u>	<u>15,462,087</u>

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets**  
**June 30, 2007**

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</b>	\$ 13,942,479
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
1. Capital assets are used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$11,526,417	34,169,114
2. Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds (Note 5)	(13,632,829)
3. Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	(84,053)
Prior period adjustment	(27,040)
<b>Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ <u>34,367,671</u></b>

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 Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Major Funds			Special Education PL94-142 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Three Mill Building Fund	Building Project Fund			
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Local sources	\$ 9,903,294	97,558	106,485		2,133,391	12,240,728
State sources	29,238,972				1,386,297	30,625,269
Federal sources	110,793			1,459,071	3,780,343	5,350,207
Sixteenth section sources	0	0	0	0	565,254	565,254
Total Revenues	<u>39,253,059</u>	<u>97,558</u>	<u>106,485</u>	<u>1,459,071</u>	<u>7,865,285</u>	<u>48,781,458</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Instruction	23,483,123			785,660	3,806,934	28,075,717
Support services	12,705,135	171,011		625,126	815,973	14,317,245
Noninstructional services	28,955				2,439,465	2,468,420
Sixteenth section					237,675	237,675
Facilities acquisition and construction	477,135	3,785,329	1,695,645			5,958,109
Debt service:						
Principal	88,464				1,146,000	1,234,464
Interest	84,976				471,709	556,685
Other	0	0	0	0	5,020	5,020
Total Expenditures	<u>36,867,788</u>	<u>3,956,340</u>	<u>1,695,645</u>	<u>1,410,786</u>	<u>8,922,776</u>	<u>52,853,335</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>2,385,271</u>	<u>(3,858,782)</u>	<u>(1,589,160)</u>	<u>48,285</u>	<u>(1,057,491)</u>	<u>(4,071,877)</u>

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
 Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Major Funds		Building Project Fund	Special Education PL94-142 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Three Mill Building Fund				
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Insurance loss recoveries	\$ 58,346					58,346
Operating transfers in	297,395		1,200,000		2,402,881	3,900,276
Operating transfers out	(2,992,220)	0		(48,285)	(859,771)	(3,900,276)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,636,479)	0	1,200,000	(48,285)	1,543,110	58,346
Net Change in Fund Balances	(251,208)	(3,858,782)	(389,160)	0	485,619	(4,013,531)
<b>Fund Balance</b>						
July 1, 2006	6,297,420	4,668,311	3,484,280	0	3,473,898	17,923,909
Increase in reserve for inventory	0	0	0	0	32,101	32,101
June 30, 2007	\$ 6,046,212	809,529	3,095,120	0	3,991,618	13,942,479

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,**  
**Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$(4,013,531)</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
1. Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital assets purchase amounted to \$6,125,934 and the depreciation expense amounted to \$1,305,167. (Note 4)	4,820,767
2. In the statement of activities, only gains and losses from the sale of capital assets are reported, whereas in governmental funds, proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the following item: Losses on disposition of capital assets	( 2,525)
3. Payment of principal on long-term liabilities is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of activity. (Note 5)	1,234,464
4. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. However, in the statement of activities, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when due, rather than as it accrues. Thus, the changes in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items: Increase in accrued compensated absences Decrease in accrued interest on bonds	( 3,088) 12,692
5. Increase in inventory is reported as an adjustment to fund balance in the governmental funds, but noninstructional expenditures are increased in the Statement of Activities.	<u>32,101</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,080,880</u></b>

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets  
 June 30, 2007

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 2,216	2,222,593
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,216</u>	<u>2,222,593</u>
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,938,541
Due to student clubs		277,148
Other payables	<u>0</u>	<u>6,904</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>2,222,593</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Reserved for endowments	\$ 2,216	
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,216</u>	

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Exhibit F

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust Funds</u>
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest on investments	\$ 67
Contributions and donations from private sources	<u>750</u>
Total Additions	<u>817</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships awarded	<u>500</u>
Total Deductions	<u>500</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>317</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
July 1, 2006	<u>1,899</u>
June 30, 2007	\$ <u><u>2,216</u></u>

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

# LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying 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 a "primary government." The school district is governed by a five-member board which each member was elected by the citizens of each defined county district.

#### B. Basis of Presentation.

The school district's basic financial statement consists 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 school district 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 Government-wide 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 and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are

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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 school district 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, expense, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Program revenues on the Statement of Activities consist primarily of state appropriations and federal awards.

In the fund financial statements, governmental 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 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:

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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.

Special Education – PL94-142 Fund – This special fund is used to account for the program revenues of the Special Education Program.

Three Mill Building Fund – This capital projects fund accounts for financial resources relating to capital projects financed by three-mill notes series 2007.

Building Project Fund – This capital projects fund accounts for financial resources relating to future capital projects.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

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.

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

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 *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 orders, work orders and contracts.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents.

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

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts on deposit in demand accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 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.

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For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have a maturity greater than 3 months when acquired.

Investments are valued 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 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.

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	<u>Capitalization Policy</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ -	-
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	*	*

(\*) The threshold amount will correspond with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed. See Note 5 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.

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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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 classified as designated and undesignated.

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

Reserved for 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.

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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.

Reserved for capital projects – An account that represents that portion of fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund which was legally restricted and not available for spending for any other purpose than that for which it is restricted.

Reserved for debt service – An account that represents that portion of fund balance in the Debt Service Fund which was legally restricted and not available for spending for any other purpose than that for which it is restricted.

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

Unreserved – designated for, reported in capital projects funds – An account that represents a portion of the unreserved fund balance that the school board has specifically obligated for future repairs, renovations, and construction projects of district buildings and facilities.

**M. Property Taxes.**

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the county 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).

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### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Continued)

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 Cash with Fiscal Agents.**

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes as follows:

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 the school district's deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the 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 entity'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.

#### 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 \$13,065,560 and \$2,224,809, respectively. The carrying amount of deposits reported in the government-wide financial statements was: cash and cash equivalents \$12,870,719 and restricted assets \$773,028. The restricted assets of \$773,028 represent the cash balance of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) \$194,841, MAEP and QZAB funds (other governmental funds) in the amount of \$269,195 and \$308,992, respectively, which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. The bank balance was \$19,438,424.

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**Notes to Financial Statements  
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*Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the district. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2007, \$0 of the district's bank balance of \$19,438,424 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Cash with Fiscal Agents.

The carrying amount of the school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$578,187.

**(3) Interfund Transactions and Balances.**

The following is a summary of interfund transactions and balances:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
General Fund	\$ 411,853	6,894
Special Education PL94-142 Fund		155,402
Other governmental funds	0	249,557
Total Funds	\$ 411,853	411,853

The purpose of the interfund receivables and payables is to close-out federal program funds at year end. All interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

B. Transfers In/Out:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ 297,395	2,992,220
Special Education PL94-142 Fund		48,285
Building Project Fund	1,200,000	
Other governmental funds	2,402,881	859,771
Total Funds	\$ 3,900,276	3,900,276

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The purpose of the interfund transfers is to transfer federal program indirect cost and expendable sixteenth section funds to the General Fund and to close-out federal program funds at year end. These transfers are consistent with the activities of the funds making the transfer.

C. Advances To/From Other Funds.

	<u>Advances To</u>	<u>Advances From</u>
Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 0	21,171
Other governmental funds	<u>21,171</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Funds	\$ <u>21,171</u>	<u>21,171</u>

Note: 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 revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions were reflected on Exhibit D.

Sixteenth section principal loans payable.

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 7,057	994	8,051
2009	7,057	711	7,768
2010	<u>7,057</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>7,486</u>
Total	\$ <u>21,171</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>23,305</u>

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**(4) Capital Assets.**

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

	<u>Balance 7/1/2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retire- ments</u>	<u>Completed Construction</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2007</u>
<b>Non-depreciable Capital Assets:</b>					
Land	\$ 482,482				482,482
Construction in progress	2,043,047	5,562,024	0	(3,247,720)	4,357,351
Total Non-depreciable Capital Assets	<u>2,525,529</u>	<u>5,562,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,247,720)</u>	<u>4,839,833</u>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets:</b>					
Buildings	26,416,000	119,649		2,790,392	29,326,041
Improvements other than buildings	3,284,924	274,274		457,328	4,016,526
Mobile equipment	6,455,400	142,120	(7,000)		6,590,520
Furniture and equipment	975,447	27,867	(105,778)		897,536
Leased property under capital leases	25,075	0	0	0	25,075
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>37,156,846</u>	<u>563,910</u>	<u>(112,778)</u>	<u>3,247,720</u>	<u>40,855,698</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation For:</b>					
Buildings	5,046,793	654,844			5,701,637
Improvements other than buildings	895,606	160,661			1,056,267
Mobile equipment	3,554,765	432,204	(6,300)		3,980,669
Furniture and equipment	823,793	53,913	(103,953)		773,753
Leased property under capital leases	10,546	3,545	0	0	14,091
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>10,331,503</u>	<u>1,305,167</u>	<u>(110,253)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,526,417</u>
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>26,825,343</u>	<u>(741,257)</u>	<u>(2,525)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,329,281</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>29,350,872</u>	<u>4,820,767</u>	<u>(2,525)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,169,114</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 811,198
Support services	475,335
Non-instructions	18,634
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ <u>1,305,167</u>

The capital assets above include significant amounts of land, buildings, mobile equipment, and furniture and equipment which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition.

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Commitments under construction contracts at June 30, 2007 are summarized as follows:

	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>	<u>Required Future Financing</u>
West Lauderdale energy project	\$ 285,770	
West Lauderdale band hall	551,007	
Clarkdale bank and career center	55,129	
Clarkdale multi-purpose building conversion	41,279	
South East Middle School classroom addition	426,655	0
	<u>\$ 1,359,840</u>	<u>0</u>

**(5) Long-term Liabilities.**

	<u>Balance 7/1/2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Adjust- ments</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2007</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
A. General obligation bonds payable	\$ 2,760,000		651,000		2,109,000	604,000
B. Limited obligation bonds payable	1,035,000		330,000		705,000	350,000
C. Three mill notes payable	8,050,000		165,000		7,885,000	290,000
D. Obligations under capital leases	11,166		5,374		5,792	5,792
E. Obligations under energy efficiency lease	1,680,984		83,090	27,040	1,624,934	92,932
F. Qualified zone academy bonds payable	1,000,000				1,000,000	
G. Compensated absences payable	327,055	3,088	0	0	330,143	0
Total	<u>\$ 14,864,205</u>	<u>3,088</u>	<u>1,234,464</u>	<u>27,040</u>	<u>13,659,869</u>	<u>1,342,724</u>

Adjustment represents correction of balance for prior period of obligations under energy efficiency loan.

**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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>		<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
General obligation refunding bonds, Series 1997	Varies	10/01/97	04/01/11	\$	4,410,000	1,960,000
General obligation refunding bonds, Series 2003	Varies	04/15/03	04/01/08		992,000	149,000
Total				\$	<u>5,402,000</u>	<u>2,109,000</u>

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 604,000	100,248	704,248
2009	475,000	74,538	549,538
2010	500,000	51,500	551,500
2011	530,000	26,500	556,500
Total	\$ <u>2,109,000</u>	<u>252,786</u>	<u>2,361,786</u>

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, 2007, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 1% of property assessments as of October 1, 2006. This debt will be retired from the Bond Retirement Fund.

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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
State aid capital Improvement	Varies	6/1/98	6/1/08	\$ <u>3,730,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>
Total				\$ <u>3,730,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 350,000	22,525	372,525
2009	355,000	7,544	362,544
Total	\$ <u>705,000</u>	<u>30,069</u>	<u>735,069</u>

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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. This debt will be retired from the MAEP Bond Retirement Fund.

C. Three mill notes payable.

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Three mill – ten year notes payable	Varies	7/24/03	7/24/13	\$ 1,910,000	1,760,000
Three mill – notes payable	Varies	04/01/06	04/01/22	<u>6,250,000</u>	<u>6,125,000</u>
Total				<u>\$ 8,160,000</u>	<u>7,885,000</u>

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 290,000	301,780	591,780
2009	95,000	287,463	382,463
2010	300,000	283,650	583,650
2011	325,000	273,713	598,713
2012	575,000	262,150	837,150
2013 – 2017	3,425,000	934,869	4,359,869
2018 – 2022	<u>2,875,000</u>	<u>335,225</u>	<u>3,210,225</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,885,000</u>	<u>2,678,850</u>	<u>10,563,850</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Loan Fund and Three Mill Note Fund.

D. Obligations under capital leases.

The school district has entered into two lease agreements that qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes. Leased property under these leases is composed of copiers.

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The various options available to the lessee for these leases are as follows:

1. The lessee will obtain title after the last lease payment or bargain purchases option has been made.
2. The lessee can purchase the property by paying the outstanding balance at any time during the lease.

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest and Maintenance Charges</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 5,792	239	6,031
Total	\$ 5,792	239	6,031

- E. Obligations under energy efficiency lease.

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest and Maintenance Charges</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 92,932	67,766	160,698
2009	109,830	69,213	179,043
2010	119,140	63,887	183,027
2011	129,142	58,111	187,253
2012	139,864	51,852	191,716
2013 – 2017	887,600	146,015	1,033,615
2018	146,426	2,578	149,004
Total	\$ 1,624,934	459,422	2,084,356

The debt will be retired from the district maintenance fund.

- F. Qualified zone academy bonds payable.

As more fully explained in Note 11, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as qualified zone academy bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Continued)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Qualified zone academy bonds, Series 2000	.00%	7/20/00	7/20/10	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total				\$ <u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Fund.

G. Compensated absences payable.

As more fully explained in Note 1 (0), 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' salaries were paid.

(6) **Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

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

**Funding Policy.** PERS members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was 11.30% 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 \$3,126,945, \$2,898,985, and \$2,626,206, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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**Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Continued)**

**(7) Other Commitments**

Commitments under construction contracts are described in Note 4.

The school district has several operating leases for the following:

1. Cannon IR 6000 Copier/Saddle Stitch Finisher
2. Toshiba E45 Digital Copier System
3. Toshiba Digital Plain Color Copier Model E-Studio 3511
4. Two Toshiba 45 CPM Digital Copiers

Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2007, amounted to \$12,027. Future lease payments for these leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$ 10,305
2009	6,567
2010	<u>439</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,311</u>

**(8) Sixteenth Section Lands**

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

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<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$ 203,651
2009	204,610
2010	200,722
2011	171,863
2012	173,973
2013 – 2017	909,458
2018 – 2022	996,295
2023 – 2027	1,115,041
2028 – 2032	1,091,862
Thereafter	<u>458,653</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,526,128</u>

**(9) Prior Period Adjustment/Exhibits**

A summary of significant fund equity adjustment is as follows:

Exhibit B – Statement of Activities

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Adjustment represents correction of balance for prior year of obligations under energy efficiency lease	\$ 27,040

**(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. 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.

**(11) Qualified Zone Academy Bonds**

Section 226 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-34) provides for a source of capital at no or nominal interest rates for costs incurred by certain public schools in connection with the establishment of special academic programs from kindergarten through secondary school, in partnership with the business community. The school district, in agreement with Hardy Poindexter Graham Foundation, Math First and Phil Hardin Foundation, has entered into such an arrangement dated July 20, 2000.

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In this arrangement, each partner agrees to contribute to the district, in the form of a grant, on July 20, 2000, for the benefit of the Qualified Zone Academy. The partners Hardy Poindexter Graham Foundation, Math First and Phil Hardin Foundation, would make contributions in the amount of \$10,000, \$43,050 and \$75,000, respectively.

This agreement establishes a method of repayment for a qualified interest-free debt instrument. The agreement requires the school district to deposit funds annually into a sinking fund account on or before July 20. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the ten-year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the yearly deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$ 52,000
2009	62,000
2010	290,000
2011	<u>240,000</u>
Total	\$ <u>644,000</u>

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual (GAAP) Basis</u>	<u>Variances Positive (Negative)</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Original to Final</u>	<u>Final to Actual</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 9,965,493	9,903,294	9,903,294	(62,199)	
State sources	28,849,018	29,238,972	29,238,972	389,954	
Federal sources	130,000	110,793	110,793	(19,207)	
Total Revenues	<u>38,944,511</u>	<u>39,253,059</u>	<u>39,253,059</u>	<u>308,548</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	24,247,506	23,483,123	23,483,123	764,383	
Support services	13,846,014	12,705,135	12,705,135	1,140,879	
Noninstructional services	37,453	28,955	28,955	8,498	
Facilities acquisition and construction	600,600	477,135	477,135	123,465	
Debt service:					
Principal	175,623	88,464	88,464	87,159	
Interest		84,976	84,976	(84,976)	
Total Expenditures	<u>38,907,196</u>	<u>36,867,788</u>	<u>36,867,788</u>	<u>2,039,408</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Revenues Over Expenditures	37,315	2,385,271	2,385,271	2,347,956	
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance loss recoveries	20,000	58,346	58,346	38,346	
Sale of transportation equipment	1,000			(1,000)	
Operating transfers in	4,966,181	4,348,492	4,348,492	(617,689)	
Operating transfers out	(6,190,536)	(7,043,317)	(7,043,317)	(852,781)	
Total Other Financing Sources Uses	<u>(1,203,355)</u>	<u>(2,636,479)</u>	<u>(2,636,479)</u>	<u>(1,433,124)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(1,166,040)</u>	<u>(251,208)</u>	<u>(251,208)</u>	<u>914,832</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2006	<u>3,614,154</u>	<u>6,297,420</u>	<u>6,297,420</u>	<u>2,683,266</u>	<u>0</u>
June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 2,448,114</u>	<u>6,046,212</u>	<u>6,046,212</u>	<u>3,598,098</u>	<u>0</u>

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**Special Education PL94-142 Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual (GAAP) Basis</u>	<u>Variances Positive (Negative)</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Original to Final</u>	<u>Final to Actual</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$				
State sources					
Federal sources	<u>2,321,485</u>	<u>1,459,071</u>	<u>1,459,071</u>	<u>(862,414)</u>	
Total Revenues	<u>2,321,485</u>	<u>1,459,071</u>	<u>1,459,071</u>	<u>(862,414)</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	1,172,874	785,660	785,660	387,214	
Support services	1,100,194	625,126	625,126	475,068	
Noninstructional services					
Facilities acquisition and construction					
Debt service:					
Principal					
Interest					
Other					
Total Expenditures	<u>2,273,068</u>	<u>1,410,786</u>	<u>1,410,786</u>	<u>862,282</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
Revenues Over Expenditures	48,417	48,285	48,285	(132)	
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance loss recoveries					
Sale of transportation equipment					
Operating transfers in					
Operating transfers out	<u>(48,417)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>132</u>	
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>(48,417)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>0</u>
Uses	<u>(48,417)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>(48,285)</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2006	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedules present 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. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</b>	<b>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.</b>	<b>Federal Expenditures</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Non-cash assistance:		
Food donation	10.550	\$ 161,351
Child nutrition cluster:		
School Breakfast program	10.553	439,330
National School Lunch program	10.555	1,038,484
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>1,477,814</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>1,639,165</u>
<b><u>Federal Communications Commission</u></b>		
Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.XXX	15,859
Total Federal Communications Commission		<u>15,859</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>		
Direct program:		
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.XXX	61,732
Total U.S. Department of Defense		<u>61,732</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u></b>		
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	3,125
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		<u>3,125</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>		
Direct Programs:		
Impact Aid	84.041	55,622
Total		<u>55,622</u>
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	1,335,544
Vocational education - basic grants to states	84.048	66,366
State grants for innovative programs	84.298	10,671
Improving teacher quality - state grants	84.367	355,394
Safe and drug-free schools and communities - state grants	84.186	12,596
Safe and drug-free schools and communities - national programs	84.184	30,259
Education technology state grants	84.318	14,547
Even start - state educational agencies	84.213	114,881
Grants for state assessments and related activities	84.369	36,188
Total		<u>1,976,446</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	1,459,071
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	44,307
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>1,503,378</u>
Total Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>3,479,824</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>3,535,446</u>
<b><u>Total for All Federal Awards</u></b>		<b>\$ <u>5,255,327</u></b>

**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 financial statements.
2. The expenditure amounts include transfers out.
3. The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE  
 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures		General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 36,423,098	28,738,781	859,251	2,480,008	4,345,058	
Other	16,430,237	2,950,180	478,598	126,221	12,875,238	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,853,335</b>	<b>31,688,961</b>	<b>1,337,849</b>	<b>2,606,229</b>	<b>17,220,296</b>	
Total number of students	6,092					
Cost per student	\$ 8,676	5,202	220	428	2,827	

For purpose of this schedule, the following columnar descriptions are applicable:

**Instruction and Other Student Instructions 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. (All the 1000, 2100, and 2200 functional codes)

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

**School Administration** - includes expenditures for the following function: Support Services - School Administration (2400s)

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

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE**



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

Superintendent and School Board  
 Lauderdale County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise Lauderdale County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the school district's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over financial reporting.

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 a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity'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 entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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.

Our 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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the school district's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

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

Superintendent and School Board  
 Lauderdale County School District

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Lauderdale County 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 school district's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the 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. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the school district's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to 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 we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Lauderdale County 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 Lauderdale County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the school district's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over compliance.

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 a 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.

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.

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

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

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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise Lauderdale County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the comptroller General of the United States.

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

The results of our 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 \$36,693 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 our 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, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

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

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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results:**

Financial Statements

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Type of auditors' report issued on the financial statements:                           | Unqualified   |
| 2. Material noncompliance relating to the financial statements?                           | No            |
| 3. Internal control over financial reporting:   |               |
| a. Material weakness(es) identified?  | No            |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | None reported |

Federal Awards:

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 4. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs:              | Unqualified   |
| 5. Internal control over major programs:  |               |
| a. Material weakness(es) identified?  | No            |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | None reported |
| 6. Any audit finding(s) reported as required by Section ____ .510(a) of Circular A-133?   | No            |
| 7. Federal programs identified as major programs:   |               |
| a. Nutrition Cluster<br>CFDA #10.553<br>CFDA #10.555                                      |               |
| 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           |

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

10. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned cost 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 our test did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Cost**

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to the federal awards.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Financial and Compliance Audit Division

As required by Section\_\_\_\_.315(c) of OMB Circular A-133, the Lauderdale County 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:

There are no applicable audit findings, and therefore, no corrective action needed.