

Cassopolis Public Schools

**Annual Financial Statements
and
Auditors' Report**

June 30, 2007

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Cassopolis Public Schools
Members of the School Board of Education and Administration
June 30, 2007

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education
Cassopolis Public Schools
Cassopolis, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cassopolis Public Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 Cassopolis Public Schools as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position 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 a report dated August 28, 2007, on our consideration of the Cassopolis Public Schools's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information identified in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information listed in the table of contents is presented for 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.

Yeo & Yeo, P.C.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 28, 2007

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

Cassopolis Public Schools is a K-12 School District located in Cass County, Michigan. Cassopolis Public School District's (the District) management discussion and analysis (MD&A) is intended to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the District's financial activity, identify changes in the District's financial position and its ability to address subsequent year challenges. The MD&A identifies any material deviations from the financial plan and identifies individual fund issues or concerns. The MD&A is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) "Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments. The provisions and requirements under GASB 34 are intended to provide financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund level financial statements are reported on a modified accrual basis. Only those assets that are "measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with current financial resources.

The fund statements are formatted to comply with the legal requirements of the Michigan Department of Education's "Accounting Manual". In the State of Michigan, the District's major instructional and instructional support activities are reported in the General Fund. Additional activities are reported in their relevant funds including: Debt Funds, Capital Project Funds, and the School Service Funds which are comprised of: Food Service and Athletics accounts.

In the fund financial statements purchased capital assets are reported as expenditures in the year of acquisition. No asset is reported. The issuance of long-term debt is recorded as a financial resource. The current year's payments of principal and interest on debt are recorded as expenditures. Future debt obligations are not recorded.

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District Wide Financial Statements:

Statement of Net Assets

The District wide financial statements are full accrual statements. They report all of the District's assets and liabilities, both short term and long term, regardless if they are "currently available" or not. Capital assets and long-term obligations of the District are reported in the Statement of Net Assets of the District wide financial statements (see Table 1).

Table 1
Statement of Net Assets

	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 3,908,771	\$ 5,429,392
Capital assets	16,982,963	16,986,589
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,811,569)</u>	<u>(7,349,639)</u>
Capital assets, net book value	<u>9,171,394</u>	<u>9,636,950</u>
Total Assets	13,080,165	15,066,342
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	1,327,634	3,521,745
Long-term liabilities	<u>6,622,853</u>	<u>7,338,974</u>
Total Liabilities	7,950,487	10,860,719
Net Assets		
Total capital assets, net of related debt	2,548,541	2,297,976
Restricted and reserves	1,124,428	875,406
Unrestricted	<u>1,456,709</u>	<u>1,032,241</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,129,678</u>	<u>\$ 4,205,623</u>

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Statement of Change in Net Assets (Statement of Activities)

District wide results of operations are reported in the Statement of Change in Net Assets (also referred to as the Statement of Activities). Table 2 reports the operational results for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006.

Table 2

Statement of Change in Net Assets
(Statement of Activities)

	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006
Revenues		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 232,641	\$ 191,830
Federal and State Categorical Grants	1,819,378	1,697,043
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	3,515,189	3,405,209
State Aid-Unrestricted	6,513,289	6,717,812
Other	319,210	249,109
Total Revenues	12,399,707	12,261,003
Expenses		
Instruction	5,554,160	5,859,789
Support Services	4,506,836	4,657,653
Food Service	426,775	381,135
Athletics	297,974	290,425
Bookstore activity	1,105	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	147,886	197,630
Unallocated Depreciation	515,916	540,207
Total Expenses	11,450,652	11,931,717
Increase in Net Assets	949,055	329,286
Beginning Net Assets	4,205,623	3,876,337
Prior period adjustment	(25,000)	-
Beginning Net Assets (restated)	4,180,623	3,876,337
Ending Net Assets	\$ 5,129,678	\$ 4,205,623

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Analysis of Financial Position:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the District's net assets increased by \$949,055 significant factors affecting the net assets during the year are discussed below:

General Fund Operations

The District's revenues in the General Fund exceeded expenses by \$402,778. The resulting increase in fund equity is greater than the \$301,345 gain projected in the final revised budget approved in June 2007. The original 2006-2007 budget as adopted in June 2006 projected a decrease in fund equity of \$22,164. A comparison of budgeted and actual expenditures and revenues is detailed in Table 3.

**Table 3
General Fund Budget &
Actual Revenues and Expenditures**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Final Actual	Actual & Original Budget	Actual & Final Budget
Revenues	\$ 10,463,083	\$ 10,746,447	\$ 10,784,505	2.98%	0.35%
Expenditures	10,485,247	10,445,102	10,381,727	-1.00%	-0.61%
Deficit	\$ (22,164)	\$ 301,345	\$ 402,778	-105.50%	-25.18%

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Capital Projects

There were no major capital expenditures during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Debt, Principal Payments

The District made principal payments on bonded, long-term debt obligations that reduced the amount of the District's long-term liabilities as shown in Table 4. Other forms of long-term debt include school bus installment purchase agreements, early retirement incentives, and an allowance for compensated absences.

	Principal Balance <u>June 30, 2006</u>	2006-2007 and Net Changes	Principal Balance <u>June 30, 2007</u>	
2001 Building and Site Refunding Bonds	\$ 3,715,000	\$ (685,000)	\$ 3,030,000	Note 1
2003 QZAB Bonds (See Note below)	<u>2,230,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,230,000</u>	Note 2
Total Serial Bonds	5,945,000	(685,000)	5,260,000	
Durant Resolution Package Bonds	73,603	-	73,603	Note 3
Bus Installment Purchase Agreements	234,580	(64,280)	170,300	Note 4
Retirement Incentives	227,264	(61,814)	165,450	Note 5
Compensated Absences	<u>858,527</u>	<u>94,973</u>	<u>953,500</u>	
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 7,338,974</u>	<u>\$ (716,120)</u>	<u>\$ 6,622,853</u>	

Note 1: Includes \$710,000 due within one year.

Note 2: Annual \$119,900 payments are escrowed until bond maturity on May 22, 2018.

Note 3: Includes \$28,639 due within two years.

Note 4: Includes \$64,280 due within one year.

Note 5: Includes \$82,725 due within one year.

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The 2001 Refunding Bonds represent a portion of the original voter approved bond issue of 1994. The 1994 bond issue was utilized for major renovations and improvements of District facilities. The 2001 refunding of the bonds was undertaken to realize a substantial savings in interest expenses due to favorable money market conditions.

Net Investment in Capital Assets

The District's net investment in capital assets decreased by \$465,556 during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. A summary of this activity and a schedule of capital assets by category are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5
Net Investment in Capital Assets**

Beginning investment in capital assets, net at July 1, 2006		\$ 9,636,950	
Acquisition of capital assets at cost, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007		50,360	
Disposal of capital assets, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007		(53,986)	
Subtraction of accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets		53,986	
Net depreciation expense for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007		<u>(515,916)</u>	
Ending investment in capital assets, net at June 30, 2007		<u>9,171,394</u>	
Change in net investment in capital assets		<u>\$ (465,556)</u>	
Capital Assets at Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation:			
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Land	\$ 141,420	\$ -	\$ 141,420
Buildings	13,251,697	5,733,466	7,518,231
Site Improvements	1,631,779	510,599	1,121,180
Equipment and Furniture	738,091	624,061	114,030
School Buses and Other Vehicles	<u>1,219,976</u>	<u>943,443</u>	<u>276,533</u>
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 16,982,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,811,569</u>	<u>\$ 9,171,394</u>

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State of Michigan Unrestricted Aid (The Foundation Grant):

Nearly 84% of the 2006-2007 general fund revenues (approximately \$9.1 million) were generated through the Foundation Grant (or Allowance). Annually, the State of Michigan establishes a per student foundation allowance. The Cassopolis Public Schools foundation allowance for the 2006-2007 school year was \$7,108. The foundation allowance is funded through two revenue sources. Local property taxes, at the rate of 18.0 mills on all non-homestead property, are collected from the nine townships that constitute the school District's boundaries. The state then funds the additional funds necessary to make the combined total of local taxes and state foundation aid equal \$7,108 per student (before reductions). Thus the amount of local tax collections does not impact the total foundation revenue. If local taxes go up then state funding declines and vice versa.

Student Enrollment:

The official enrollment for September 2006 was 1,272 students. This included 121 alternative education students. The total enrollment represents a 32 student decrease compared with September 2005. An analysis of each lost student indicated that the majority of the loss was the result of families moving out of Cass County, presumably due to a continuing deterioration of local employment opportunities.

Table 6 details the five-year enrollment history. The term FTE relates to Full Time Equated Student

**Table 6
Student Enrollment History**

	<u>K-12</u>	<u>Alternative Education</u>	<u>Total FTE</u>	<u>Change from Prior Year</u>
2006-2007	1,151	121	1,272	(32)
2005-2006	1,174	130	1,304	(16)
2004-2005	1,190	130	1,320	(3)
2003-2004	1,230	93	1,323	(44)
2002-2003	1,285	82	1,367	(67)
Total 5-Year Change	<u>(134)</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>(95)</u>	

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Sinking Fund:

In June 2003 District voters approved a ten-year 0.90 sinking fund millage issue. In Michigan, sinking funds may be used for major building repairs, construction of school buildings, and land acquisition. The 2003 Sinking Fund tax levy provided \$275,727 in revenue during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Of this amount, \$119,900 was used to make the fourth annual installment for the 15-year Qualified Zone Academy Bond Issue (QZAB) of 2003. All the capital projects conducted utilizing QZAB funds were pre-approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury as being sinking fund approved, thus allowing the use of the sinking fund revenues for QZAB debt retirement.

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB):

In May 2003 the District received notification of being awarded a \$2,230,000 QZAB federal bond issue. The District received approximately 20% of the entire State of Michigan QZAB allocation for 2003. The QZAB bonds are tax-free and are repaid in fifteen annual installments of \$119,900. The annual payments are deposited into an interest bearing account in the District's name, which results in the District eventually paying back only approximately 79% of the original amount of the bonds. The annual payments are pre-approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury to be paid out of sinking fund proceeds, thus taking the full debt burden off of the General Fund.

Property Taxes:

The District levies 18 mills of property taxes for General Fund operations on all non-homestead properties. Under Michigan law, the tax levy is based on the "taxable value" of property. Annually, the taxable valuation increase is capped at the rate of the prior year's Consumer Price Index increase, or 5%, whichever is less. At the time of sale, a property's taxable valuation is readjusted to the state "equalized value", which is, theoretically, 50% of true market value. Local tax collections represent a portion of the \$7,108 per pupil (before executive order reductions) Foundation Allowance. Basic state aid is calculated at \$7,108 per FTE so that the combination of local taxes and state aid equals the Foundation Allowance. As a result general fund local property taxes provide no additional District revenue.

In addition to the non-homestead property tax for General Fund operations, the District levies a millage for the retirement of school building bonds, and for a sinking fund for major capital repairs.

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A five-year history of District tax levies is shown in Table 7:

**Table 7
Property Tax Collections
And Millage Rates**

Revenues

Fiscal Year	<u>Non-Homestead General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Retirement</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006-2007	2,462,239	787,033	265,916	3,515,188
2005-2006	2,285,012	797,806	265,935	3,348,753
2004-2005	2,183,906	768,302	251,766	3,203,974
2003-2004	2,045,394	752,515	236,039	3,033,948
2002-2003	1,912,681	726,407	0	2,639,088

Millage Rate

Fiscal Year	18.0000	2.5000	0.8440	21.3440
2006-2007	18.0000	2.7000	0.9000	21.6000
2005-2006	18.0000	2.8000	0.9000	21.7000
2004-2005	18.0000	2.8000	0.9000	21.7000
2003-2004	18.0000	2.8000	0.9000	21.7000
2002-2003	17.6758	2.9000	0.0000	20.5758

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Fund Equity:

In the public school sector Fund Equity refers to the net amount of total assets less total liabilities. In the private sector this is the similar to the Net Worth of a corporation. Fund Equity has historically been measured without the recognition of fixed assets or long-term debt. Most attention is given to the District's General Fund Equity due to the fact that it represents the overall operations of the District. There is no educational industry standard that defines how much Fund Equity is necessary for the long-term financial health of a school district. It is generally agreed, however, that a Fund equity equivalent to 15% of the current year's operating expenses is a reasonable benchmark. Due to severe budgetary shortfalls in the State of Michigan's budget, the majority of K-12 districts have been forced to deplete a significant amount of their fund equities to continue their educational programs.

Table 8 describes the annual changes and ending General Fund Equity balances from 2001 to 2007:

**Table 8
Fund Equity History**

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Fund Equity</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Equity as Percent of Expenditures</u>
June 30, 2007	1,422,511	391,897	10,162,683	14.0%
June 30, 2006	1,030,614	(75,748)	10,949,000	9.4%
June 30, 2005	1,106,362	(44,544)	10,617,000	10.4%
June 30, 2004	1,150,905	(170,391)	11,222,000	10.3%
June 30, 2003	1,321,296	(104,464)	11,458,000	11.5%
June 30, 2002	1,425,760	172,076	10,798,000	13.2%
June 30, 2001	1,253,684	(53,923)	10,425,000	12.0%

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets:

The economy in the State of Michigan continues to lag behind the national economic recovery. Forecasts project that basic foundation revenues will, at best, be \$7,085 per pupil (a \$23 per pupil reduction from the 2006-2007 school year). The combination of flat revenues, decreasing K-12 enrollments, and rapidly increasing costs for state retirement and health insurance will continue to challenge the District's utilization of financial resources. With virtually no incoming cash during the August 20 through October 20 period, borrowing against state aid is \$1,489,000 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This compares with \$1,900,000 in 2006-2007. The maintenance of an acceptable level of Fund Equity while providing quality educational programs will continue to be the District's highest business priority.

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Requests for Information:

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the Cassopolis Public Schools district finances for all of those with an interest in government finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cassopolis Public Schools
Statement of Net Assets
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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 2,526,282
Taxes receivable	3,446
Accounts receivable	65,037
Due from other governmental units	1,241,334
Inventory	16,909
Investments	27,886
Prepaid items	27,877
Capital assets not being depreciated	141,420
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation	<u>9,029,974</u>
Total assets	<u>13,080,165</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	75,717
State aid anticipation note payable	211,162
Due to other governmental units	112,814
Payroll deductions and withholdings	331,327
Accrued expenditures	16,340
Accrued salaries payable	577,356
Deferred revenue	2,918
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	875,649
Due in more than one year	<u>5,747,204</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,950,487</u>
Net assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,548,541
Restricted for:	
Debt service	676,079
Capital projects	448,349
Unrestricted	<u>1,456,709</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,129,678</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

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Statement of Activities
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Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 5,554,160	\$ 24,811	\$ 1,541,389	\$ (3,987,960)
Supporting services	4,506,536	-	-	(4,506,536)
Food services	426,775	167,947	277,989	19,161
Athletic activities	297,974	39,883	-	(258,091)
Bookstore activities	1,105	-	-	(1,105)
Community services	300	-	-	(300)
Interest on long-term debt	147,886	-	-	(147,886)
Depreciation - unallocated	515,916	-	-	(515,916)
Total governmental activities	\$ 11,450,652	\$ 232,641	\$ 1,819,378	(9,398,633)
General revenues				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				2,462,240
Property taxes, levied for debt service				787,033
Property taxes, levied for sinking fund				265,916
State aid - unrestricted				6,513,289
Interest and investment earnings				160,529
Gain on sale of capital assets				9,900
Other				148,781
Total general revenues				10,347,688
Change in net assets				949,055
Net assets - beginning				4,205,623
Prior period adjustment				(25,000)
Net assets - beginning restated				4,180,623
Net assets - ending				\$ 5,129,678

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Cassopolis Public Schools
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
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	General Fund	Sinking Fund	Debt Refunding	QZAB	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Cash	\$ 1,327,708	\$ 414,434	\$ 227,491	\$ 503,554	\$ 53,095	\$ 2,526,282
Taxes receivable	2,918	-	528	-	-	3,446
Accounts receivable	62,020	-	-	-	3,017	65,037
Due from other funds	10,736	34,734	-	-	1,000	46,470
Due from other governmental units	1,241,334	-	-	-	-	1,241,334
Inventory	14,718	-	-	-	2,191	16,909
Investments	27,886	-	-	-	-	27,886
Prepaid items	27,877	-	-	-	-	27,877
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,715,197</u>	<u>\$ 449,168</u>	<u>\$ 228,019</u>	<u>\$ 503,554</u>	<u>\$ 59,303</u>	<u>\$ 3,955,241</u>
Liabilities and fund balance						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 75,717	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,717
State aid anticipation note payable	211,162	-	-	-	-	211,162
Due to other funds	1,000	-	34,734	-	10,736	46,470
Due to other governmental units	85,964	6,618	20,232	-	-	112,814
Payroll deductions and withholdings	331,327	-	-	-	-	331,327
Accrued salaries payable	573,717	-	-	-	3,639	577,356
Deferred revenue	2,918	-	528	-	-	3,446
Total liabilities	<u>1,281,805</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>55,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,375</u>	<u>1,358,292</u>
Fund balance						
Reserved for inventory	14,718	-	-	-	2,191	16,909
Reserved for prepaid items	27,877	-	-	-	-	27,877
Reserved for debt service	-	-	172,525	503,554	-	676,079
Reserved for capital projects	-	442,550	-	-	5,799	448,349
Other undesignated	1,390,797	-	-	-	36,938	1,427,735
Total fund balance	<u>1,433,392</u>	<u>442,550</u>	<u>172,525</u>	<u>503,554</u>	<u>44,928</u>	<u>2,596,949</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,715,197</u>	<u>\$ 449,168</u>	<u>\$ 228,019</u>	<u>\$ 503,554</u>	<u>\$ 59,303</u>	<u>\$ 3,955,241</u>

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets
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Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 2,596,949
Total net assets for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:	
Certain receivables are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
Property taxes	528
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Capital assets not being depreciated	141,420
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation	9,029,974
Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.	
Accrued interest	(16,340)
Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities.	
Compensated absences	(953,500)
Bonds payable	(5,333,602)
Other loans payable and liabilities	<u>(335,751)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,129,678</u>

Cassopolis Public Schools
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Sinking Fund	Debt Refunding	QZAB	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Local sources	\$ 2,712,288	\$ 275,727	\$ 802,532	\$ 12,088	\$ 210,205	\$ 4,012,840
State sources	7,510,137	-	-	-	17,339	7,527,476
Federal sources	560,807	-	-	-	260,650	821,457
Other sources	1,273	-	-	-	-	1,273
Total revenues	10,784,505	275,727	802,532	12,088	488,194	12,363,046
Expenditures						
Current						
Education						
Instruction	5,421,532	-	-	-	-	5,421,532
Supporting services	4,543,016	-	-	-	-	4,543,016
Food services	-	-	-	-	425,707	425,707
Athletic activities	-	-	-	-	297,974	297,974
Bookstore activities	-	-	-	-	1,105	1,105
Community services	300	-	-	-	-	300
Intergovernmental payments	133,525	-	-	-	-	133,525
Capital outlay	-	4,793	-	-	1,098	5,891
Debt service						
Principal	64,280	-	685,000	-	-	749,280
Interest and other expenditures	-	-	157,331	-	-	157,331
Total expenditures	10,162,653	4,793	842,331	-	725,884	11,735,661
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	621,852	270,934	(39,799)	12,088	(237,690)	627,385

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

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Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Debt Refunding</u>	<u>QZAB</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Other financing sources (uses)						
Insurance recoveries	\$ 26,548	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,548
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	9,900	-	-	-	-	9,900
Transfers in	-	-	-	119,900	255,522	375,422
Transfers out	<u>(255,522)</u>	<u>(119,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(375,422)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(219,074)</u>	<u>(119,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,900</u>	<u>255,522</u>	<u>36,448</u>
Net change in fund balance	402,778	151,034	(39,799)	131,988	17,832	663,833
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,030,614</u>	<u>291,516</u>	<u>212,324</u>	<u>371,566</u>	<u>27,096</u>	<u>1,933,116</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,433,392</u>	<u>\$ 442,550</u>	<u>\$ 172,525</u>	<u>\$ 503,554</u>	<u>\$ 44,928</u>	<u>\$ 2,596,949</u>

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	663,833
Total change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds.		
Property taxes		213
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Depreciation expense		(515,916)
Capital outlay		50,360
Expenses are recorded when incurred in the statement of activities.		
Interest		9,445
Early retirement incentives		86,813
Compensated absences		(94,973)
Bond and note proceeds and capital leases are reported as financing sources in the governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net assets, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.		
Repayments of long-term debt		<u>749,280</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u>949,055</u>

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Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2007

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ <u>145,298</u>
Liabilities	
Due to agency fund activities	\$ <u>145,298</u>

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Cassopolis Public Schools (School District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the School District's significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The School District is governed by an elected seven-member Board of Education. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the School District's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate component units of the School District. The School District has no component units.

District-wide Financial Statements

The School District's basic financial statements include both district-wide (reporting for the district as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the School District's major funds). The district-wide financial statements categorize all nonfiduciary activities as either governmental or business type. All of the School District's activities are classified as governmental activities.

The statement of net assets presents governmental activities on a consolidated basis, using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. This method recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The School District's net assets are reported in three parts (1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt, (2) restricted

net assets, and (3) unrestricted net assets. The School District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the School District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues). The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state sources and federal sources, interest income, etc.). The School District does not allocate indirect costs. In creating the district-wide financial statements the School District has eliminated interfund transactions.

The district-wide focus is on the sustainability of the School District as an entity and the change in the School District's net assets resulting from current year activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the

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School District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, unrestricted state aid, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

Fiduciary fund statements also are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to record the general operations of the School District pertaining to education and those operations not required to be provided for in other funds.

Sinking Fund – The Sinking Fund is used to record the sinking fund property tax levy and other revenue and the disbursement of invoices specifically designated for acquiring new school sites, construction or repair of school buildings.

Debt Service Funds – Debt Service Funds are used to record tax, interest, and other revenue and the payment of interest, principal, and other expenditures on long-term debt.

Additionally, the School District reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The School District's Special Revenue Funds include Food Service and

Athletic Funds. Operating deficits generated by these activities are generally transferred from the General Fund.

Capital Projects Fund – The Building and Site Fund is used to record bond proceeds or other revenue and the disbursement of invoices specifically designated for acquiring new school sites, building, equipment, and for remodeling and repairs. The fund is kept open until the purpose for which the fund was created has been accomplished.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent. The Agency Fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve the measurement of results of operations. This fund is used to record the transactions of student groups for school and school-related purposes.

Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Receivables and Payables – Generally, outstanding amounts owed between funds are classified as “due from/to other funds”. These amounts are caused by transferring revenues and expenses between funds to get them into the proper reporting fund. These balances are paid back as cash flow permits.

Property taxes and other receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts.

Property taxes collected are based upon the approved tax rate for the year of levy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the rates are as follows per \$1,000 of assessed value:

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General Fund			depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:
Nonhomestead	18.00000		
Debt Service Funds			Buildings and additions
Homestead	2.50000		20-50 years
Nonhomestead	2.50000		Site improvements
			10-20 years
			Equipment and furniture
			5-10 years
			Buses and other vehicles
			5-10 years
Sinking Fund			
Homestead	0.84400		
Nonhomestead	0.84400		

Compensated Absences – Employees earn sick days at a rate determined by their contract. A limited number of unused sick days may be accumulated by an employee. Retiring employees who meet certain age and years-of-service requirements are paid for accumulated sick days to a maximum number of days and at a rate determined by their job category. There is no contractual provision for payment of unused vacation days. They may be used for vacation only.

The liability for compensated absences reported in the district-wide financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments, and other employees who currently are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination, are included.

Long-term Obligations – In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Equity – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

School property taxes are assessed and collected in accordance with enabling state legislation by cities and townships within the School District's boundaries.

The property tax levy runs from July 1 to June 30. Property taxes become a lien on the first day of the levy year and are due on or before September 14 or February 14. Collections are forwarded to the School District as collected by the assessing municipalities.

Inventories and Prepaid Items – Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both district-wide and fund financial statements.

Investments – Investments are stated at fair value.

Capital Assets – Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The School District defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost in excess of \$5,000. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. The School District does not have infrastructure assets. Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are

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Comparative Data

Comparative data is not included in the School District's financial statements.

Eliminations and Reclassifications

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

Upcoming Accounting and Reporting Change

The Government Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*. The new pronouncement provides guidance for school districts in recognizing the cost of retiree health care. The new rules will cause district-wide financial statements to recognize the cost of providing retiree healthcare coverage over the working life of the employee, rather than at the time the health care premiums are paid. The new pronouncement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2009.

The Government Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*. This statement addresses how to account for pollution remediation activities of the effects of existing pollution; it does not include prevention or control activities or remediation required upon the retirement of an asset. In general, the new rules will cause district-wide financial statements to recognize a liability on the current value of expected costs as estimated using the expected cash flows method. This statement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2009.

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, Accountability

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and state law for the General and Special Revenue Funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end, thereby cancel all encumbrances. These appropriations are reestablished at the beginning of the year.

The appropriation level adopted by the Board is the level of control authorized under the Act. The Act requires expenditures to be budgeted on a functional basis. State law requires the School District to have its budget in place by July 1. A district is not considered in violation of the Act if reasonable procedures are in use by the School District to detect violations.

The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between functions within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Education.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Education throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended.

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Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

During the year, the School District incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

Function	Final Budget	Amount of Expenditures	Budget Variances
General Fund			
Instruction			
Basic instruction	\$ 4,007,728	\$ 4,105,244	\$ 97,516
Adult education	302,373	324,368	21,995
Supporting services			
Pupil support	497,847	529,144	31,297
Food service Fund	425,754	426,805	1,051

Compliance Sinking Funds

The Capital Project Fund records capital project activities funded with Sinking Fund millage. For this fund, the School District has complied with the applicable provisions of § 1212(1) of the Revised School Code and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Letter No. 2004-4.

Note 3 - Deposits And Investments

The School District's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Governmental Activities	Fiduciary Funds	Total Primary Government
Cash	\$ 2,526,282	\$ 145,298	\$ 2,671,580
Investments	27,886	-	27,886
	<u>\$ 2,554,168</u>	<u>\$ 145,298</u>	<u>\$ 2,699,466</u>

The breakdown between deposits and investments for the School District is as follows:

Deposits (checking, savings accounts, money markets, certificates of deposit)	\$ 2,668,330
Investments in mutual funds	27,886
Petty cash and cash on hand	<u>3,250</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,699,466</u>

Interest rate risk – In accordance with its investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by considering the duration to maturity of its investment portfolio.

Credit risk – State statutes and the School District's investment policy authorize the School District to make deposits in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have an office in Michigan; the School District is allowed to invest in U.S. Treasury or Agency obligations, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, mutual funds, and investment pools that are composed of authorized investment vehicles.

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Concentration of credit risk – The District’s investment policy does not allow for an investment in any one issuer that is in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the District’s total investments.

Custodial credit risk – deposits – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year end, \$ 2,842,789 of the District’s bank balance of \$ 3,070,675 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk – investments – For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Note 4 - Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in governmental capital assets is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 141,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,420
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and additions	13,251,697	-	-	13,251,697
Site improvements	1,631,779	-	-	1,631,779
Equipment and furniture	738,091	-	-	738,091
Buses and other vehicles	1,223,602	50,360	53,986	1,219,976
Total capital assets being depreciated	16,845,169	50,360	53,986	16,841,543
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings and additions	5,441,868	291,598	-	5,733,466
Site improvements	439,309	71,290	-	510,599
Equipment and furniture	587,564	36,497	-	624,061
Buses and other vehicles	880,898	116,531	53,986	943,443
Total accumulated depreciation	7,349,639	515,916	53,986	7,811,569
Net capital assets being depreciated	9,495,530	(465,556)	-	9,029,974
Net capital assets	\$ 9,636,950	\$ (465,556)	\$ -	\$ 9,171,394

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Depreciation for the year amounted to \$515,916. The District determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to the various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

Note 5 - Interfund Receivable, Payable, Transfers

Individual interfund receivable and payable balances at year end were:

<u>Due From Fund</u>	<u>Due to Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food Service Fund	General Fund	\$ 10,736
General Fund	Special Revenue	1,000
Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	<u>34,734</u>
		<u>\$ 46,470</u>

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds are made.

Management does not anticipate individual interfund balances to remain outstanding for periods in excess of one year.

Interfund transfers consist of the following:

<u>Transfers Out</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>

Transfers in

Other governmental funds	<u>\$ 255,522</u>	<u>\$ 119,900</u>	<u>\$ 375,422</u>
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These transfers were made to cover the costs of School District programs that were in excess of revenues generated from those activities.

Note 6 - State Aid Anticipation Note

The School District issues state aid anticipation notes in advance of state aid collections, depositing the proceeds in the General Fund. These notes are necessary because the School District receives state aid from October through the following August for its fiscal year ending June 30th.

Short-term debt activity for the year was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
State aid anticipation note	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,188,838</u>	<u>\$ 211,162</u>

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Note 7 - Long-Term Debt

The School District issues bonds, notes, and other contractual commitments to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and the acquisition of certain equipment. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences, claims and judgments, termination benefits, and certain risk liabilities.

Long-term obligation activity is summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount Due Within One Year
Government obligation bonds	\$ 5,945,000	\$ -	\$ 685,000	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 710,000
Other bonds	73,603	-	-	73,603	18,644
Bus installment agreements	234,580	-	64,280	170,300	64,280
Compensated absences	858,527	94,973	-	953,500	-
Retirement incentives	227,264	25,000	86,814	165,450	82,725
Total	\$ 7,338,974	\$ 119,973	\$ 836,094	\$ 6,622,853	\$ 875,649

General obligation bonds payable at year end, consists of the following:

\$5,345,000 serial bond due in annual installments of \$710,000 to \$805,000 through May 1, 2010, interest at 4.10% to 4.25%	\$ 3,030,000
\$2,230,000 qualified zone academy bond due in one installment on May 22, 2018, interest at 0%	<u>2,230,000</u>
Total general obligation bonded debt	\$ <u>5,260,000</u>

Future principal and interest requirements for bonded debt are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
Year Ending June 30,			
2008	710,000	126,970	836,970
2009	740,000	97,860	837,860
2010	775,000	67,150	842,150
2011	805,000	34,212	839,212
2012	-	-	-
2013-2017	-	-	-
2018-2022	<u>2,230,000</u>	-	<u>2,230,000</u>
Total	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 326,192	\$ 5,586,192

The general obligation bonds are payable from the Debt Service Funds. As of year end, the fund had a balance of \$676,079 to pay this debt. Future debt and interest will be payable from future tax levies.

Other bonds consist of the following:

\$179,584 Durant Refunding serial bonds due in annual installments through 5/15/2013; interest 4.76% due annually	<u>\$ 73,603</u>
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These bond obligations issued by PA 142 are payable solely from and are secured solely by an assignment by each School District of certain categorical State School Aid payments. The State Legislature has no obligation to make such appropriations. In the event the Legislature fails to appropriate funds, the School District is under no obligation for repayment of the debt obligation issued by PA 142.

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Future principal and interest requirements are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$ 18,644	\$ 6,576	\$ 25,220
2009	9,994	2,617	12,611
2010	10,470	2,141	12,611
2011	10,968	1,642	12,610
2012	11,490	1,120	12,610
2013 - 2015	<u>12,037</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>12,610</u>
Total	<u>\$ 73,603</u>	<u>\$ 14,669</u>	<u>\$ 88,272</u>

Compensated Absences

Accrued compensated absences at year end, consists of \$28,205 of vacation hours earned and vested and \$925,295 in accrued sick time benefits. The entire vested amount is considered long-term as the amount expended each year is expected to be offset by sick time earned for the year.

Retirement Benefits

The School District offered a voluntary severance incentive plan to employees to be paid over a three year period through 2009. The balance as of year end was \$165,450.

Future payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	
2008	\$ 82,725
2009	<u>82,725</u>
Total	<u>\$ 165,450</u>

Interest expenditures for the fiscal year in the General Fund and Debt Service Funds were \$81,379 and \$155,013, respectively.

Note 8 - Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation) and certain medical benefits provided to employees. The School District has purchased commercial insurance for general liability, property and casualty and health and vision claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

The School District participates in a public entity risk pool through the MASB-SEG Property/Casualty Pool. Member premiums are used to purchase excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts. The District pays premiums based on levels of coverage believed to be appropriate by the administration, subject to varying deductibles. Participants are subject to additional assessments in the even of deficiencies and may receive distributions of funds that are in excess of the amount necessary to maintain prudent loss revenues. The possibility of additional liabilities in excess of current year contributions exists, however, since the amounts are indeterminable and believed to be immaterial, no contingent liabilities or assets have been recognized on the School District's financial statements.

The School District is also a member of SEG Self-Insured Workers' Disability Compensation Fund. Premiums from participants are combined to provide all members with coverage for claims. The premiums are used to process and pay claims and to obtain excess liability coverage and reinsurance to cover the liability of the Workers' Disability Compensation Fund.

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The School District is subject to the Michigan Employment Security Act and has elected to pay unemployment claims on a direct self-insured basis. Under this method, the School District must reimburse the Employment Commission for all benefits charged against the School District. The School District had approximately \$29,000 in compensation expense for the year. No provision has been made for possible future claims.

Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description

The School District has a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees. The plan is operated by the State of Michigan's Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS), which is a cost-sharing public employee retirement system (PERS).

The pension plan provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries.

MPSERS operates within the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Office of Retirement Systems who has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. The Michigan Department of Management and Budget issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MPSERS. That report may be obtained by writing Office of Retirement Services, P.O. Box 30171, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7671 or calling 800-381-5111.

Funding Policy

The School is required by State statute to contribute to MPSERS an actuarially determined percentage of payroll for all participating employees. Additionally, employees participating in the Member Investment Plan contributed 3% to 4.3% of their covered wages through payroll deduction. In addition to retirement benefits, a portion of the total MPSERS contribution is allocated to cover health,

dental and vision benefits. The following table discloses pertinent information relative to MPSERS funding for the three-year period beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007.

	2007	2006	2005
Funding percentage range	16.34-17.74%	14.87-16.34%	12.99-14.87%
Total payroll	5,851,569	6,343,897	6,433,503
Total covered payroll	5,609,573	6,033,818	6,172,279
School contributions	979,077	965,572	890,214
Employee MIP contributions	173,817	174,337	178,483
Portion of school contribution covering health, dental and vision benefits	37%	40%	44%

Trend Information

Ten-year historical trend information is presented in the September 30, 2006, PERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This information is useful in assessing the pension plan's accumulation of sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due. The total benefit obligations and net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2005, the latest date for which information is available, approximates \$ 48.2 billion and \$ 38.2 billion, respectively. The School's share of the total current actuarially determined employer contribution requirement under MPSERS was less than 1% for the year ended September 30, 2006.

Post Employment Benefits

In addition to the pension benefits described above, the School District provides post-retirement health care, dental, and vision benefits for retirees and beneficiaries through Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS).

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June 30, 2007

Expenditures for these benefits are recognized on a cash disbursement basis. During the year ended September 30, 2006, statewide expenditures of \$ 694 million were recognized for post-retirement health care, dental and vision. This represented approximately 20% of the total expenditures of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System.

Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subjected to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of costs which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the School District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial. A separate report on federal compliance has been issued for the year June 30, 2007.

Note 11 - Prior Period Adjustment

The School District has recorded an adjustment to the Statement of Activities prior your fund balance of \$25,000. This adjustment was made to correct retirement incentives. Since the financial statements are not comparative, there will be no restatement reflected for the prior year balance change.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Cassopolis Public Schools
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Over (Under) Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 2,527,763	\$ 2,693,946	\$ 2,712,288	\$ 18,342
State sources	7,333,920	7,497,722	7,510,137	12,415
Federal sources	601,400	554,779	560,807	6,028
Other sources	-	-	1,273	1,273
Total revenues	<u>10,463,083</u>	<u>10,746,447</u>	<u>10,784,505</u>	<u>38,058</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Basic instruction	4,121,908	4,007,728	4,105,244	97,516
Added needs	1,081,969	1,033,407	991,920	(41,487)
Adult education	323,799	302,373	324,368	21,995
Supporting services				
Pupil support	480,895	497,847	529,144	31,297
Staff support	370,841	400,469	397,397	(3,072)
General administration	364,932	382,943	361,556	(21,387)
School administration	667,443	710,193	702,233	(7,960)
Business services	529,080	535,513	519,509	(16,004)
Operations and maintenance	1,187,213	1,247,624	1,199,569	(48,055)
Transportation	775,412	689,865	675,849	(14,016)
Information management services	144,475	162,260	157,759	(4,501)
Other financing sources	437,280	474,880	417,179	(57,701)
Total expenditures	<u>10,485,247</u>	<u>10,445,102</u>	<u>10,381,727</u>	<u>(63,375)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(22,164)	301,345	402,778	101,433
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,030,614</u>	<u>1,030,614</u>	<u>1,030,614</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,008,450</u>	<u>\$ 1,331,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,392</u>	<u>\$ 101,433</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Cassopolis Public Schools
Other Supplemental Information
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>		<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Building & Site</u>	<u>QZAB</u>	
Assets					
Cash	\$ 45,635	\$ 1,661	\$ 4,266	\$ 1,533	\$ 53,095
Accounts receivable	3,017	-	-	-	3,017
Due from other funds	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Inventory	2,191	-	-	-	2,191
	<u>2,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,191</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 50,843</u>	<u>\$ 2,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,533</u>	<u>\$ 59,303</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance					
Liabilities					
Due to other funds	10,736	-	-	-	10,736
Accrued salaries payable	3,414	225	-	-	3,639
	<u>3,414</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,639</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,150</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,375</u>
Fund Balance					
Reserved for inventory	2,191	-	-	-	2,191
Reserved for capital projects	-	-	4,266	1,533	5,799
Other undesignated	34,502	2,436	-	-	36,938
	<u>34,502</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,938</u>
Total fund balance	<u>36,693</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>4,266</u>	<u>1,533</u>	<u>44,928</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 50,843</u>	<u>\$ 2,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,533</u>	<u>\$ 59,303</u>

Cassopolis Public Schools
Other Supplemental Information
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Projects Fund		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Food Service	Athletics	Bookstore	Building and Site	QZAB	
Revenues						
Local sources	\$ 169,070	\$ 40,129	\$ -	\$ 1,006	\$ -	\$ 210,205
State sources	17,339	-	-	-	-	17,339
Federal sources	260,650	-	-	-	-	260,650
Total revenues	447,059	40,129	-	1,006	-	488,194
Expenditures						
Current						
Food services	425,707	-	-	-	-	425,707
Athletic activities	-	297,974	-	-	-	297,974
Bookstore activities	-	-	1,105	-	-	1,105
Capital outlay	1,098	-	-	-	-	1,098
Total expenditures	426,805	297,974	1,105	-	-	725,884
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	20,254	(257,845)	(1,105)	1,006	-	(237,690)
Other financing sources						
Transfers in	-	255,522	-	-	-	255,522
Net change in fund balance	20,254	(2,323)	(1,105)	1,006	-	17,832
Fund balance - beginning	16,439	4,759	1,105	3,260	1,533	27,096
Fund balance - ending	\$ 36,693	\$ 2,436	\$ -	\$ 4,266	\$ 1,533	\$ 44,928

**Cassopolis Public Schools
Other Supplemental Information
Schedule of Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness
June 30, 2007**

Year Ending June 30,	1999 Debt Principal	2003 Debt Principal	Durant Principal	Total
2008	710,000	-	18,644	728,644
2009	740,000	-	9,994	749,994
2010	775,000	-	10,470	785,470
2011	805,000	-	10,968	815,968
2012	-	-	11,490	11,490
2013	-	-	12,037	12,037
2014	-	-	-	-
2015	-	-	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-
2017	-	-	-	-
2018	-	2,230,000	-	2,230,000
Total	\$ 3,030,000	\$ 2,230,000	\$ 73,603	\$ 5,333,603

Principal payments	May 1	May 22	May 15
Interest payments due the first day of	May 1 and November 1		May 15
Interest rate	4.10% - 4.25%	0%	4.76%
Original issue	\$ 5,345,000	\$ 2,230,000	\$ 179,584

**Cassopolis Public Schools
Cassopolis, Michigan**

Single Audit Compliance

June 30, 2007

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**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Members of the Board of Education
Cassopolis Public Schools
Cassopolis, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cassopolis Public Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cassopolis Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Cassopolis Public Schools, in a separate letter dated August 28, 2007.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, management, Michigan Department of Education and the 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.

Yeo & Yeo, P.C.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 28, 2007

**Report on Compliance Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over
Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**

To the Board of Education
Cassopolis Public Schools
Cassopolis, Michigan

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Cassopolis Public Schools, 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 its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007. Cassopolis Public Schools' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Cassopolis Public Schools' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 of our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Cassopolis Public Schools' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Cassopolis Public Schools, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance with those requirements, which is required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2007-1.

Internal Control over Compliance

The management of Cassopolis Public Schools 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 Cassopolis Public Schools' 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 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 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.

Cassopolis Public Schools' response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Cassopolis Public Schools' response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cassopolis Public Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2007. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cassopolis Public Schools' basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to 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 financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Education, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yeo & Yeo, P.C.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 28, 2007

Cassopolis Public Schools
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	(Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2006	Prior Year Expenditures	Current Year Expenditures	Current Year Receipts	(Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2007
U.S. Department of Agriculture								
* Food Distributed								
Commodities - entitlement	10.550	06/06	\$ 12,712	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,712	\$ 12,712	\$ -
Commodities - bonus	10.550	06/07	295	-	-	295	295	-
			<u>13,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>-</u>
* Nutrition Cluster								
National School Lunch Breakfast	10.553	061970 071970	54,784	-	48,817	5,967	5,967	-
			57,318	-	-	57,318	57,318	-
			<u>112,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,817</u>	<u>63,285</u>	<u>63,285</u>	<u>-</u>
Section 4 - All lunches	10.555	061950 071950	21,906	-	18,923	2,983	2,983	-
			25,645	-	-	25,645	25,645	-
Section 11 - Free and Reduced	10.555	061960 071960	127,011	-	111,018	15,993	15,993	-
			139,737	-	-	139,737	139,737	-
			<u>314,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,941</u>	<u>184,358</u>	<u>184,358</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>439,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,758</u>	<u>260,650</u>	<u>260,650</u>	<u>-</u>

Cassopolis Public Schools
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	(Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2006	Prior Year Expenditures	Current Year Expenditures	Current Year Receipts	(Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2007
U.S. Department of Education								
* Title I - Part A	84.010	061530/0506 071530/0607	\$ 454,887 410,043 <u>864,930</u>	\$ 11,850 - <u>11,850</u>	\$ 11,850 - <u>11,850</u>	\$ - 410,043 <u>410,043</u>	\$ 11,850 410,043 <u>421,893</u>	\$ - - <u>-</u>
* Service Provider Self Review	84.027A	070440/0607	4,000	-	-	1,525	1,525	-
** CTE Perkins	84.048	073520/7012-19	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800	-
* Title V, LEA Allocation	84.298	070250/0607	2,514	-	-	2,514	2,514	-
* Technical Literacy Challenge Grant	84.318	074290/0607	4,209	-	-	4,209	4,209	-
* Title II, Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	070520/0607	130,013	-	-	130,013	130,013	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,007,466</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>550,104</u>	<u>561,954</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services								
** Medicaid Outreach	93.778	2007	10,703	-	-	10,703	10,703	-
Total federal revenues			<u>\$ 1,457,577</u>	<u>\$ 11,850</u>	<u>\$ 190,608</u>	<u>\$ 821,457</u>	<u>\$ 833,307</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* Passed through Michigan Department of Education

** Passed through Intermediate School District

Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
June 30, 2007

1. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards was prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.
2. Management has reported the expenditures in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards equal to those amounts reported in the annual or final cost reports that have been submitted as of June 30, 2007.
3. The federal amounts reported on the Form R-7120 "Grant Sections Auditors Report" and the "CMS Grant Auditor Report" are in agreement with the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
4. The amounts reported on the Recipient Entitlement Balance Report agree with the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for U.S.D.A. donated food commodities.

Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2007

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

- Significant deficiencies identified that are not
 considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None reported

- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not
 considered to be material weaknesses Yes None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
reported in accordance with section 510(a)
of Circular A-133? Yes No

Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2007

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553, 10.555, 10.550 84.367	Nutrition Cluster Title II, Improving Teacher Quality

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between
type A and type B programs:

\$ 300,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?

X Yes No

Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2007

Section II – Government Auditing Standards Findings:

There were no findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Section III – Federal Award Findings:

Finding 2007-1: Title II – Time and Effort Reporting

Specific requirement: Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 requires when employees are expected to work solely on a single federal award or cost objective, charges for their salaries will be supported by semi-annual certifications signed by the employee or a supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the work performed by the employee indicating the employees worked solely on that program for the semi-annual period covered by the certification.

Condition: The School District did not maintain semi-annual certifications for employees working solely on a single federal award or cost objective.

Questioned Costs: \$0

Context: The School District provided a Title II staff listing indicating the Title II teachers and their full time equivalent percentage.

Cause/Effect: The School District was not aware of the requirement and did not have 100% funded staff sign semi-annual certifications.

Recommendation: Prepare semi-annual certifications to be signed by 100% funded staff or supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the work performed by the 100% funded staff.

Corrective Action Plan: The School District will prepare semi-annual certifications and obtain signatures from 100% funded staff or a supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the work performed by 100% funded staff for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 and years thereafter.

**Cassopolis Public Schools
Cass County District No. 30
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
June 30, 2007**

There were no audit findings for the year ended June 30, 2006.



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August 28, 2007

To the Board of Education
Cassopolis Public Schools

We have audited the financial statements of Cassopolis Public Schools for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2007. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 18, 2007, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Cassopolis Public Schools. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

(Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements)

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Cassopolis Public Schools are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during June 30, 2007. We noted no transactions entered into by Cassopolis Public Schools during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Cassopolis Public School's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). In our judgment, none of the adjustments we proposed, whether recorded or unrecorded by the Cassopolis Public Schools, either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Cassopolis Public School's financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Cassopolis Public School's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit. This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Education and management of Cassopolis Public Schools and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



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