

**New Lothrop Area Public Schools
New Lothrop, Michigan**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

New Lothrop, Michigan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
New Lothrop Area Public Schools
New Lothrop, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of New Lothrop Area Public Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of New Lothrop Area 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 New Lothrop Area Public Schools 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 October 5, 2007 on our consideration of New Lothrop Area Public Schools' 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 and 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 administration's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as identified in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 New Lothrop Area Public Schools' basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplementary 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.

Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 5, 2007

This section of New Lothrop Area Public Schools' annual report presents our discussion and analysis of the School District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the School District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools, a K-12 school district located in Shiawassee County, Michigan, issues its financial statements under the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). The Administration's Discussion and Analysis, a requirement of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, is intended to be the New Lothrop Area Public Schools' Administration's discussion and analysis of the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand New Lothrop Area Public Schools financially as a whole. The *District-wide Financial Statements* provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and longer-term view of the finances. The *Fund Financial Statements* provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the School District's operations in more detail than the district-wide financial statements by providing information about the School District's most significant fund - the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund individually, and the Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds collectively as other nonmajor governmental funds. The remaining statements, the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets, and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets, present financial information about activities for which the School District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of students and parents.

District-Wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the School District is, "As a whole, what is the School District's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the basic financial statements, report information on the School District as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. These statements are prepared to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets - as one way to measure the School District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net assets - as reported in the Statement of Activities - are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the School District's operating results. However, the School District's goal is to provide services to our students, not generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the schools, to assess the overall health of the School District.

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report the governmental activities for the School District, which encompass all of the School District's services, including instruction, supporting services, community services, athletics, and food service. Property taxes, unrestricted State Aid (foundation allowance revenue), State and Federal grants, and other local dollars finance most of these activities.

The District-wide financial statements are full accrual basis statements. They report all the District's assets and liabilities, both short and long-term, regardless if they are "currently available" or not. For example, assets that are restricted for use in the Debt Service Funds solely for the payment of long-term principal or interest are grouped with unrestricted assets of the General Fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations of the District are reported in the Statement of Net Assets of the District-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund level financial statements are reported on the modified accrual basis. Only those assets that are "measurable" and "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 Service Funds, the Special Revenue (School Service) Funds which are comprised of: Food Service and Athletics, and Capital Project Funds.

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

Summary of Net Assets:

The following summarizes the net assets as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

Condensed Statement of Net Assets
as of June 30, 2007 and 2006

	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2006</u>
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 8,579,247	\$ 17,265,299
Capital Assets	<u>15,517,444</u>	<u>4,511,254</u>
Total Assets	24,096,691	21,776,553
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	3,294,480	968,282
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>15,979,980</u>	<u>16,361,997</u>
Total Liabilities	19,274,460	17,330,279
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,514,500	3,074,005
Restricted	435,920	517,340
Unrestricted	<u>871,811</u>	<u>854,929</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,822,231</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,274</u>

Results of Operations:

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, the District-wide results of operations were:

Condensed Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2006</u>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Service	\$ 250,724	\$ 271,547
Operating Grants	313,617	288,407
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	866,779	356,733
State School Aid-unrestricted	5,557,842	5,307,342
Other	<u>749,970</u>	<u>142,590</u>
Total Revenues	7,738,932	6,366,619
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	3,640,625	3,536,061
Supporting services	2,082,383	2,001,339
Food service	276,775	269,775
Athletics	280,875	259,703
Interest on long-term debt	825,322	148,217
Unallocated depreciation	<u>256,995</u>	<u>260,488</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,362,975</u>	<u>6,475,583</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 375,957</u>	<u>\$ (108,964)</u>

Analysis of Results of Operations:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the District's net assets increased by \$375,957. Several factors which caused the increase are discussed in the following sections.

A. Governmental Fund Operating Results

The District's expenditures from governmental fund operations exceeded revenues by \$10,695,207 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, mainly due to capital projects which are capitalized and not expensed at the Government-wide level, including the construction of a new elementary school and renovation projects in the high school. Further discussion of the District's operating results is available in the section entitled "Results of 2006-2007 Operations" located on the following pages.

B. Capital Outlay

Capital purchases are recorded as an asset at the government-wide level and depreciated over the useful lives of the assets. This considerably reduces the expenditures reference in the preceding paragraph. During 2006-2007, the District added assets of \$11,263,185, and district assets depreciated in the amount of \$256,995, causing a net increase in net district assets of \$11,006,190.

C. Long-Term Debt Activities

The District's accrued severance pay decreased by \$11,671, and accrued interest on existing debt decreased by \$53,303. As a result of these activities, net district long-term debt liabilities decreased by \$64,974.

Results of 2006-2007 Operations

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the District net assets increased by \$375,957. A few additional significant factors affecting net assets during the year are discussed below:

A. General Fund Operations

The General Fund is the main fund for the District and includes all the costs related to educating the students of the New Lothrop Area Public Schools such as: Salaries and benefits for Teachers, Classroom Parapros, Administrators, Secretaries, Custodians, Maintenance staff, Librarians, Counselors, Bus Drivers and other miscellaneous positions; teaching supplies, employee training, utilities, building maintenance supplies and other.

The District's expenditures from General Fund operations exceeded revenues by \$110 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The General Fund as of June 30, 2007, has a fund balance of \$929,058 or 15.4% of expenditures and other financing uses for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

B. Debt Service Fund Operations

The Debt Service Funds consist of two separate debt funds as follows: 1991 Debt, and 2006 Debt. The Debt Service Funds are set up to collect taxes and state revenues and pay annual debt payments. At June 30, 2007, the Debt Service Funds had \$560,545 in fund equity available for future bond payments.

The School District levies taxes to make debt payment obligations. If taxes levied are not sufficient the School District will borrow funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF). Any funds borrowed from the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund will be paid back toward the end of the bond obligations. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the School District did not borrow anything from the SBLF. The District also had accrued severance pay outstanding at June 30, 2007, which totaled \$86,824.

The District had changes to their long-term debt obligations as follows:

	<u>Principal Balance June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Principal Additions</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Principal Balance June 30, 2007</u>
2006 Bonds	\$ 16,280,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,280,000
Durant Bonds	<u>31,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,172</u>
Total long-term bond obligations	<u>\$ 16,311,172</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 16,311,172</u>

C. School Service Funds

The New Lothrop Area Public Schools also has school service funds that include the following: Food Service Fund and Athletics Fund.

The Food Service Fund is a fund that reports the food service program activities. In 2006-2007 the Food Service Fund had revenues of \$282,0969 and expenditures of \$276,775. The Food Service Fund is self-supporting. The Food Service Fund had a fund balance of \$29,577.

The Athletics Fund includes all costs for athletic programs including the cost for coaches, officials, supplies, tournaments, and miscellaneous. Transportation cost is accounted for in the General Fund. In 2006-2007 the Athletics Fund had revenues of \$280,875 and expenditures of \$280,875. The Athletics Fund generated \$26,625 in revenue from gate receipts, passes, fees, donations, and other miscellaneous items. The Athletics Fund must be a balanced budget and the District contributed \$254,250 from the General Fund to balance the fund. The Athletics Fund had a fund balance of \$0.

D. Net Investment in Capital Assets

The District's net investment in capital assets increased by \$872,012 during the fiscal year. This can be summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2007</u>
Capital assets	\$10,459,737	\$11,263,185	\$21,722,922
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,948,483)</u>	<u>(256,995)</u>	<u>(6,205,478)</u>
Net investment in capital outlay	<u>\$ 4,511,254</u>	<u>\$11,006,190</u>	<u>\$15,517,444</u>

IMPORTANT ECONOMIC FACTORS

A. State of Michigan Unrestricted Aid (Net State Foundation Grant)

The State of Michigan aid, unrestricted, is determined with the following variables:

- a. State of Michigan State Aid Act per student foundation allowance.
- b. Student Enrollment - Blended at 75 percent of prior year's fall count and 25 percent of prior year's winter count.
- c. The District's non-homestead property valuation.

B. Per Student Foundation Allowance

Annually, the State of Michigan establishes the per student foundation allowance. The New Lothrop Area Public Schools foundation allowance was \$7,085 per student for the 2006-2007 school year.

C. Student Enrollment

The District's student enrollment for the fall count of 2006-2007 was 801 students. The District's enrollment increased slightly from the prior school year's student count.

	<u>Student FTE</u>	<u>FTE Change from Prior Year</u>
2006-2007	801	13
2005-2006	788	7
2004-2005	781	(8)

D. Property Taxes levied for General Operations (General Fund Non-Homestead Taxes)

The District levies 15.7108 mills (after Headlee Rollback) of property taxes for operations (General Fund) on Non-Homestead properties. Under Michigan law, the taxable levy is based on the taxable valuation of properties. Annually, the taxable valuation increase in property values is capped at the rate of the prior year's CPI increase or five (5) percent, whichever is less. At the time of sale, a property's taxable valuation is readjusted to the State Equalized Value, which is, theoretically, 50 percent of the market value. The District's non-homestead property tax revenue for 2006-2007 fiscal year was approximately \$135,000. The non-homestead tax levy increased by approximately 6.2% over the prior year.

E. Debt Fund Property Taxes

The District's debt fund levy, which is used to pay the principal and interest on bond obligations, is based on the taxable valuation of all properties: homestead and non-homestead.

For 2006-2007 the District's debt millage levy was 7.17 mills, which generated revenue of approximately \$731,000.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Listed below is an analysis of the original budget and final budget to the final actual.

General Fund Revenues and Other Sources, Budget vs. Actual

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>	
				<u>Actual & Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual & Final Budget</u>
2006-2007	6,001,610	5,997,332	5,980,199	(0.1)%	(0.3)%
2005-2006	5,629,299	5,716,384	5,719,062	1.6%	0.05%
2004-2005	5,582,680	5,553,048	5,599,207	0.3%	0.8%

General Fund Expenditures and Other Uses Budget vs. Actual

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>	
				<u>Actual & Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual & Final Budget</u>
2006-2007	5,944,782	6,068,634	5,980,309	2.0%	1.5%
2005-2006	5,871,266	5,800,849	5,780,633	1.5%	0.3%
2004-2005	5,699,091	5,730,537	5,676,970	(0.4)%	0.9%

Original vs. Final Budget:

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the Board of Education approve the original budget for the upcoming year prior to July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

As a matter of practice, New Lothrop Area Public Schools amends its budget periodically during the school year. The June 2007 budget amendment was the final budget for the fiscal year.

Revenue Change from Original to Final Budget:

		<u>Percent</u>
Total Revenues Original Budget	\$ 6,001,610	100.0
Total Revenues Final Budget	<u>5,997,332</u>	<u>100.1</u>
Decrease in Budget Revenues	<u>\$(4,278)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>

The District's final actual general fund revenues differed from the final budget by \$17,133, a variance of 0.3% from the final budget.

Expenditures Change from Original to Final Budget:

The District's budget for expenditures changed as follows during the year:

		<u>Percent</u>
Total Expenditures Original Budget	\$ 5,944,782	100.0
Total Expenditures Final Budget	<u>6,068,634</u>	<u>102.1</u>
Increase in Budget Expenditures	<u>\$ 123,852</u>	<u>2.1</u>

The District's actual expenditures were less than the final budget by \$88,325 or 1.5 percent.

Additional Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Our elected officials and administration considered many factors when setting the School District's 2007 fiscal year budget. One of the most important factors affecting the budget is our student count. The State foundation revenue is determined by multiplying the blended student count by the foundation allowance per pupil. The blended count for the 2007 fiscal year was 25 percent and 75 percent of the February 2006 and September 2006 student counts, respectively. The 2008 fiscal year budget was adopted in June 2007, based on an estimate of students that will be enrolled in September 2007. Approximately 95 percent of total General Fund revenues are from the foundation allowance. Under State law, the School District cannot access additional property tax revenue for general operations. As a result, district funding is heavily dependent on the State's ability to fund local school operations. Based on early enrollment data at the start of the 2007-2008 school year, we anticipate that the fall student count will be close to the estimates used in creating the 2008 fiscal year budget. Once the final student count and related per pupil funding is validated, State law requires the School District to amend the budget if actual district resources are not sufficient to fund original appropriations.

Since the School District's revenue is heavily dependent on State Funding and the status of the State's School Aid Fund, the actual revenue received depends on the State's ability to collect revenues to fund its appropriation to school districts.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Superintendent's Office, New Lothrop Area Public Schools, 9825 Easton Road, New Lothrop, Michigan 48460.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

June 30, 2007

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,613,206
Due from other governmental units	964,215
Inventories	<u>1,826</u>
Total current assets	8,579,247
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets not being depreciated	12,150,667
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,366,777</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>15,517,444</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	24,096,691
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	2,203,045
Accrued payroll	348,135
Other accrued liabilities	200,659
Accrued interest payable	119,229
Current portion of compensated absences	43,412
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>380,000</u>
Total current liabilities	3,294,480
Noncurrent liabilities	
Accrued interest payable	5,396
Noncurrent portion of compensated absences	43,412
Noncurrent portion of long-term debt	<u>15,931,172</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>15,979,980</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>19,274,460</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,514,500
Restricted for debt service	435,920
Unrestricted	<u>871,811</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,822,231</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Revenues and Changes in Net Assets
				Governmental Activities
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 3,640,625	\$ 30,338	\$ 203,150	\$ (3,407,137)
Supporting services	2,082,383	-	22,997	(2,059,386)
Food Service	276,775	194,626	87,470	5,321
Athletics	280,875	25,760	-	(255,115)
Interest on long-term debt	825,322	-	-	(825,322)
Unallocated depreciation	256,995	-	-	(256,995)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 7,362,975	\$ 250,724	\$ 313,617	(6,798,634)
General revenues				
Property taxes				866,779
State school aid - unrestricted				5,557,842
Investment earnings				737,459
Miscellaneous				12,511
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES				7,174,591
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				375,957
Net assets, beginning of year				4,446,274
Net assets, end of year				\$ 4,822,231

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2007

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 513,219	\$ 6,507,133	\$ 592,854	\$ 7,613,206
Due from other governmental units	964,215	-	-	964,215
Due from other funds	15,356	-	5,946	21,302
Inventories	-	-	1,826	1,826
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,492,790</u>	<u>\$ 6,507,133</u>	<u>\$ 600,626</u>	<u>\$ 8,600,549</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 14,938	\$ 2,185,500	\$ 2,607	\$ 2,203,045
Accrued payroll	348,135	-	-	348,135
Due to other funds	5,946	13,405	1,951	21,302
Other accrued liabilities	194,713	-	5,946	200,659
TOTAL LIABILITIES	563,732	2,198,905	10,504	2,773,141
FUND BALANCE				
Reserved for				
Inventories	-	-	1,826	1,826
Debt service	-	-	560,545	560,545
Unreserved				
Undesignated, reported in				
General fund	929,058	-	-	929,058
Special revenue funds	-	-	27,751	27,751
Capital project fund	-	4,308,228	-	4,308,228
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>929,058</u>	<u>4,308,228</u>	<u>590,122</u>	<u>5,827,408</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 1,492,790</u>	<u>\$ 6,507,133</u>	<u>\$ 600,626</u>	<u>\$ 8,600,549</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET WITH
THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

June 30, 2007

Total fund balance - governmental funds \$ 5,827,408

Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources
and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.

The cost of capital assets is	\$ 21,722,922	
Accumulated depreciation is	<u>(6,205,478)</u>	
		15,517,444

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period
and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Bonds and loans payable	16,311,172	
Compensated absences	86,824	
Accrued interest payable on long-term debt	<u>124,625</u>	
		<u>(16,522,621)</u>

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 4,822,231

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 196,210	\$ 706,110	\$ 965,153	\$ 1,867,473
State sources	5,657,554	-	8,371	5,665,925
Federal sources	83,695	-	79,099	162,794
TOTAL REVENUES	5,937,459	706,110	1,052,623	7,696,192
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	3,632,057	-	-	3,632,057
Supporting services	2,085,434	-	-	2,085,434
Food service	-	-	276,775	276,775
Athletics	-	-	280,875	280,875
Capital outlay	-	11,271,805	-	11,271,805
Debt service	-	-	878,625	878,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,717,491	11,271,805	1,436,275	18,425,571
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	219,968	(10,565,695)	(383,652)	(10,729,379)
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers from other funds	-	-	428,377	428,377
Payments from other Districts	42,740	-	-	42,740
Payments to other Districts	(8,568)	-	-	(8,568)
Transfers to other funds	(254,250)	-	(174,127)	(428,377)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(220,078)	-0-	254,250	34,172
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(110)	(10,565,695)	(129,402)	(10,695,207)
Fund balances, beginning of year	929,168	14,873,923	719,524	16,522,615
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 929,058</u>	<u>\$ 4,308,228</u>	<u>\$ 590,122</u>	<u>\$ 5,827,408</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

RECONCILIATION OF THE CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds **\$ (10,695,207)**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	\$ 11,263,185	
Depreciation expense	<u>(256,995)</u>	
Excess of depreciation expense over capital outlay		11,006,190

Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These activities consist of:

Decrease in accrued interest payable	53,303	
Decrease in compensated absences	<u>11,671</u>	
		<u>64,974</u>

Change in net assets of governmental activities **\$ 375,957**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

Fiduciary Fund

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

June 30, 2007

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	<u>\$ 1,473</u>	<u>\$ 55,000</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to individuals	\$ -	<u>\$ 55,000</u>
NET ASSETS		
Held in trust for private purposes	<u>\$ 1,473</u>	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

Fiduciary Funds

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

Year ended June 30, 2007

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
ADDITIONS	
Investment earnings	
Interest	\$ 78
DEDUCTIONS	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	78
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>1,395</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 1,473</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of New Lothrop Area Public Schools have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* (as amended by GASB Statement No. 39); and *Statement on Michigan Governmental Accounting and Auditing No. 5*, these financial statements present the financial activities of New Lothrop Area Public Schools (primary government). The District has no activities that would be classified as component units.

2. Basis of Presentation

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities (the district-wide statements) present information for the district as a whole. All non-fiduciary activities of the primary government are included (i.e., fiduciary fund activities are not included in the district-wide statements). Interfund activity has been eliminated in the preparation of the district-wide financial statements.

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, similar to that used by business enterprises or not-for-profit organizations. Because another measurement focus is used in the governmental fund financial statements, reconciliations are provided that explain the differences in detail.

The statement of activities presents the direct functional expenses of the District and the program revenues that support them. Direct expenses are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues are associated with specific functions and include charges to recipients of goods or services and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of that function. Revenues that are not required to be presented as program revenues are general revenues. This includes all taxes, interest, and unrestricted State aid payments and shows how governmental functions are either self-financing or supported by the general revenues of the District.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental fund financial statements present the District's individual major funds and aggregated nonmajor funds. A separate column is shown for the major funds on the balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Nonmajor funds are combined and shown in a single column.

All governmental funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The major funds of the District are:

- a. General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for money or other resources provided to the District to support the educational programs and general operations of the District.
- b. Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources used to fund capital acquisitions related to the 2006 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

3. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the timing under which transactions are recognized for financial reporting purposes. Governmental fund financial statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recorded in the period in which it is earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal year for which it is levied. Revenues for grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Deferred revenue is recorded when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, such as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualified expenditures.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, state and federal aid, and interest revenue. Other revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recorded when due.

The District reports deferred revenue on its governmental funds balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Resources are considered available if they are collected during the current fiscal year or soon enough afterward to be used in payment of current year liabilities - defined as expected to be received within sixty days of year-end. Deferred revenues also arise when the District receives resources before it has a legal claim to them. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

4. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for all required governmental fund types. All unexpended appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The Superintendent submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means for financing them.
- b. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by School Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred, unless authorized in the budget, in excess of the amounts appropriated.
- d. The budgets are legally adopted at the functional level; however, they are maintained at the object level for control purposes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

4. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - continued

- e. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds.
- f. The budget, as presented, has been amended in a legally permissible manner. Three (3) supplemental appropriations were made during the year with the final amendments being approved June 25, 2007.

5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of checking, savings, money market accounts, U.S. government securities, and pooled investment funds with an original maturity of 90 days or less. Cash equivalents are recorded at market value.

6. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" and "due to other funds" on the governmental funds balance sheet.

7. Due From Other Governmental Units

Due from other governmental units consists of various amounts owed to the District for grant programs and State Aid payments. The State of Michigan's funding stream of State Aid payments results in the final two (2) payments, related to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, to be paid in July and August 2007. The total amount of \$964,215 due from other governmental units consists of State Aid.

8. Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost on a first in/first out basis. The Food Services Fund inventory consists of food and paper goods. Inventory amounts are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

9. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles and are recorded (net of accumulated depreciation, if applicable) in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are those with an initial individual cost greater than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Capital assets are not recorded in the governmental funds. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the district-wide financial statements. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and additions	50 years
Equipment, furniture and other assets	10 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 years

The District has no assets that would be classified as infrastructure assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

10. Compensated Absences

Based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, the District has recorded all liabilities associated with compensated absences. Accumulated vested severance amounts and nonvested severance amounts that are probable to vest and be paid at termination are considered payable from future resources and are recorded along with the related payroll taxes as a long-term liability in the district-wide financial statements.

11. Accrued Interest Payable

Accrued interest is presented for long-term obligations in the district-wide statements in two components: the portion of accrued interest payable that is due within one year is reported as a current liability, the remaining amount that is not due within one year has been reported as a noncurrent liability. The interest payable on the Durant Resolution bonds that were due May 15, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2007, and a portion of the payment that is due May 15, 2008, is shown as a noncurrent liability due to the State of Michigan deferring these payments until May 15, 2009.

12. Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability in the district-wide statements when incurred. The portion of those liabilities expected to be paid within the next year is a current liability with the remaining amounts shown as long-term.

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due or when resources have been accumulated in the Debt Service Funds for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund.

13. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied by the District are collected by various municipalities and periodically remitted to the District. The taxes are levied as of December 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer. The actual due date is February 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity. School District property tax revenues are recognized when levied.

The District levies taxes of \$15.7108 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on nonhomestead property for general governmental services and \$7.17 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on the total applicable taxable valuation of all property within the District for debt service. The District is also permitted to levy additional amounts for enhancement and/or debt service if voter approval is obtained.

14. State Foundation Revenue

Beginning with the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995, the State of Michigan adopted a foundation grant approach, which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a statewide formula. Prior to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995 the State utilized a district power equalizing approach. The foundation is funded from State and local sources. Revenues from State sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of State funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2007, the foundation allowance was based on the average of pupil membership counts taken in September 2006 and February 2006. The average calculation was weighted 75% for the September 2006 count and 25% for the February 2006 count.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

14. State Foundation Revenue - Continued

The State portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a State education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of State sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation is funded primarily by nonhomestead property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 18 mills. The State revenue is recognized during the foundation period (currently the fiscal year) and is funded through nine (9) payments made during the year and two (2) payments made subsequent to year-end. The local revenue is recognized as outlined above under Property Taxes.

15. State Categorical Revenue

The District also receives revenue from the State to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expended for its specific purpose. Categorical funds received which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

16. Interfund Transactions

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. Transfers of resources to other funds are recorded as operating transfers. Interfund activity is netted as part of the reconciliation to the district-wide financial statements.

17. Federal Programs

Federal programs are accounted for in the General Fund and specific Special Revenue Funds.

18. Comparative Data

Comparative data for the prior year has not been presented in the basic financial statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

NOTE B: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with Michigan Public Act 451 of 1976, Section 1223(1), as amended, the District is authorized to invest its surplus funds in the following types of investments:

1. Bonds, bills, or notes of the United States; obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the United States; or obligations of the State.
2. Certificates of deposit issued by a State or national bank, savings accounts of a State or Federal savings and loan association, or certificates of deposit or share certificates of a State or Federal credit union organized and authorized to operate in this State.
3. Commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
4. Securities issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government.
5. United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
6. Bankers' acceptances issued by a bank that is a member of the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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June 30, 2007

NOTE B: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

7. Mutual funds composed entirely of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a School District.
8. Investment pools, as authorized by the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act, Act No. 367 of the Public Acts of 1982, being actions 129.111 to 129.118 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, composed entirely of instruments that are legal for direct investment by a School District.

Michigan Public Acts authorize school districts in Michigan to deposit in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. Deposits of the District are at federally insured banks and credit unions in the State of Michigan in the name of the School District.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC), and the National Credit Union Administration regulations provide that deposits of governmental units are to be separately insured for savings deposits and demand deposits up to \$100,000 each. Furthermore, if specific deposits are regulated by statute or bond indenture, these specific deposits are to be separately insured for the amount of \$100,000. Michigan School Code Section 1223 allows that security in the form of collateral, surety bond, or another form may be taken for the deposits or investments of a school district in a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union.

Deposits

There is a custodial risk as it relates to 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. As of June 30, 2007, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$403,448 and the bank balance was \$548,084, of which \$200,000 was covered by federal deposit insurance. The balance of \$348,084 was uninsured and uncollateralized. The District had \$100 of imprest cash on hand.

Investments

<u>INVESTMENT TYPE</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity</u>
Uncategorized pooled investment funds			
MILAF Plus	\$ 891,301	\$ 842,090	N/A
JP Morgan Treasury Money Market	5,296,313	5,296,313	N/A
Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds	<u>1,078,517</u>	<u>1,078,517</u>	42 days
	<u>\$ 7,266,131</u>	<u>\$ 7,216,920</u>	

The difference between the carrying amount and the market value in the MILAF Plus fund was outstanding checks at June 30, 2007.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in certain types of investments to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO's). As of June 30, 2007, the District's investment in the uncategorized pooled investments with MILAF and all U.S. Governmental investment vehicles were rated AAA by Standard and Poor's. The other uncategorized pooled investments were not rated.

Interest rate risk

The District has adopted a policy that indicates how the District will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to less than a given period of time.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE B: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Concentration of credit risk

The District has adopted a policy that indicates how the District will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

Custodial credit risk

The District has adopted a policy that indicates how the District will minimize custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer. The Board policy limits investments to the types of securities authorized by the Board and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the District will do business in accordance with the Board approved policy.

As of June 30, 2007, the cash and cash equivalents and investments referred to above have been reported in either the cash and cash equivalents or investments captions in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total Primary Government</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 7,613,206</u>	<u>\$ 56,473</u>	<u>\$ 7,669,679</u>

Due to significantly higher cash flow at certain periods during the year, the amount the District held as cash, cash equivalents and investments increased significantly. As a result, the amount of uninsured and uncollateralized cash, cash equivalents, and investments were substantially higher at these peak periods than at year-end.

NOTE C: FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN

In October 1996 the District approved by Board action to implement a flexible benefits cafeteria plan established under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan is available to all employees who are eligible to have health coverage under the employer's health insurance plan. The plan permits them to waive health insurance coverage from the District and receive a cash benefit in lieu of such health insurance.

The Plan is administered by New Lothrop Area Public Schools.

NOTE D: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 was as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions/ Reclassifications</u>	<u>Deletions/ Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2007</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Construction in progress	<u>906,831</u>	<u>11,237,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,144,667</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	912,831	11,237,836	-0-	12,150,667

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE D: CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions/</u> <u>Reclassifications</u>	<u>Deletions/</u> <u>Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Land Improvements	\$ 145,300	\$ 5,940	\$ -	\$ 151,240
Buildings and additions	7,604,150	-	-	7,604,150
Equipment, furniture, and other assets	1,226,992	-	-	1,226,992
Vehicles	<u>570,464</u>	<u>19,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,873</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	9,546,906	25,349	-	9,572,255
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(92,300)	(4,198)	-	(96,498)
Buildings and additions	(4,708,884)	(139,380)	-	(4,848,064)
Equipment, furniture, and other assets	(812,874)	(69,728)	-	(882,602)
Vehicles	<u>(334,425)</u>	<u>(43,689)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(378,114)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,948,483)</u>	<u>(256,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,205,478)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,598,423</u>	<u>(231,646)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,366,777</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,511,254</u>	<u>\$11,006,190</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$15,517,444</u>

NOTE E: LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt obligations of the District for the year ended June 30, 2007.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due within</u> <u>One Year</u>
2006 School Building and Site Bonds	\$16,280,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,280,000	\$ 380,000
1998 Durant Resolution Bonds	31,172	-	-	31,172	-
Compensated Absences	<u>98,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,671</u>	<u>86,824</u>	<u>43,412</u>
	<u>\$16,409,667</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 11,671</u>	<u>\$16,397,996</u>	<u>\$ 423,412</u>

Significant details regarding outstanding long-term debt (including current portions) are presented below:

General Obligation

\$16,280,000 Building and Site Bonds dated February 9, 2006, due in annual installments ranging from \$380,000 to \$650,000 through May 1, 2035, with interest of 3.5 percent to 5.0 percent, payable semi-annually. \$16,280,000

Resolution

\$52,791 1998 Durant Resolution Bonds dated November 15, 1998, due in annual installments ranging from \$3,078 to \$21,742 with interest of 4.761353 percent, payable annually. The annual debt service payments related to these bonds is paid through an annual appropriation from the State of Michigan. The State of Michigan has suspended payment until May 15, 2009. 31,172

\$16,311,172

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE E: LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

Compensated Absences

Sick Leave - In recognition of services to the District, a sick leave payment will be made upon termination to eligible employees according to their respective employment contracts or past District practice.

Vacation Payable - In recognition of services to the District, any accumulated unused vacation days payment will be made upon termination to eligible employees according to past District practice. This payment will be paid on all unused vacation days at the employee's rate of pay at time of termination.

The sick and vacation liabilities, including the related payroll taxes which has been recorded in the district-wide financial statements is \$86,824.

The annual requirements to pay the debt principal and interest outstanding for the Long-Term Debt are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Durant Resolution Bonds</u>		<u>General Obligation Debt</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,000	\$ 715,375
2009	21,742	6,874	425,000	702,075
2010	3,078	629	475,000	687,200
2011	3,143	564	525,000	670,575
2012	3,209	498	525,000	650,888
2013-2017	-	-	2,800,000	2,935,000
2018-2022	-	-	2,950,000	2,352,488
2023-2027	-	-	3,100,000	1,699,532
2028-2032	-	-	3,125,000	956,250
2033-2036	-	-	1,975,000	195,000
	<u>\$ 31,172</u>	<u>\$ 8,565</u>	<u>\$16,280,000</u>	<u>\$11,564,383</u>

The Durant Resolution Bonds referred to above are bonds whose future debt service payments by the District are contingent on an annual State of Michigan appropriation. This is the only revenue source for making the annual debt service payments on these bonds. If the legislature of the State of Michigan fails to appropriate the funds, in any particular year, the District is under no obligation for payment of that year's debt obligation. The State of Michigan has suspended payments on these bonds until May 15, 2009. It appears this suspension will have no financial impact on New Lothrop Area Public Schools in the future.

NOTE F: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The amount of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2007, are as follows:

Due to General Fund from:	
Capital Projects fund	\$ 13,405
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>1,951</u>
	<u>\$ 15,356</u>
Due to nonmajor governmental funds from:	
General Fund	<u>\$ 5,946</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE F: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES - CONTINUED

Amounts appearing as interfund payables and receivables arise from two types of transactions. One type of transaction is where a fund will pay for a good or service that at least a portion of the benefit belongs to another fund. The second type of transaction is where one fund provides a good or service to another fund. Balances at the end of the year are for transfers that have not cleared as of the balance sheet date.

NOTE G: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Permanent reallocation of resources between funds of the reporting entity is classified as interfund transfers. For the purpose of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

Transfers to nonmajor governmental funds from:	
General fund	\$ 254,250
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>174,127</u>
	<u>\$ 428,377</u>

NOTE H: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All of the District's employees, except students, are eligible to participate in the State wide Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS), a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, State wide public employee retirement system. The MPSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. The report for the fiscal year-end September 30, 2006, the last year available, may be obtained by contacting the State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget.

The payroll for employees covered by the MPSERS for the year ended June 30, 2007, was \$3,549,175 of which \$3,059,744 was for members who have elected the MIP option; the District's total payroll was \$3,576,236.

Effective January 1, 1987, Act 91 of the Public Acts of 1985 established a voluntary contribution to the Member Investment Plan (MIP). Employees first hired before January 1, 1990, made a one-time irrevocable election to contribute to the tax deferred MIP. For a limited period ended January 1, 1993, an active Basic Plan member may have enrolled in MIP by repaying the contributions and interest that would have been made had MIP enrollment occurred initially prior to January 1, 1990. Employees first hired on or after January 1, 1990, will automatically be included in MIP.

Members in MIP may retire at any age after attaining thirty years of credited service, or at age sixty while still working with a minimum total of five (5) years of credited service, with credited service in each of the five (5) school fiscal years immediately preceding the retirement allowance effective date. The retirement allowance is calculated using a formula of 1.5% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by the total number of years of credited service.

Employees who did not elect the MIP option fall under the MPSERS Basic Plan and may retire after attaining age sixty with ten (10) years of credited service; or attaining age fifty-five with thirty or more years of credited service; or attaining age fifty-five while still working with at least fifteen (15) but fewer than thirty years of credited service in each of the five (5) school fiscal years immediately preceding the retirement allowance effective date.

The retirement allowance is computed using a formula of 1.5% of the average of the highest total earnings during a period of sixty consecutive months (five (5) years) multiplied by the total years to the nearest tenth of a year of credited service.

The MPSERS also provides death and disability benefits and health and medical, dental, vision, and hearing insurance coverage. Benefits are established by State statute.

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NOTE H: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTINUED

Employees who selected MIP on or before December 31, 1989, contributed 4% from January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1989, and 3.9% thereafter. Employees first hired on or after January 1, 1990, are required to contribute based on a graduated wage; 3% of the first \$5,000; 3.6% of \$5,001 through \$15,000; 4.3% of all wages over \$15,000.

For the period of July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, the District was required by State statute to contribute 16.34% of covered compensation for all wages to the Plan. For the period of October 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, the District was required by State statute to contribute 17.74% of covered compensation for all wages to the Plan. The total amount contributed to the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2007, and the previous two (2) years is as follows:

<u>June 30,</u>	<u>MIP Contributions</u>	<u>District Contributions</u>	<u>Total Contributions</u>
2007	\$ 118,478	\$ 619,415	\$ 737,893
2006	112,389	550,380	662,769
2005	109,952	494,431	604,383

The following represents contributions as a percentage of the applicable covered payroll for the current and preceding two (2) years:

<u>June 30,</u>	<u>MIP Contributions</u>	<u>District Contributions</u>
2007	4.0 %	17.5 %
2006	4.0	16.0
2005	4.0	14.4

NOTE I: RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Restrictions of net assets shown in the District-wide financial statements indicate that restrictions imposed by the funding source or some other outside source which precludes their use for unrestricted purposes. The following is the net asset restriction as of June 30, 2007:

Governmental activities	
Restricted for Debt Service	\$ <u>435,920</u>

NOTE J: FUND BALANCE RESERVES

Reserved fund balance is used to earmark a portion of fund balance to indicate that it is not appropriate for expenditures or has been legally segregated for a specific future use.

The following are the fund balance reserves as of June 30, 2007:

Nonmajor governmental funds	
Reserved for inventories	\$ 1,826
Reserved for debt service	<u>560,545</u>
	<u>\$ 562,371</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

NOTE K: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District also participates in a pool, the MASB-SEG Property and Casualty Pool with other school districts for property, liability, inland marine, crime, auto, umbrella excess liability, boilers and machinery, and errors and omissions. The pool is organized under Public Act 138 of 1982, as amended as a governmental group property and casualty self insurance pool. In the event the pool's claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. The District has not been informed of any special assessments being required.

The District also participates in a pool, the SEG Self-Insured Workers' Disability Compensation Fund, with other school districts for workers' compensation losses. The pool is organized under Public Act 317 of 1969, as amended. In the event the pool's claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. The District has not been informed of any special assessments being required.

NOTE L: SPECIAL EDUCATION UNDERFUNDING SETTLEMENT

Prior to the current year the Durant vs. State of Michigan case was settled and the State was required to reimburse each plaintiff and nonplaintiff District an agreed upon amount for past underfunding of special education. New Lothrop Area Public Schools, a nonplaintiff District, was awarded \$52,791 in the settlement. The funds are being paid as follows:

- a. One-half is being paid over the next ten (10) years, which began November 15, 1998. The restrictions on use of these funds are detailed within State School Aid Act, Section 11F(6). These funds are recorded within the General Fund as categorical State Aid. At the end of the current year all these funds had been expended.
- b. One-half is being paid over the next fifteen (15) years, which began May 15, 1999. The District borrowed this portion of the settlement amount through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority on November 15, 1998. These funds were recorded as bond proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund. The bond proceeds may be used for any purpose specified in Section 1351 (a) of the Revised School Code. The debt service payments for these bonds are to be made through an annual legislative appropriation. If the State of Michigan legislature fails to make the annual appropriation the District is under no obligation for the debt payments for that year. The District has pledged the annual State payments to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority for payment of debt service.

NOTE M: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 18 and 19, as amended, provides that a local governmental unit not incur expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated.

The District's budgeted expenditures in the General Fund have been adopted at the functional classification level and at the total fund level for the Special Revenue Funds.

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June 30, 2007

NOTE M: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS - CONTINUED

During the year ended June 30, 2007, the District incurred expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated as follows:

	<u>Amounts Appropriated</u>	<u>Amounts Expended</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund			
Supporting services			
School administration	\$ 361,116	\$ 362,564	\$ 1,448
Other financing uses			
Transfers to other funds	236,368	254,250	17,882
Special Revenue funds			
Food Service Fund	272,497	276,775	4,278

NOTE N: CONTRACT COMMITMENTS

The District has entered into contracts related to the acquisition, construction, and remodeling of various school building projects that were not completed at June 30, 2007. The total contractual commitments outstanding at June 30, 2007 totaled \$1,421,399. The District's remaining bond proceeds (i.e., fund balance) along with future anticipated investment earnings are expected to be sufficient to cover these commitments.

NOTE O: BONDED CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

The Capital Project Fund of the District includes the capital projects activities funded in part by the 2006 School Building and Site General Obligation Bonds. The remaining funding for the activities recorded within the Capital Project Fund is funded by local appropriations from the General Fund, and other local dollars (i.e., interest, etc.) For these projects recorded within the Capital Project Fund, the District has complied with the applicable provisions of Section 1351 (1) of the Revised School Code in the current year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

General Fund

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 209,895	\$ 209,894	\$ 196,210	\$ (13,684)
State sources	5,639,575	5,651,930	5,657,554	5,624
Federal sources	85,213	86,097	83,695	(2,402)
TOTAL REVENUES	5,934,683	5,947,921	5,937,459	(10,462)
EXPENDITURES				
INSTRUCTION				
Basic programs	3,074,214	3,126,639	3,106,668	19,971
Added needs	499,139	537,545	525,389	12,156
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	3,573,353	3,664,184	3,632,057	32,127
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
Student services	140,612	201,252	187,413	13,839
Instructional staff	165,013	168,574	150,726	17,848
General administration	274,599	293,640	278,790	14,850
School administration	343,481	361,116	362,564	(1,448)
Business	64,871	70,021	67,252	2,769
Operations and maintenance	648,610	650,695	647,712	2,983
Transportation	278,076	225,773	212,489	13,284
Other supporting services				
Technology	157,565	187,511	178,488	9,023
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	2,072,827	2,158,582	2,085,434	73,148
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,646,180	5,822,766	5,717,491	105,275
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	288,503	125,155	219,968	94,813
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Payments from other Districts	66,927	49,411	42,740	(6,671)
Payments to other Districts	(22,000)	(9,500)	(8,568)	932
Transfers to other funds	(276,602)	(236,368)	(254,250)	(17,882)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING OTHER FINANCING USES	(231,675)	(196,457)	(220,078)	(23,621)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	56,828	(71,302)	(110)	71,192
Fund balance, beginning of year	929,168	929,168	929,168	-0-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 985,996</u>	<u>\$ 857,866</u>	<u>\$ 929,058</u>	<u>\$ 71,192</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

New Lothrop Area Public Schools

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds		Service Funds	
	Food Service	Athletics	1991 Debt	2006 Debt
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,309	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560,545
Due from other funds	-	5,946	-	-
Inventories	1,826	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 34,135</u>	<u>\$ 5,946</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 560,545</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	1,951	-	-	-
Other accrued liabilities	-	5,946	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,558	5,946	-0-	-0-
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved for				
Inventories	1,826	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	560,545
Unreserved				
Undesignated, reported in Special revenue funds	27,751	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>29,577</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>560,545</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 34,135</u>	<u>\$ 5,946</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 560,545</u>

<u>Total</u>	
\$	592,854
	5,946
	1,826
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\$	600,626
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\$	2,607
	1,951
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	10,504
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	27,751
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES

Year ended June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds		Debt Service Funds	
	Food Service	Athletics	1991 Debt	2006 Debt
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 194,626	\$ 26,625	\$ -	\$ 743,902
State sources	8,371	-	-	-
Federal sources	79,099	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	282,096	26,625	-0-	743,902
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Food service	276,775	-	-	-
Athletics	-	280,875	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	878,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	276,775	280,875	-0-	878,625
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	5,321	(254,250)	-0-	(134,723)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers from other funds	-	254,250	-	174,127
Transfers to other funds	-	-	(174,127)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-0-	254,250	(174,127)	174,127
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	5,321	-0-	(174,127)	39,404
Fund balances, beginning of year	24,256	-	174,127	521,141
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 29,577</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 560,545</u>

	<u>Total</u>
\$	965,153
	8,371
	<u>79,099</u>
	1,052,623
	276,775
	280,875
	<u>878,625</u>
	<u>1,436,275</u>
	(383,652)
	428,377
	<u>(174,127)</u>
	<u>254,250</u>
	(129,402)
	<u>719,524</u>
\$	<u><u>590,122</u></u>

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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**

To the Board of Education
New Lothrop Area Public Schools
New Lothrop, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of New Lothrop Area Public Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise New Lothrop Area Public Schools' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 5, 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 New Lothrop Area Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of New Lothrop Area Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of New Lothrop Area Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting.

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

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described below to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

2007-1 PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP

Criteria: Governments are required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Responsibility for the financial statements of the District rests with the District's management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining internal accounting records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related note disclosures (i.e., external financial reporting).

2007-1 PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP - CONTINUED

Condition: It has historically been common for many governments to rely on the independent auditors to assist in the preparation of the government-wide and fund financial statements, as well as the related notes to the financial statements, as part of its external financial reporting process. As a result, a government's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP has typically been based, in part, on its reliance on the independent auditors. By definition, independent auditors cannot be part of the government's internal controls.

The condition noted in the preceding paragraph exists at New Lothrop Area Public Schools. The cause for this condition is simply because it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the independent auditors than to incur the time and expense of having the employees and/or management obtain the necessary training and expertise required to perform this task internally.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the employees and/or management do not possess the qualifications necessary to prepare the District's annual financial statements and notes to the financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The District relies, in part, on the independent auditors for assistance with the preparation of annual financial statements and related notes to the financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

Recommendation: We recommend the District consider obtaining proper training for the appropriate members of the District's administration to assure that they are able to fully understand the requirements of preparing GAAP financial statements. This understanding is essential for the District's administration to be able to accept responsibility for the amounts and disclosures included in the District's financial statements.

Corrective Action Response: Management of the District is aware of this deficiency and will continue to look for opportunities to increase our understanding of the requirements of preparing GAAP financial statements. However, at this time we believe it is not cost beneficial in our situation to develop this expertise. We will continue to use our external auditors for this technical assistance. We would expect this situation to be ongoing in future years.

2007-2 MATERIAL JOURNAL ENTRIES PROPOSED BY AUDITORS

Criteria: Statement on Auditing Standards No. 112 (SAS 112), *Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit*, emphasizes that management is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and monitoring internal controls, and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows (when applicable), including the notes to financial statements, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The auditor cannot be a part of internal controls.

Condition: Material journal entries for the adjustment of cash, accounts payable, grant revenue, and interfund balances were proposed by the auditors. These misstatements were not detected by the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Effect: Through the identification of material journal entries that were not otherwise identified by management, the auditors are effectively part of the District's internal controls.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District take steps to ensure that material journal entries are not necessary at the time future audit analysis is performed.

Corrective Action Response: Management of the District is currently reviewing procedures related to identification and correction of potential errors in the financial statements.

2007-3 BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Criteria: To strengthen internal control over assets susceptible to misappropriation and financial reporting, all bank accounts should be reconciled to the computerized general ledger on a monthly basis.

Condition: During our analysis of the District's bank accounts, we noted that some bank reconciliations had not been performed in a timely manner and/or did not agree with the computerized general ledger. It was also determined through our analysis that the District could not go back in the computerized general ledger and print balance sheet information after a month had past. This prevented the business manager from obtaining accurate cash balances at the end of each month.

2007-3 BANK RECONCILIATIONS - CONTINUED

Effect: Some of the bank reconciliations did not agree to the District's general ledger at the beginning of our audit fieldwork. This reduces the District's internal control over the receipt and disbursement processes and increases the risk of misappropriation of cash.

Recommendation: We recommend the District review its reconciliation procedures to ensure that all bank accounts are reconciled in a timely manner each month and that those reconciliations agree with the computerized general ledger.

Corrective Action Response: Management of the District is currently reviewing procedures related to bank reconciliations to ensure that all accounts are reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

2007-4 FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Condition: During the course of our audit, it was noted that the District has not adopted a formal fraud risk management program.

Criteria: A fraud risk management program may involve actively searching for fraudulent transactions through the use of techniques such as data mining, but should also inform management and employees as to the nature of fraud and actions expected to be taken if fraud is suspected. This would include publishing a definition of fraud, a statement that fraud will not be tolerated within the organization, and instructions for reporting fraud within the chain of command.

Effect: The District is exposed to a fraud risk due to the lack of anti-fraud programs that are appropriate to the size and complexity of the financial activities.

Recommendation: We recommend that anti-fraud programs should be developed, formally adopted, and implemented as part of the District's internal controls.

Corrective Action Response: Management of the District will research the fraud risk management program of other districts, use them as aids in creating one that fits the New Lothrop Area Public Schools, and formally adopt such a plan.

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 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 internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We believe that the significant deficiencies described above as 2007-1, 2007-2, and 2007-3 are material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether New Lothrop Area 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described below.

2007-5 UNFAVORABLE BUDGET VARIANCES

Criteria: The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act requires the District to amend the original adopted budget "as soon as it becomes apparent that a deviation from the original general appropriations act is necessary and the amount of the deviation can be determined". The Act also states that "an administrative officer of the local unit shall not incur expenditures against an appropriation account in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislative body".

2007-5 UNFAVORABLE BUDGET VARIANCES - CONTINUED

Condition: During our review of the District's compliance with the budgeting act, we noted that expenditures had exceeded the amounts appropriated for various activities in the General Fund and the Food Service Fund.

Effect: The District adopted the budget for the General Fund at the functional and the budget for Special Revenue funds at the total expenditure level. Having unfavorable budget variances as described above, the District is not in compliance with Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended.

Recommendation: We recommend the District continue to monitor expenditures against adopted budgets in all applicable funds and make appropriate budget amendments as needed.

Corrective Action Response: Management of the District is currently reviewing procedures related to budgetary compliance in accordance with State law.

New Lothrop Area Public Schools' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described above. We did not audit New Lothrop Area Public Schools' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Education of New Lothrop Area Public Schools, others within the District, and the Federal award agencies and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 5, 2007