

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
INCLUDING INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the School Committee of the
Gateway Regional School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Gateway Regional School District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Gateway Regional School District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund 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 March 31, 2009 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis beginning on page 2-1, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is 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 the District's basic financial statements. The combining and other schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis; and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is also presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. The combining and other schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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March 31, 2009

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

As management of the Gateway Regional School District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information provided throughout this document.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On a government-wide basis:

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$32,080,884 and by \$59,489 for the governmental and business-type activities, respectively.(Exhibit A)
- The District's total net assets for governmental activities decreased by \$896,093 and decreased by \$9,246 for the business-type activities.(Exhibit B)
- The District's long-term obligations decreased by \$487,479 to \$9,269,334 for governmental activities and decreased by \$72,909 to \$27,561 for business-type activities during the year.

On a governmental fund basis:

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,584,724 (Exhibit C), an increase of \$343,373 in comparison with the prior year (Exhibit D).
- As of June 30, 2008, the School Roof Repair Fund had a deficit balance of \$171,000. This deficit results from the accounting convention of recognizing revenue from debt only upon the issuance of permanent financing. As of June 30, 2008, bond anticipation notes (temporary debt) of \$171,000 have been issued to finance the roof repair. This deficit should be eliminated in subsequent years with financing from the general fund.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$876,295 (Exhibit C), or 4.90% of next year's budgeted general fund expenditures of \$17,882,520.
- The District's bond anticipation notes decreased by \$57,000 to \$171,000 during the current fiscal year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net assets/(liabilities) changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected state grants are recognized as receivables due from other governments, and earned but unused vacation leave is recognized as a liability for compensated absences).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by assessments and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The District has one business-type activity to "sell" laptop computers to students which it treats as an enterprise fund. The governmental activities of the District include administration, instruction, ancillary school charges, maintenance and operations, insurance and other fixed charges, programs with other schools, transportation, and capital improvements.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B of this report.

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

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Reconciliations to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities are provided in Exhibit C and Exhibit K – Note 2.

The District maintains various individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet (Exhibit C) and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances (Exhibit D) for the general fund, the debt service fund, the state payments on-behalf of teacher retirement fund, and the school buildings construction and renovation fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining schedules 1 through 6 in this report.

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The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget (Exhibit E).

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through E of this report.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The District uses an enterprise fund to account for its lease purchase of laptop computers from vendors and its subsequent lease sale of these laptops to its students. The accounting for this enterprise fund is the accrual basis.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits F, G, and H of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is the accrual basis.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits I and J of this report.

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

Other information. The combining schedules referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements. Combining and individual fund schedules and other types of schedules can be found in Schedules 1 through 9 of this report.

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Summary of the major features of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

	-----Fund Financial Statements-----			
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental	Proprietary	Fiduciary
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activity of the District that is not proprietary or fiduciary, such as general government, public safety, and education.	Activities the District operates similar to private businesses.	Assets held by the District on behalf of someone else. Students and other organizations that have funds on deposit with the District are reported here.
Required financial statements	Statement of net assets, & statement of activities	Balance sheet, and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.	Statement of net assets, and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows.	Statement of fiduciary net assets, and statement of changes in fiduciary net assets.
Basis of accounting and measurement focus.	Accrual accounting Economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting. Current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting Economic resources focus	Accrual accounting Economic resources focus
Type of asset and liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter. No capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital; short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital; short-term and long-term. These funds do not currently contain any capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow and outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability are due and payable	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	All additions or deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a district's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$32,080,884 and by \$59,489 for its governmental and business-type activities, respectively (Exhibit A).

By far the largest portion of the District's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, leasehold improvements, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to school children; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other services, since the capital themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

DISTRICT'S NET ASSETS						
Description	Amounts					
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Current and other assets	\$ 1,954,713	\$ 1,918,284	\$ 87,050	\$ 169,205	\$ 2,041,763	\$ 2,087,489
Capital assets	39,876,685	41,620,494	-	-	39,876,685	81,497,179
Total assets	41,831,398	43,538,778	87,050	169,205	41,918,448	83,584,668
Bond anticipation notes	171,000	228,000	-	-	171,000	228,000
Other current liabilities	888,936	1,167,543	22,959	72,909	911,895	1,240,452
Long-term liabilities	8,690,578	9,166,258	4,602	27,561	8,695,180	9,193,819
Total liabilities	9,750,514	10,561,801	27,561	100,470	9,778,075	10,662,271
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt ..	30,929,508	32,123,209	-	-	30,929,508	32,123,209
Restricted	634,026	405,719	-	-	634,026	405,719
Unrestricted	517,350	448,049	59,489	68,735	576,839	516,784
Total net assets	\$ 32,080,884	\$ 32,976,977	\$ 59,489	\$ 68,735	\$ 32,140,373	\$ 33,045,712

A portion of the District's net assets at June 30, 2008, \$634,026, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets \$576,839, is further segregated by internal designations as shown below.

Description	Governmental		Proprietary	Totals
	Type	Type		
Designated for subsequent year's budget	\$ 231,250	\$ -	\$ 231,250	
Undesignated and unreserved	286,100	59,489	345,589	
Total unrestricted net assets	\$ 517,350	\$ 59,489	\$ 576,839	

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Governmental activities. Governmental activities decreased the District's net assets by \$896,093 and \$826,379 for fiscal years 2008 (Exhibit B) and 2007, respectively. Key elements of these changes are as follows:

DISTRICT'S CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Description	Amount	
	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 443,388	\$ 386,966
Member town assessments	1,301,392	1,334,840
Investment income	177	158
Other	79,468	22,292
Operating grants and contributions	5,304,307	4,785,195
General revenues:		
Assessments to member towns	8,337,290	7,355,770
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	5,921,631	5,817,025
Miscellaneous	36,602	15,498
Investment income	54,293	67,131
Total revenues	21,478,548	19,784,875
Expenses:		
Administration	859,140	803,999
Instruction	10,244,076	9,200,379
Ancillary school services	1,054,135	1,018,863
Transportation	1,543,148	1,610,474
Maintenance and operations	1,725,247	1,419,802
Insurance and employee benefits	4,428,577	4,032,961
Programs with other schools	1,104,976	1,111,865
Unallocated depreciation	1,032,533	1,033,366
Debt service	382,809	379,545
Total expenses	22,374,641	20,611,254
Change in net assets	\$ (896,093)	\$ (826,379)

- Revenues related to member town assessments increased by \$948,072 or 10.91%.
- Revenues related to operating grants and contributions increased by \$623,718 or 5.88%.

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Business-type activities. Business-type activities decreased the District's net assets by \$9,246 as gross revenues of \$26,587 from the sale of computers and interest income of \$4,873 were offset by \$40,706 of expenses.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

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

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,584,724 (Exhibit C), an increase in the balance of \$343,373 in comparison with the prior year (Exhibit D). A summary of the components comprising these balances is described below.

Description	Balance 06/30/08	Balance 06/30/07
Reserved for designated expenditures	\$ 458,338	\$ 172,368
Reserved to reduce subsequent years' assessments	231,250	231,250
Reserved to segregate assets associated for food services inventory	4,688	5,351
Reserved to pay debt service	14,153	15,221
Unreserved - available for spending at the government's discretion	876,295	817,161
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 1,584,724</u>	<u>\$ 1,241,351</u>

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance was \$1,107,545 (Exhibit C) of which \$876,295 was the unreserved fund balance. As a measure of the general fund liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total general fund expenditures and transfers for the current year. Unreserved fund balance represents 5.08% of total general fund expenditures and transfers, while total fund balance represents 6.43% of that same amount. These results are compatible with the 5.01% and 6.43% associated with the prior fiscal year.

The fund balance of the District's general fund increased by \$59,134 during the current fiscal year (Exhibits D). Key factors in this change are (Exhibit E):

- Use of \$231,250 of beginning fund balance to finance current year's operations.
- Current expenditures for instruction, insurance, transportation and the like were \$201,424 less than budgeted.
- State aid transportation and Medicaid revenues were \$48,748 more than budgeted.
- Investment and miscellaneous income were \$40,212 more than budgeted.

The debt service fund has a total fund balance of \$14,153, all of which is reserved for the payment of debt service. During fiscal 2008, \$1,068 was transferred to the general fund to finance debt service expenditures (Exhibit D).

State payments on-behalf of the teacher retirement program totaling \$1,915,132 and \$1,712,057 for fiscal 2008 and 2007 were made directly by the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System for the benefit of District teachers (Exhibit D).

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's original fiscal 2008 budget of \$17,437,797 did not change during the year; however, there were some minor changes reclassifying amounts between individual line items (Exhibit E).

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The District's investment in capital assets as of the end of the current fiscal year amounts to \$39,876,685 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes construction in progress, buildings, leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, furniture and fixtures, land, and computer equipment.

The major capital asset event during the current fiscal year was \$1,743,809 of depreciation expense. A summary of District capital assets at June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007 is presented below.

DISTRICT'S CAPITAL ASSETS (net of depreciation)		
Description	Amount	
	2008	2007
Buildings	\$ 32,102,472	\$ 32,877,311
Leasehold improvements	7,240,910	7,400,051
Computers	189,541	523,554
Machinery and equipment	51,940	85,798
Furniture and fixtures	246,885	675,183
Land	17,250	17,250
Vehicles	27,687	41,347
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 39,876,685</u>	<u>\$ 41,620,494</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Exhibit K - Note 4 of this report.

Short-term debt. At the end of fiscal year 2008 and 2007, the District had total bond anticipation notes outstanding of \$171,000 and \$228,000, respectively; all of which is debt backed by the full faith and credit of the District and its member towns. The District's total short-term obligation is comprised of bond anticipation notes to finance school roof repairs.

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Long-term debt. At the end of fiscal year 2008 and 2007, the District's governmental activities had long-term obligation outstanding of \$9,269,334 and \$9,756,813, respectively; comprised of the following components.

DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM OBLIGATION		
Description	Amount	
	2008	2007
Bonds payable.	\$ 8,680,000	\$ 9,097,000
Notes payable.	5,039	57,565
Compensated absences.	461,187	395,529
Capital lease obligations.	96,177	172,285
Early retirement liability.	15,320	22,140
Unamortized bond premium.	11,611	12,294
Total outstanding debt.	<u>\$ 9,269,334</u>	<u>\$ 9,756,813</u>

The District's business-type activities paid off \$72,909 of its capital lease obligations during the fiscal year lowering its balance from \$100,470 at the beginning of the year to \$27,561 at year-end.

The District maintains a "BBB+" and a "SP1+" rating from Standard & Poor's on its general obligation debt. Additional information on the District's long-term and short-term debt can be found in Exhibit K - Note 4 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Gateway Regional School District is dependent on the State of Massachusetts as well as seven member towns for the funding of the budget. Five of the seven towns must approve the school budget on an annual basis. The Gateway District is located in the Berkshires and is part of both Hamden and Hampshire County. There is little industry within the district, with the school district being the largest employer. Primary business within the district includes small general stores, self-employed contractors, restaurants, and health centers.

- The Gateway Regional School district had an increase of Chapter 70 of approximately 1.8% or \$104,606 and an increase in regional transportation reimbursement of \$63,480.
- Financial implications affecting the FY '08 budget were the following:
 - \$231,250 was used from E & D to offset the budget.
- At the end of the FY '08 fiscal year, unreserved balance for the general fund was \$876,895 or 4.90% of FY '09's budgeted general fund expenditures of \$17,882,520.

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These factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

- State chapter 70 funds for the District are expected to increase by approximately 1.1% providing an additional \$64,700 in state revenues.
- Regional transportation reimbursement is expected to be funded at a total amount of \$1,201,726.
- The District's share of the building project (\$9,767,000) is permanently bonded and those costs will be reflected in the non-discretionary budget to the towns.
- The minimum contributions component of town assessments established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are expected to increase by approximately .4% providing an additional \$21,562 of assessment revenues.
- The District's proposed FY 2009 operating budget is requesting \$2,947,096 of town assessments above the minimum contribution amounts established by the Commonwealth.
- The District will be using \$231,250 out of excess and deficiency to reduce town assessments.
- District foundation enrollment has decreased by 64 students; therefore, a rather low increase in Chapter 70 reimbursement reflects the declining enrollment.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Business Manager, Gateway Regional School District, 12 Littleville Road, Huntington, MA 01050.

EXHIBIT A**GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT****GOVERNMENT-WIDE****STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

JUNE 30, 2008

	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities Laptop Program	Totals
Assets:			
Pooled cash	1,796,584	51,679	1,848,263
Due from other governments	153,441	-	153,441
Notes receivable - current	-	31,373	31,373
Inventory	4,688	-	4,688
Notes receivable - noncurrent	-	3,998	3,998
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation	39,876,685	-	39,876,685
Total assets	41,831,398	87,050	41,918,448
Liabilities:			
Current unamortized premium from bond issuance	683	-	683
Current portion of bonds payable	425,000	-	425,000
Current portion of notes payable	5,039	-	5,039
Current portion of early retirement liability	7,365	-	7,365
Current portion of capital lease obligations	80,482	22,959	103,441
Current portion of compensated absences	60,187	-	60,187
Accrued interest payable	171,378	-	171,378
Payroll withholdings	138,802	-	138,802
Bond anticipation notes	171,000	-	171,000
Noncurrent unamortized premium from bond issuance ..	10,928	-	10,928
Noncurrent portion of bonds payable	8,255,000	-	8,255,000
Noncurrent portion of early retirement liability	7,955	-	7,955
Noncurrent portion of capital lease obligations	15,695	4,602	20,297
Noncurrent portion of compensated absences	401,000	-	401,000
Total liabilities	9,750,514	27,561	9,778,075
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	30,929,508	-	30,929,508
Restricted	634,026	-	634,026
Unrestricted	517,350	59,489	576,839
Total net assets	32,080,884	59,489	32,140,373

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses for all Functions and Programs	Program Revenues					Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Member Town Assessments	Investment Income	Other	Operating Grants and Contributions	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals
Governmental activities:									
Administration	859,140	-	-	-	-	-	(859,140)	-	(859,140)
Instruction	10,244,076	29,065	-	-	43,401	1,800,497	(8,371,113)	-	(8,371,113)
Ancillary school services	1,054,135	366,100	-	-	13,331	215,539	(459,165)	-	(459,165)
Transportation	1,543,148	-	497,377	177	-	1,241,460	195,866	-	195,866
Maintenance and operations	1,725,247	48,223	-	-	22,736	-	(1,654,288)	-	(1,654,288)
Insurance and employee benefits	4,428,577	-	-	-	-	2,046,811	(2,381,766)	-	(2,381,766)
Programs with other schools	1,104,976	-	-	-	-	-	(1,104,976)	-	(1,104,976)
Unallocated depreciation	1,032,533	-	-	-	-	-	(1,032,533)	-	(1,032,533)
Principal associated with renovation bonds ..	-	-	417,000	-	-	-	417,000	-	417,000
Interest associated with renovation bonds ..	371,812	-	377,829	-	-	-	6,017	-	6,017
Interest associated with bans	10,997	-	9,186	-	-	-	(1,811)	-	(1,811)
Total governmental activities	22,374,641	443,388	1,301,392	177	79,468	5,304,307	(15,245,909)	-	(15,245,909)
Business-type activity - laptop program	40,706	26,587	-	4,873	-	-	-	(9,246)	(9,246)
Totals	22,415,347	469,975	1,301,392	5,050	79,468	5,304,307	(15,245,909)	(9,246)	(15,255,155)
General revenues:									
Assessments to member towns							8,337,290	-	8,337,290
State and federal aid not restricted to specific purposes							5,921,631	-	5,921,631
Miscellaneous							36,602	-	36,602
Investment income							54,293	-	54,293
Total general revenues							14,349,816	-	14,349,816
Changes in net assets							(896,093)	(9,246)	(905,339)
Net assets - beginning of the year							32,976,977	68,735	33,045,712
Net assets - end of the year							32,080,884	59,489	32,140,373

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Nonmajor Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Pooled cash	1,306,534	14,153	475,897	1,796,584
Due from other governments	-	-	153,441	153,441
Inventory	-	-	4,688	4,688
Total assets	1,306,534	14,153	634,026	1,954,713
Liabilities and fund balances				
Liabilities:				
Payroll withholdings	138,802	-	-	138,802
Compensated absences	60,187	-	-	60,187
Bond anticipation notes	-	-	171,000	171,000
Total liabilities	198,989	-	171,000	369,989
Fund balances:				
Reserved for inventory	-	-	4,688	4,688
Reserved for debt service	-	14,153	-	14,153
Reserved for designated expenditures	-	-	458,338	458,338
Reserved to reduce subsequent years' assessments	231,250	-	-	231,250
Unreserved - available for appropriation	876,295	-	-	876,295
Total fund balances	1,107,545	14,153	463,026	1,584,724
Total liabilities and fund balances	1,306,534	14,153	634,026	
Reconciliation to government-wide statement of net assets:				
Amounts reported for 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 in the governmental funds statement:				
Gross capital assets			51,013,438	
Less: Accumulated depreciation			(11,136,753)	
Subtotal				39,876,685
Long-term liabilities, including early retirement, capital lease obligations and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds statement:				
Bonds payable			(8,680,000)	
Premiums from the issuance of bonds			(11,611)	
Compensated absences			(401,000)	
Capital lease obligations			(101,216)	
Early retirement obligations			(15,320)	
Subtotal				(9,209,147)
Accrued interest payable is not due in the current period and therefore is not reported in the governmental funds statements				
				(171,378)
Net assets (Exhibit A)				32,080,884

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	State Payments On-behalf of Teacher Retirement Fund	Other Nonmajor Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Town assessments	9,638,682	-	-	-	9,638,682
Intergovernmental	7,281,045	-	1,915,132	2,029,761	11,225,938
Investment income	53,610	-	-	177	53,787
Fees and charges for services	-	-	-	443,388	443,388
Other revenues	36,602	-	-	79,468	116,070
Total revenues	17,009,939	-	1,915,132	2,552,794	21,477,865
Other financing sources:					
Transfers from the general fund	-	-	-	57,000	57,000
Transfers from debt service fund	1,068	-	-	-	1,068
Transfers from other nonmajor funds	284,500	-	-	-	284,500
Total other financing sources	285,568	-	-	57,000	342,568
Total revenues and other financing sources	17,295,507	-	1,915,132	2,609,794	21,820,433
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Administration	799,933	-	-	-	799,933
Instruction	8,265,963	-	-	1,395,441	9,661,404
Ancillary school services	479,144	-	-	608,047	1,087,191
Transportation	1,543,148	-	-	-	1,543,148
Maintenance and operations	1,668,749	-	-	36,499	1,705,248
Insurance and employee benefits	2,513,445	-	1,915,132	-	4,428,577
Programs with other schools	1,104,976	-	-	-	1,104,976
Debt Service:					
Principal payments associated with bonds	417,000	-	-	-	417,000
Interest associated with long-term debt	377,829	-	-	-	377,829
Interest associated with bond anticipation notes	9,186	-	-	-	9,186
Total expenditures	17,179,373	-	1,915,132	2,039,987	21,134,492
Other financing uses:					
Transfers to the general fund	-	1,068	-	284,500	285,568
Transfers to nonmajor school roof fund	57,000	-	-	-	57,000
Total other financing uses	57,000	1,068	-	284,500	342,568
Total expenditures and other financing uses	17,236,373	1,068	1,915,132	2,324,487	21,477,060
Net changes in fund balances	59,134	(1,068)	-	285,307	343,373
Fund balance - beginning of the year	1,048,411	15,221	-	177,719	
Fund balance - end of the year	1,107,545	14,153	-	463,026	
Reconciliation of the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances to the statement of activities (See footnote 2 for additional information):					
Capital outlays net of depreciation expense					(1,743,809)
Net change in certain accrued liabilities					503,660
Capital lease obligation proceeds and amortization of bond premiums					683
Change in net assets of the government-wide statement of activities (Exhibit B)					(896,093)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Over/ (Under) Budget
Revenues - budgetary basis:				
Town assessments:				
Blandford	1,510,328	1,510,328	1,510,328	-
Chester	1,488,027	1,488,027	1,488,027	-
Huntington	2,143,916	2,143,916	2,143,916	-
Middlefield	610,034	610,034	610,034	-
Montgomery	891,611	891,611	891,611	-
Russell	1,605,898	1,605,898	1,605,898	-
Worthington	1,388,868	1,388,868	1,388,868	-
Total town assessments	9,638,682	9,638,682	9,638,682	-
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - state aid:				
Chapter 70	5,921,631	5,921,631	5,921,631	-
Transportation	1,210,666	1,210,666	1,227,735	17,069
Medicaid	100,000	100,000	131,679	31,679
Total Commonwealth of Massachusetts - state aid	7,232,297	7,232,297	7,281,045	48,748
Miscellaneous:				
Investment income	50,000	50,000	53,610	3,610
Other	-	-	36,602	36,602
Total miscellaneous	50,000	50,000	90,212	40,212
Total revenues	16,920,979	16,920,979	17,009,939	88,960
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from beginning fund balance	231,250	231,250	231,250	-
Transfers from debt service revolving fund	1,068	1,068	1,068	-
Transfers from school choice revolving fund	256,000	256,000	256,000	-
Transfers from head start revolving fund	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
Transfers from parking fees revolving fund	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Total other financing sources	516,818	516,818	516,818	-
Total revenues and other financing sources - budgetary basis	17,437,797	17,437,797	17,526,757	88,960
Expenditures - budgetary basis:				
Current:				
Administration	775,750	807,354	799,933	(7,421)
Instruction	8,429,901	8,352,880	8,265,963	(86,917)
Other school services	493,245	487,349	479,144	(8,205)
Transportation	1,708,043	1,565,043	1,543,148	(21,895)
Operations and maintenance	1,485,584	1,673,647	1,668,749	(4,898)
Insurance and employee benefits	2,577,912	2,584,162	2,513,445	(70,717)
Programs with other schools	1,106,347	1,106,347	1,104,976	(1,371)
Total administration	16,576,782	16,576,782	16,375,358	(201,424)
Debt service:				
Principal - construction and renovation obligations	417,000	417,000	417,000	-
Interest - construction and renovation obligations	377,829	377,829	377,829	-
Interest - bond anticipation notes	9,186	9,186	9,186	-
Total debt service	804,015	804,015	804,015	-
Total expenditures - budgetary basis	17,380,797	17,380,797	17,179,373	(201,424)
Other financing uses - transfers to roof repair fund	57,000	57,000	57,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses- budgetary basis	17,437,797	17,437,797	17,236,373	(201,424)
Net changes in fund balance	-	-	290,384	290,384

Reconciliation of GAAP basis to budgetary basis:

Description	(See Exhibit D) Transfers From		
	GAAP Basis	Beginning Fund Balance	Budgetary Basis
Revenues and other financing sources	17,295,507	231,250	17,526,757
Expenditures and other financing uses	17,236,373	-	17,236,373
Net changes in fund balance	59,134	231,250	290,384

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EXHIBIT F

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Laptop Program
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Pooled cash	51,679
Notes receivable - students	26,334
Notes receivable - governmental activities	5,039
Total current assets	83,052
Noncurrent assets - notes receivable students	3,998
Total assets	87,050
Liabilities:	
Current portion of capital lease obligations	22,959
Noncurrent portion of capital lease obligations	4,602
Total liabilities	27,561
Net assets - unrestricted	59,489

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EXHIBIT G

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2008

	Laptop Program
Operating revenues - charges for sales and services laptop fees	26,587
Operating expenses - charges by ancillary suppliers	35,833
Operating loss	<u>(9,246)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Interest income	4,873
Interest expense	(4,873)
Total nonoperating revenues (expense)	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(9,246)</u>
Total net assets - beginning of the year	<u>68,735</u>
Total net assets - end of the year	<u><u>59,489</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Laptop Program
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from users	137,490
Cash paid to suppliers	35,833
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>101,657</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Principal paid on capital lease obligations	(72,909)
Interest paid on capital lease obligations	(4,873)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(77,782)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities - interest received on notes receivable	<u>4,873</u>
Net decrease in pooled cash	28,748
Pooled cash - beginning of the year	22,931
Pooled cash - end of the year	<u><u>51,679</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	(9,246)
Reconciling adjustments - decrease in notes receivable	110,903
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>101,657</u></u>

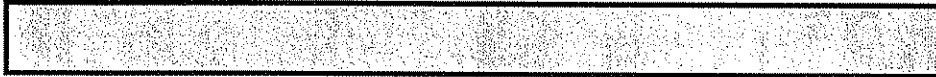
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EXHIBIT I

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Private- Purpose Trust Expendable Scholarship Funds	Agency Student Activities Funds	Totals
Assets			
Pooled cash	14,229	60,176	74,405
Liabilities			
Due to students	-	60,176	60,176
Accounts payable	11,600	-	11,600
Total liabilities	11,600	60,176	71,776
Net assets - held in trust for scholarships	2,629	-	2,629

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**EXHIBIT J**

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Private- Purpose Trust Expendable Scholarship Funds
Additions:	
Donations	12,500
Investment earnings	117
Total additions	12,617
Deductions - scholarships	14,361
Change in net assets	(1,744)
Net assets - beginning of the year	4,373
Net assets - end of the year	2,629

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting entity

The Gateway Regional School District (the District) is comprised of the Towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington. The District operates under a regional agreement established in 1957, and serves the educational needs of students in grades PreK through 12.

The form of government is an elected seventeen-member school committee, which is responsible for appointing a Superintendent who is the chief operating official for the District.

The District presently operates six school buildings, three of which are owned by the individual Towns and leased, at \$1 each, to the District which pays all operating costs. These three schools are located in the Towns of Blandford, Russell, and Worthington. The District owns the two elementary schools in Chester and Huntington, as well as the middle/high school, which is located in the Town of Huntington. The District is responsible for both the operating and capital costs related to the schools it owns.

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the District and its component units, entities for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the government's operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit (if any), on the other hand, is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the District. Any blended or discretely presented component unit present has a June 30 year-end. Based upon the foregoing criteria, the District has no component units that would require either blended or discrete presentation in these basic financial statements.

B. Basis of presentation

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by assessments and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Basis of presentation (continued)

Government-wide financial statements (continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Assessments and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

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

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund financial statements

Fund financial statements of the District are organized into funds each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Funds are organized as major fund or non-major funds within the governmental statements because emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element total (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (that is, total governmental or total enterprise funds), and
- b. The same element that met the 10 percent total in (a), is at least 5 percent of the corresponding element total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

In addition, any other governmental or enterprise fund that the District believes is particularly important to financial statement users may be reported as a major fund.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Basis of presentation (continued)

Governmental activities

Governmental funds are identified as either general, special revenue, debt service, or capital projects funds based upon the following guidelines.

General fund – is the general operating fund of the District and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special revenue funds – are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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

Capital project funds – are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

Business-type activities

Business-type activities are comprised of proprietary-type enterprise funds or internal service funds. The District has a laptop program enterprise fund in which laptops are obtained from vendors via capital lease obligations and sold to students via notes receivable.

Fiduciary funds (not included in government-wide statements)

Fiduciary funds are identified as either private-purpose trust funds or agency funds based upon the following guidelines.

Private-purpose trust funds – are used to account for resources legally held in trust for scholarship payments.

Agency funds – are used to account for assets held by the District as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and/or other governmental units.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Basis of presentation (continued)

Major Funds

The District reports the following as major funds.

- General fund
- Debt service fund
- State payments on-behalf of teacher retirement fund
- Enterprise fund – laptop program

Nonmajor funds

The District reports the following nonmajor funds.

Special revenue funds:

All revolving funds

All federal, state, and other grant funds

Capital project funds:

School roof fund

School buildings construction and renovation fund

Fiduciary funds

The District reports the following fiduciary funds.

Private-purpose trust funds:

Scholarship trust funds

Agency funds:

Student activities funds

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of accounting

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or an economic asset used, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided including specific member town assessments, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Revenues not classified as program revenues (e.g. general member town assessments) are presented as general revenues.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, except in the case of debt service, it is the District's policy to generally use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund financial statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government 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.

The annual assessments to the District's member towns for operating and capital costs, state aid to the District attributable to the general fund and various inter-governmental revenues attributable to the special revenue or capital project funds, and interest income as earned, comprise the significant revenues susceptible to accrual. Charges for tuition, contributions, gifts, and other miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of accounting (continued)

Fund financial statements

State, general and categorical grants and other entitlements are recognized as revenue in the period the District is entitled to the resources and the amounts are available. Expenditure-driven programs currently reimbursable are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and the amounts are available. Amounts owed to the District which are not available are recorded as receivables and deferred revenue. Amounts received prior to the entitlement period are also recorded as deferred revenue.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the governmental funds. Under generally accepted accounting principles, encumbrances outstanding at year end lapse and are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

The fiduciary fund financial statements and the proprietary-type enterprise fund use the accrual method of accounting.

Operating income reported in the proprietary-type fund financial statements includes revenues and expenses related to the primary, continuing operations of the fund. Principal operating revenues for proprietary-type funds are charges to customers for sales or services. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing goods or services and include administrative and depreciation of capital assets expenses (if any). Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

D. Measurement focus

The government-wide financial statements governmental activities and business-type activities, and the fiduciary fund statement activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. Under this concept, revenues and expenses are matched using the accrual basis of accounting.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Measurement focus (continued)

The measurement focus of all governmental funds is the flow of current financial resources concept. Under this concept, sources and uses of financial resources, including capital outlays, debt proceeds and debt retirements are reflected in operations. Resources not available to finance expenditures and commitments of the current period are recognized as deferred revenue or a reservation of fund equity. Liabilities for claims, judgments, compensated absences and pension contributions, which will not be currently liquidated using expendable available financial resources, are included as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the governmental fund financial statements. The related expenditures are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements when the liabilities are liquidated.

E. Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity

1. Deposits

Generally, the District's Treasurer is authorized to invest in the following investments: term deposits or certificates of deposit, trust companies, national banks, savings banks or banking companies, or obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States government or an agency thereof and having a maturity from date of purchase of one year or less, with certain other limitations.

2. Receivables and payables

Receivables from other governments (i.e., the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its political subdivisions) are reported as "due from other governments".

3. Inventories and prepaid assets

Inventories, if any, are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors, if any, that reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued)

4. Capital assets

Government-wide financial statements

Capital assets, which include construction in progress, buildings, machinery and equipment, computers, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities, if any, columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Significant donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements, for which the District has title are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities (if any) is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	50
Leasehold improvements	50
Machinery and equipment	5 - 15
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 15
Vehicles	5
Computer equipment	3 - 5

Fund financial statements

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the government fund financial statements. However, fixed assets are capitalized and related depreciation is reported in the proprietary-type fund financial statements if these items are considered material.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued)

5. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide and proprietary-type financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

6. Compensated absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation and sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirement.

7. Fund equity

Government-wide financial statements

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

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not include in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

Restricted net assets – consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or, 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets – consists of all other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued)

7. Equity (continued)

Fund financial statements

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. Any designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Descriptions of the various reservations and designations of the District's fund balance accounts, as are follows.

Reserved for inventory - to segregate the portion of fund balance associated with the inventory in the special revenue funds.

Reserved for debt service - to segregate a portion of fund balance representing net assets to finance the retirement of debt in future years. The \$14,153 fund balance at year-end was generated from premiums associated with the issuance of bond anticipation notes for the school renovation projects.

Reserved for designated expenditures - to segregate a portion of fund balance representing net assets that has been authorized for specific projects.

Reserved to reduce subsequent years' assessments - to segregate a portion of fund balance designated to reduce assessments to member towns in future fiscal years.

8. Economic dependency and use of estimates

The District provides education to the children of the Towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington. It receives a substantial portion of its revenues from these towns, as well as from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and as such, is dependent on the economic environment of these towns and the Commonwealth.

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of differences between the net changes in fund balances for governmental funds (Exhibit D) and the change in net assets of the government-wide statement of activities (Exhibit B)

The reconciliation between net changes in fund balances reported in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances (Exhibit D) and the change in net assets of the government-wide statement of activities (Exhibit B) is explained below.

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit D) \$ 343,373

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The components of this reconciling item are:

Depreciation expense (1,743,809)

Changes in the balance of accrued liabilities from the beginning to the end of the year in the government-wide financial statements that do not affect expenditures in the governmental funds financial statements. The components of this reconciling item are:

Payment of principal associated with outstanding bonds payable	417,000	
Increase in compensated absence accrual	(53,000)	
Decrease in early retirement obligations accrual	6,820	
Payment of capital lease obligations	128,634	
Decrease in interest payable accrual	4,206	
Totals		503,660

The issuance of bonds provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but has no effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. The components of this reconciling item are:

Amortization of premiums associated with the issuance of bonds 683

Change in net assets of the government-side statement of activities (Exhibit B) \$ (896,093)

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3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary information

The annual budget for the general fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Capital project and certain special revenue funds adopt project-length and grant-length budgets, respectively.

The School Committee authorizes capital project funds' expenditures. Capital appropriations do not lapse until the purpose for which they are designated is completed. Expenditures in excess of adopted budgets can be made only upon the authority of a supplemental appropriation or an approved budgetary transfer.

The District follows these procedures, in establishing the budgetary data for the general fund.

- A proposed annual budget, including capital costs, is prepared by the Superintendent for adoption by the School Committee. The annual budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Public hearings are conducted in the District to obtain taxpayer comments from the member towns.
- In accordance with the District Agreement, the School Committee adopts a final budget no later than 45 days prior to the earliest scheduled town meeting, but no later than March 15.
- The final budget, divided between operating costs and capital costs, is then apportioned among the member towns based upon state mandated minimum contribution requirements and various student enrollment data. The apportioned amount for each member town must be certified by the District's Treasurer to each of the Treasurers of the member towns within 30 days from the date on which the annual budget was adopted by the School Committee.
- Each member town includes its share of the regional school assessment with all other proposed appropriations for town meeting approval.
- The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the total annual budget.

Assessments are levied annually against the seven member towns of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and are due and payable in four installments by August 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 for 20%, 30%, 20% and 30%, respectively.

Capital costs, as defined in the District's Regional Agreement, generally relate to costs incurred to construct or improve school plant operations. If debt was incurred to pay for these costs, capital costs will include payment for principal and interest on such debt. Debt and capital costs are assessed to member towns based on their student enrollment as of March 1st of the preceding fiscal year.

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3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

A. Budgetary information (continued)

Operating costs include all other expenses not listed as capital costs, as well as interest on temporary notes issued by the District in anticipation of revenue. Current year's operating costs are apportioned to member towns on the basis of their student enrollment as of March 1st of the preceding fiscal year, in conjunction with the minimum contribution requirement dictated by the Education Reform Act.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process.

Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amount of expenditures ultimately to result if outstanding purchase orders at year-end are filled and if contracts in progress at year-end are completed. For GAAP purposes, encumbrances outstanding at year-end do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and, therefore, are presented in the combined financial statements as a component of fund equity - reserved for encumbrances. As of June 30, 2008 the general fund had no outstanding encumbrances.

B. Excess of expenditures over appropriations

During the current fiscal year, the District's total general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

C. Deficit fund equity

As of June 30, 2008, the School Roof Repair Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) had a deficit balance of \$171,000. This deficit fund balance results from the accounting convention of recognizing revenue associated with debt only upon the issuance of permanent financing. As of June 30, 2008, bond anticipation notes (temporary debt) of \$171,000 have been issued to finance the roof repair project. This deficit should be eliminated in subsequent years with financing from the general fund.

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Pooled cash and bank deposits

The District has a central treasury function controlled by the District's Treasurer. Therefore, there is one "pool" of cash, composed of various bank accounts (rather than separate cash accounts for each fund). Each fund reports the amount due from or to the central treasury as "pooled cash".

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District tries to limit its custodial risk by depositing cash in several banks.

The amount of bank deposits reported as "pooled cash" is summarized below.

	Exhibit C Governmental Funds	Exhibit F Enterprise Fund	Exhibit I Fiduciary Funds	Totals
Risk category 1 - insured (FDIC)(SIF)	\$ 763,344	\$ 51,679	\$ 88,419	\$ 903,442
Investments with Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ...	1,925,630	-	-	1,925,630
Total deposits and cash equivalents in institutions	2,688,974	51,679	88,419	2,829,072
Various reconciling items	(892,390)	-	(14,014)	(906,404)
Total cash	\$ 1,796,584	\$ 51,679	\$ 74,405	\$ 1,922,668

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

B. Receivables

Receivables as of year-end are reported in the District's financial statements as follows.

Description	Exhibit F	Exhibit C	Exhibit A
	Fund Financial Statements	Other	Government
	Enterprise	Nonmajor	Wide
	Fund	Funds	Financial
			Statements
Intergovernmental receivables:			
Circuit breaker - state department of education	\$ -	\$ 75,973	\$ 75,973
Teaching American history - federal department of education	-	53,121	53,121
Food services fund - state department of education	-	14,922	14,922
Tuition revolving - central berkshire regional school district	-	9,425	9,425
Total - intergovernmental receivables	\$ -	\$ 153,441	\$ 153,441
Notes receivables:			
Current notes receivable - students	\$ 26,334	\$ -	\$ 26,334
Current notes receivable - governmental activities	5,039	-	5,039
Subtotal - current notes receivable	31,373	-	31,373
Noncurrent notes receivable - students	3,998	-	3,998
Total - notes receivables	\$ 35,371	\$ -	\$ 35,371

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

C. Capital Assets

Asset recognition

The District's capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows.

Description	Beginning Balance	Increase	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:			
Land	\$ 17,250	\$ -	\$ 17,250
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Buildings	38,741,947	-	38,741,947
Leasehold improvements	7,957,044	-	7,957,044
Computers	1,811,034	-	1,811,034
Machinery and equipment	225,479	-	225,479
Furniture and fixtures	2,178,640	-	2,178,640
Vehicles	82,044	-	82,044
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	50,996,188	-	50,996,188
Total capital assets, gross	51,013,438	-	51,013,438
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings	(5,864,636)	(774,839)	(6,639,475)
Leasehold improvements	(556,993)	(159,141)	(716,134)
Computers	(1,287,480)	(334,013)	(1,621,493)
Machinery and equipment	(139,681)	(33,858)	(173,539)
Furniture and fixtures	(1,503,457)	(428,298)	(1,931,755)
Vehicles	(40,697)	(13,660)	(54,357)
Total accumulated depreciation	(9,392,944)	(1,743,809)	(11,136,753)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 41,620,494	\$ (1,743,809)	\$ 39,876,685

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

C. Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions / programs of the District as follows.

Description	Balance
Instruction	\$ 59,207
Administration	612,600
Ancillary school services	19,470
Maintenance and operations	19,999
Subtotal	711,276
Unallocated	1,032,533
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,743,809</u>

D. Interfund transfers

Generally, interfund transfers result from the adoption of the annual budget appropriation to finance specific operations or to reserve assets for specific purposes in future years. The composition of interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, is as follow:

Transfers Out Of The:	Transfers In To The:	
	General Fund	Roof Repair Fund
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:		
School choice revolving	\$ 256,000	\$ -
Head start revolving	16,500	-
Parking fees revolving	12,000	-
Subtotals	284,500	-
Debt service fund	1,068	-
General fund	-	57,000
Totals	<u>\$ 285,568</u>	<u>\$ 57,000</u>

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

E. Short-term debt

A schedule of changes to bond anticipation notes for the year ended June 30, 2008 is presented below.

	Date Issued	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance June 30 07	Additions	Reductions	Balance Jun 30 08	Interest Expense
Capital Project Funds:								
Roof repair .	07/21/06	07/20/07	4.04%	\$ 228,000	\$ -	\$ 228,000	\$ -	\$ 9,186
Roof repair .	07/20/07	07/18/08	3.94%	-	171,000	-	171,000	-
Totals				\$ 228,000	\$ 171,000	\$ 228,000	\$ 171,000	\$ 9,186

F. Long-term debt

Changes in long-term liabilities – governmental activities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year	Due After One Year	FY 2008 Interest Expense
Bonds payable	\$ 9,097,000	\$ -	\$ 417,000	\$ 8,680,000	\$ 425,000	\$ 8,255,000	\$ 377,829
Compensated absences	395,529	110,358	44,700	461,187	60,187	401,000	-
Capital lease obligations	172,285	-	76,108	96,177	80,482	15,695	9,065
Notes payable laptop program .	57,565	-	52,526	5,039	5,039	-	4,873
Early retirement liability	22,140	-	6,820	15,320	7,365	7,955	1,771
Unamortized bond premium ...	12,294	-	683	11,611	683	10,928	-
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 9,756,813	\$ 110,358	\$ 597,837	\$ 9,269,334	\$ 578,756	\$ 8,690,578	\$ 393,538

As in prior years, the general operating fund's assets were used in fiscal 2008 to pay current compensated absence, capital lease obligations, and early retirement liabilities.

The District has a lease agreement to finance the acquisition of computers & copiers, and a lease agreement to finance the purchase of a truck. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the lease term) and, therefore, have been recorded as liabilities at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. The acquisition cost of the computers & copiers, and the truck, \$297,418 and \$62,649, respectively, have been capitalized as fixed assets and are being depreciated over their useful life.

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

F. Long-term debt (continued)

Debt service payments – governmental activities

The following is a schedule of long-term debt maturities associated with the bonds payable as of June 30, 2008.

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2009.	\$ 425,000	\$ 364,095	\$ 789,095
2010.	440,000	350,110	790,110
2011.	450,000	334,738	784,738
2012.	460,000	319,040	779,040
2013.	475,000	301,997	776,997
2014.	485,000	283,324	768,324
2015.	500,000	258,944	758,944
2016.	515,000	233,781	748,781
2017.	525,000	207,925	732,925
2018.	540,000	181,375	721,375
2019.	555,000	158,875	713,875
2020.	505,000	137,425	642,425
2021.	525,000	117,225	642,225
2022.	540,000	96,225	636,225
2023.	560,000	73,950	633,950
2024.	580,000	50,150	630,150
2025.	600,000	25,500	625,500
Total.	\$ 8,680,000	\$ 3,494,679	\$ 12,174,679

The following is a schedule of long-term debt maturities associated with capital lease obligations, notes payable, and early retirement liabilities as of June 30, 2008

Fiscal Year	Capital Lease Obligations Payable to Vendors			Notes Payable to Laptop Program Enterprise Fund			Early Retirement Liabilities		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2009.	\$ 80,482	\$ 4,691	\$ 85,173	\$ 5,039	\$ 180	\$ 5,219	\$ 7,365	\$ 1,226	\$ 8,591
2010.	7,024	854	7,878	-	-	-	7,955	636	8,591
2011.	6,876	388	7,264	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012.	1,795	21	1,816	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	\$ 96,177	\$ 5,954	\$ 102,131	\$ 5,039	\$ 180	\$ 5,219	\$ 15,320	\$ 1,862	\$ 17,182

The bond premium of \$13,660, incurred in fiscal year 2005 associated with the issuance of \$9,000,000 of bonds, is being amortized on a straight-line basis over a 20 year period ending in fiscal year 2025. The annual amortization is \$683, and the unamortized bond premium at year-end is \$11,611.

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

F. Long-term debt (continued)

Business-type activities

The District has several lease agreements to finance the acquisition of laptop computers which are then sold to students and teachers through a lease purchase agreement. The District's lease agreements with computer vendors qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the lease term) and, therefore, have been recorded as liabilities at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. The District's general fund subsidizes a portion of the student's lease purchase payments for those students who qualify as "low-income". See footnote 4B for details associated with the notes receivable from students and from the District's governmental-activities statements.

Long-term liability activity associated with the capital lease obligations for the year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

Description				Ending Balance	Due Within One Year	Due After One Year	FY 2008 Interest Expense
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions				
Capital lease obligations . .	\$ 100,470	\$ -	\$ 72,909	\$ 27,561	\$ 22,959	\$ 4,602	\$ 4,873

The following is a schedule of long-term debt maturities associated with capital lease obligations as of June 30, 2008.

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$ 22,959	\$ 1,200	\$ 24,159
2010	4,602	76	4,678
Total	\$ 27,561	\$ 1,276	\$ 28,837

G. Net assets

The District has the following net restricted assets reported in its government-wide statement of net assets associated with governmental activities.

Description	Amount
Specific grant or project purposes	\$ 629,338
Inventory	4,688
Total	<u>\$ 634,026</u>

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4. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)

G. Net assets (continued)

A reconciliation between restricted net assets in the government-wide statement of net assets (Exhibit A) and the governmental funds balance sheet (Exhibit C) is presented below.

	Exhibit C	Net Assets (Exhibit A)		
	Fund	Invested in		
	Balances	capital assets		
		net of	Restricted	Unrestricted
		related debt		
General fund:				
Unreserved-available for appropriation	\$ 876,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 876,295
Reserved for:				
Reduce subsequent years' assessments	231,250	-	-	231,250
Debt service fund:				
Reserved for debt service	14,153	-	14,153	-
Other nonmajor funds:				
Reserved for:				
Inventory	4,688	-	4,688	-
Expenditures	458,338	-	458,338	-
Subtotals	1,584,724	-	477,179	1,107,545
Adjustments required by GASB #34:				
Capital assets	-	39,876,685	-	-
Outstanding bans associated with capital assets . . .	-	(171,000)	171,000	-
Outstanding bonds associated with capital assets . .	-	(8,680,000)	-	-
Outstanding lease obligations associated				
with capital assets	-	(96,177)	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	-	(401,000)
Capital lease obligations	-	-	-	(5,039)
Early retirement liability	-	-	-	(15,320)
Unamortized bond premium	-	-	(11,611)	-
Accrued interest	-	-	(2,542)	(168,836)
Total	\$ 1,584,724	\$ 30,929,508	\$ 634,026	\$ 517,350

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5. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk management

Hampshire County Health Group

The District, along with fifty-five other governmental entities from the neighboring geographic area, is a member of the Hampshire County Health Group ("HCHG"), a public entity risk pool, currently operating as a common risk sharing management and health insurance program for eligible active and former employees of these fifty-six members.

Payment, in the form of insurance premiums, is made monthly to HCHG. These payments are funded in part from the District (recorded as expenditures in the general fund), and payroll withholdings from active employees, or direct payments from retired and certain eligible former employees. The District pays between 70% and 80% of the cost of insurance for active employees. Retired and other past employees who may be eligible to participate in the plan must pay 50% of their premium cost.

The District makes payments to HCHG in the form of monthly premiums based upon actual employee enrollment. HCHG makes payment, through a third party administrator for actual health claims incurred for the entire group. At the end of HCHG's fiscal year, the Group's insurance consultant will determine if assets are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the Group on an accrual basis and premium rates are adjusted to meet the anticipated needs of the ensuing year. It is anticipated that if claim liabilities exceed assets, premium rates will be adjusted prospectively to recover the necessary assets to meet claims.

Based upon the audited results of operations of HCHG for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 the District's insurance consultants have reported that HCHG has an accumulated surplus of approximately \$8,523,831 through March 31, 2008.

Commercial Liability Insurance

The District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft or damage of, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has obtained a variety of commercial liability insurance policies which passes the risk of loss listed above to independent third parties. Settlement claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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5. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Contingent liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

There are no suits or claims pending against the District which, individually or in the aggregate is believed by counsel to be likely to result in a judgment or judgments that would materially affect the District's financial position.

C. Other post employment benefits

Retired employees have the option of continuing certain health and life insurance coverage after they retire. The District pays for 50% of these post employment benefits. Retiree health and life insurance expenditures paid by the District, to cover 59 participating parties comprised of retirees and family members during fiscal 2008, was approximately \$229,491.

D. Employee retirement systems and pension plans

Pensions for employees other than school department teaching staff are provided through a contributory retirement system under the Massachusetts Contributory Retirement Law, which is governed by Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Both employer and employee contributions are actuarially determined as directed by the State Division of Insurance. Required contribution rates for employees range from 5% to 9% of wages based upon their date of hire with an additional 2% contribution applied to wages in excess of \$30,000 for employees hired after December 31, 1978 and before June 30, 2001. In general, employees hired after June 2001, pay 11%. For fiscal 2008 the System required the District to pay a contribution rate equal to 3.27% of all required employer contributions compared to 3.08% for fiscal 2007 and 2.98% for fiscal 2006. Payments for the School District's share of pension costs were \$369,232, \$329,724, and \$283,352 for fiscal years 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

The Hampshire County Retirement System administers this defined benefit, multi-employer plan that provides retirement, survivor, disability and accident benefits. The Plan issues stand alone financial statements, which can be obtained by writing the Hampshire County Retirement System, Court House, 99 Main Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

School Department teaching staff contributes to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System administered by the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board. The District's only contributions to this plan are through deductions from certain federal grants; however, the State contributed \$1,915,132 into the System for the benefit of the District's employees. The District reports these "on-behalf" payments as both revenues and expenditures in a special revenue revolving fund.

Both retirement systems are contributory, multi-employer, defined benefit plans. Membership in the plans is mandatory immediately upon the commencement of employment for all permanent full-time employees.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

5. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

E. Implementation of new governmental accounting standards board (GASB) pronouncements

During fiscal year 2008 the following GASB pronouncements were implemented.

The GASB issued Statement No. 43. Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. Since there is no legally established separate trust for the postemployment benefit plan this pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 48. Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues. This Statement dictates whether a sale or a collateralized borrowing resulting in a liability occurs when a government exchanges an interest in their expected cash flows from collecting specific receivables or specific future revenues for immediate cash payments. The District did not engage in this activity, therefore the basic financial statements were not impacted by this statement.

Other Future GASB Pronouncements

The GASB issued Statement No. 45. Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension Plans, which is required to be implemented in fiscal 2009. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and will impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 49. Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations, which is required to be implemented in fiscal 2009. This statement requires governments to recognize obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities such as site assessments and cleanups. Management believes this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 50. Pension Disclosures, An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27, which is required to be implemented in fiscal 2009. This statement amends applicable note disclosures and required supplemental information requirements of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27 (pension plans) to conform with the requirements of GASB Statements No. 43 and No. 45 regarding other post-employment benefits. Management believes this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 51. Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets, which is required to be implemented in fiscal 2010. The objective of this statement is to establish accounting and reporting requirements for intangible assets to reduce inconsistencies that have resulted from an absence of sufficiently specific authoritative guidance. Management believes this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 52. Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments, which is required to be implemented in fiscal 2009. This statement amends GASB Statement No. 31 and requires endowments to report their land and other real estate held for investment purposes at fair value rather than at historic cost. Management believes this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

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SCHEDULE 1

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF BALANCE SHEETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Pooled cash	470,814	5,083	475,897
Due from other governments	153,441	-	153,441
Inventory	4,688	-	4,688
Total assets.	628,943	5,083	634,026
<u>Liabilities and fund balances</u>			
Liabilities - bond anticipation notes	-	171,000	171,000
Fund balances:			
Reserved for inventory	4,688	-	4,688
Reserved for designated expenditures	624,255	(165,917)	458,338
Total fund balances.	628,943	(165,917)	463,026
Total liabilities and fund balances.	628,943	5,083	634,026

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

SCHEDULE 2

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Total Other Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental.	2,029,761	-	2,029,761
Investment income.	177	-	177
Fees and charges for services.	443,388	-	443,388
Other.	79,468	-	79,468
Total revenues.	2,552,794	-	2,552,794
Other financing sources - transfers from the general fund.	-	57,000	57,000
Total revenues and other financing sources.	2,552,794	57,000	2,609,794
Expenditures:			
Instruction.	1,395,441	-	1,395,441
Ancillary school services.	608,047	-	608,047
Maintenance and operations.	36,499	-	36,499
Total expenditures.	2,039,987	-	2,039,987
Other financing uses - transfers to the general fund.	284,500	-	284,500
Total expenditures and other financing uses.	2,324,487	-	2,324,487
Net changes in fund balances.	228,307	57,000	285,307
Fund balance - beginning of the year.	400,636	(222,917)	177,719
Fund balance - end of the year.	628,943	(165,917)	463,026

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Assets				Fund Balances		
	Due from		Inventory	Total	Reserved	Reserved for	Total
	Pooled	Other			for	Designated	
	Cash	Governments			Inventory	Expenditures	
Revolving funds:							
Adult education	973	-	-	973	-	973	973
Athletic	27,228	-	-	27,228	-	27,228	27,228
Blandford elementary	1,234	-	-	1,234	-	1,234	1,234
Building use	27,642	-	-	27,642	-	27,642	27,642
Chester elementary	4,536	-	-	4,536	-	4,536	4,536
Circuit breaker	102,640	75,973	-	178,613	-	178,613	178,613
District donation	2,087	-	-	2,087	-	2,087	2,087
Emergency planning	2,068	-	-	2,068	-	2,068	2,068
E-rate	167	-	-	167	-	167	167
Food service	7,199	14,922	4,688	26,809	4,688	22,121	26,809
Friends of gateway	394	-	-	394	-	394	394
Henderson memorial	246	-	-	246	-	246	246
High school foundation for excellence ..	2,906	-	-	2,906	-	2,906	2,906
High school lost textbooks	361	-	-	361	-	361	361
Lost library books	158	-	-	158	-	158	158
Murrayfield elementary	773	-	-	773	-	773	773
Parking fees	2,025	-	-	2,025	-	2,025	2,025
Preschool	75	-	-	75	-	75	75
Recycling	602	-	-	602	-	602	602
Russell elementary	2,690	-	-	2,690	-	2,690	2,690
School choice	235,814	-	-	235,814	-	235,814	235,814
Student identification	4,519	-	-	4,519	-	4,519	4,519
Tuition revolving	17,126	9,425	-	26,551	-	26,551	26,551
Wellness center	14,134	-	-	14,134	-	14,134	14,134
Worthington elementary	2,819	-	-	2,819	-	2,819	2,819
Wrap around day care	43,374	-	-	43,374	-	43,374	43,374
Federal/state/other grants:							
High school vanderbilt fy08	750	-	-	750	-	750	750
MASCA summer camp fy08	500	-	-	500	-	500	500
Middle school vanderbilt fy08	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
School to work fy08	1,317	-	-	1,317	-	1,317	1,317
Secondary reading FY08	2,987	-	-	2,987	-	2,987	2,987
Sped early childhood fy08	1,162	-	-	1,162	-	1,162	1,162
Sped idea p194-142 fy08	12,429	-	-	12,429	-	12,429	12,429
Teaching American history fy08	(53,121)	53,121	-	-	-	-	-
Total	470,814	153,441	4,688	628,943	4,688	624,255	628,943

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Revenues (See page 6-6 and page 6-7 for details)	Expenditures (See page 6-8 and page 6-9 for details)	Other Financing Uses	Net Changes in Fund Balances	Fund Balance	
					June 30, 2007	June 30, 2008
<u>Revolving funds:</u>						
Adult education	-	-	-	-	973	973
Athletic	35,401	21,718	-	13,683	13,545	27,228
Blandford elementary	1,056	756	-	300	934	1,234
Building use	33,850	10,948	-	22,902	4,740	27,642
Chester elementary	3,932	3,756	-	176	4,360	4,536
Circuit breaker	292,820	116,464	-	176,356	2,257	178,613
Dialup program	-	450	-	(450)	450	-
District donation	-	-	-	-	2,087	2,087
Emergency planning	-	352	-	(352)	2,420	2,068
E-rate	-	1,127	-	(1,127)	1,294	167
Food service	402,633	437,253	-	(34,620)	61,429	26,809
Foundation for excellence	1,000	1,855	-	(855)	855	-
Friends of gateway	953	1,307	-	(354)	748	394
Head start	16,500	-	16,500	-	-	-
Henderson memorial	-	-	-	-	246	246
High school foundation for excellence ...	2,000	573	-	1,427	1,479	2,906
High school lost textbook	361	-	-	361	-	361
Insurance	22,736	22,736	-	-	-	-
Jeff Fisk recognition	-	1,451	-	(1,451)	1,451	-
Lost library books	158	-	-	158	-	158
Murrayfield elementary	1,857	1,724	-	133	640	773
Parking fees	14,373	1,238	12,000	1,135	890	2,025
Preschool	2,153	2,765	-	(612)	687	75
Recycling	602	-	-	602	-	602
Russell elementary	1,892	1,137	-	755	1,935	2,690
School choice	293,451	40,000	256,000	(2,549)	238,363	235,814
Student identification	2,192	676	-	1,516	3,003	4,519
Technology	-	578	-	(578)	578	-
Tuition	26,551	-	-	26,551	-	26,551
Wellness center	27,677	32,574	-	(4,897)	19,031	14,134
Worthington elementary	3,492	1,563	-	1,929	890	2,819
Wrap around day care	55,703	33,662	-	22,041	21,333	43,374
Subtotal carriedforward	1,243,343	736,663	284,500	222,180	386,618	608,798

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Revenues (See page 6-6 and page 6-7 for details)	Expenditures (See page 6-8 and page 6-9 for details)	Other Financing Uses	Net Changes in Fund Balances	Fund Balance	
					June 30, 2007	June 30, 2008
Subtotal carriedforward	1,243,343	736,663	284,500	222,180	386,618	608,798
Federal/state/other grants:						
Academic support one fy08	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Academic support two fy08	6,781	6,781	-	-	-	-
Community foundation FY06	-	500	-	(500)	500	-
Community partnership fy08	233,526	233,526	-	-	-	-
Drug free schools fy08	4,706	4,706	-	-	-	-
Enhanced technology fy07	-	595	-	(595)	595	-
Health fy08	58,052	58,052	-	-	-	-
High school vanderbilt fy08	750	-	-	750	-	750
MASCA summer camp fy08	500	-	-	500	-	500
Middle school vanderbilt fy08	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Pioneer valley planning fy08	3,430	3,430	-	-	-	-
Pothole fy08	130,000	130,000	-	-	-	-
Safe schools fy08	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
School to work fy08	1,575	1,779	-	(204)	1,521	1,317
Secondary reading FY07	-	1,904	-	(1,904)	1,904	-
Secondary reading fy08	8,000	5,013	-	2,987	-	2,987
Sped alternative mcas fy08	500	500	-	-	-	-
Sped curriculum frameworks FY07	-	118	-	(118)	118	-
Sped early childhood fy08	14,073	12,911	-	1,162	-	1,162
Sped idea pl94-142 fy07	-	9,380	-	(9,380)	9,380	-
Sped idea pl94-142 fy08	341,009	328,580	-	12,429	-	12,429
Sped program improvement fu08	7,999	7,999	-	-	-	-
Stemnet fy08	17,768	17,768	-	-	-	-
Teaching American history fy08	220,128	220,128	-	-	-	-
Technology enhancement fy08	37,500	37,500	-	-	-	-
Title I fy08	132,793	132,793	-	-	-	-
Title IIA fy08	58,853	58,853	-	-	-	-
Title IID fy08	1,753	1,753	-	-	-	-
Title V fy08	1,733	1,733	-	-	-	-
Transportation routing fy08	13,725	13,725	-	-	-	-
Universal preschool fy08	1,432	1,432	-	-	-	-
Westfield history grant fy08	865	865	-	-	-	-
Total	2,552,794	2,039,987	284,500	228,307	400,636	628,943

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Revenues				Totals (See pages 6-4 and 6-5)
	Inter- governmental	Investment Income	Fees and Charges for Services	Other	
<u>Revolving funds:</u>					
Athletic	-	-	35,401	-	35,401
Blandford elementary	-	-	-	1,056	1,056
Building use	-	-	33,850	-	33,850
Chester elementary	-	-	-	3,932	3,932
Circuit breaker	292,820	-	-	-	292,820
Food service	157,487	177	244,969	-	402,633
Foundation for excellence	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Friends of gateway	-	-	-	953	953
Head start	-	-	-	16,500	16,500
High school foundation for excellence ...	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
High school lost textbook	-	-	361	-	361
Insurance	-	-	-	22,736	22,736
Lost library books	-	-	158	-	158
Murrayfield elementary	-	-	-	1,857	1,857
Parking fees	-	-	14,373	-	14,373
Preschool	-	-	2,153	-	2,153
Recycling	-	-	-	602	602
Russell elementary	-	-	-	1,892	1,892
School choice	293,451	-	-	-	293,451
Student identification	-	-	2,192	-	2,192
Tuition	-	-	26,551	-	26,551
Wellness center	-	-	27,677	-	27,677
Worthington elementary	-	-	-	3,492	3,492
Wrap around day care	-	-	55,703	-	55,703
Subtotal carried forward	743,758	177	443,388	56,020	1,243,343

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Revenues				Totals (See pages 6-4 and 6-5)
	Inter- governmental	Investment Income	Fees and Charges for Services	Other	
Subtotal carriedforward	743,758	177	443,388	56,020	1,243,343
<u>Federal/state/other grants:</u>					
Academic support one fy08	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Academic support two fy08	6,781	-	-	-	6,781
Community partnership fy08	233,526	-	-	-	233,526
Drug free schools fy08	4,706	-	-	-	4,706
Health fy08	58,052	-	-	-	58,052
High school vanderbilt fy08	-	-	-	750	750
MASCA summer camp fy08	-	-	-	500	500
Middle school vanderbilt fy08	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Pioneer valley planning fy08	-	-	-	3,430	3,430
Pothole fy08	130,000	-	-	-	130,000
Safe schools fy08	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
School to work fy08	1,575	-	-	-	1,575
Secondary reading fy08	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Sped alternative mcas fy08	500	-	-	-	500
Sped early childhood fy08	14,073	-	-	-	14,073
Sped idea pl94-142 fy08	341,009	-	-	-	341,009
Sped program improvement fu08	7,999	-	-	-	7,999
Stemnet fy08	-	-	-	17,768	17,768
Teaching American history fy08	220,128	-	-	-	220,128
Technology enhancement fy08	37,500	-	-	-	37,500
Title I fy08	132,793	-	-	-	132,793
Title IIA fy08	58,853	-	-	-	58,853
Title IID fy08	1,753	-	-	-	1,753
Title V fy08	1,733	-	-	-	1,733
Transportation routing fy08	13,725	-	-	-	13,725
Universal preschool fy08	1,432	-	-	-	1,432
Westfield history grant fy08	865	-	-	-	865
Total	2,029,761	177	443,388	79,468	2,552,794

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Expenditures			Totals (See pages 6-4 and 6-5)
	Instruction	Ancillary School Services	Maintenance and Operations	
Revolving funds:				
Athletic	-	21,718	-	21,718
Blandford elementary	-	756	-	756
Building use	-	-	10,948	10,948
Chester elementary	-	3,756	-	3,756
Circuit breaker	116,464	-	-	116,464
Dialup program	-	-	450	450
Emergency planning	352	-	-	352
E-rate	-	-	1,127	1,127
Food service	-	437,253	-	437,253
Foundation for excellence	1,855	-	-	1,855
Friends of gateway	1,307	-	-	1,307
High school foundation for excellence	573	-	-	573
Insurance	-	-	22,736	22,736
Jeff Fisk recognition	-	1,451	-	1,451
Murrayfield elementary	-	1,724	-	1,724
Parking fees	-	-	1,238	1,238
Preschool	2,765	-	-	2,765
Russell elementary	-	1,137	-	1,137
School choice	40,000	-	-	40,000
Student identification	-	676	-	676
Technology	578	-	-	578
Wellness center	-	32,574	-	32,574
Worthington elementary	-	1,563	-	1,563
Wrap around day care	-	33,662	-	33,662
Subtotal carriedforward	163,894	536,270	36,499	736,663

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	Expenditures			Totals (See pages 6-4 and 6-5)
	Instruction	Ancillary School Services	Maintenance and Operations	
Subtotal carried forward	163,894	536,270	36,499	736,663
<u>Federal/state/other grants:</u>				
Academic support one fy08	10,000	-	-	10,000
Academic support two fy08	6,781	-	-	6,781
Community foundation FY06	500	-	-	500
Community partnership fy08	233,526	-	-	233,526
Drug free schools fy08	4,706	-	-	4,706
Enhanced technology fy07	595	-	-	595
Health fy08	-	58,052	-	58,052
Pioneer valley planning fy08	3,430	-	-	3,430
Pothole fy08	130,000	-	-	130,000
Safe schools fy08	1,000	-	-	1,000
School to work fy08	1,779	-	-	1,779
Secondary reading FY07	1,904	-	-	1,904
Secondary reading fy08	5,013	-	-	5,013
Sped alternative mcas fy08	500	-	-	500
Sped curriculum frameworks FY07	118	-	-	118
Sped early childhood fy08	12,911	-	-	12,911
Sped idea pl94-142 fy07	9,380	-	-	9,380
Sped idea pl94-142 fy08	328,580	-	-	328,580
Sped program improvement fu08	7,999	-	-	7,999
Stemnet fy08	17,768	-	-	17,768
Teaching American history fy08	220,128	-	-	220,128
Technology enhancement fy08	37,500	-	-	37,500
Title I fy08	132,793	-	-	132,793
Title IIA fy08	58,853	-	-	58,853
Title IID fy08	1,753	-	-	1,753
Title V fy08	1,733	-	-	1,733
Transportation routing fy08	-	13,725	-	13,725
Universal preschool fy08	1,432	-	-	1,432
Westfield history grant fy08	865	-	-	865
Total	1,395,441	608,047	36,499	2,039,987

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

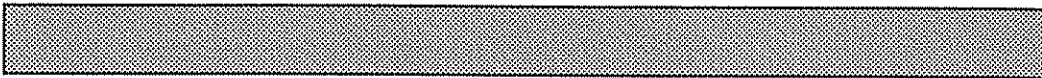
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SCHEDULE 5

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Buildings Construction and Renovations Fund	School Roof Repairs Fund	Totals
Assets - pooled cash	5,083	-	5,083
Liabilities - bond anticipation notes payable	-	171,000	171,000
Fund balance - reserved for designated expenditures	5,083	(171,000)	(165,917)
Total liabilities and fund balances	5,083	-	5,083

See notes to the general-purpose financial statements.

**SCHEDULE 6**

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF OTHER FINANCING USES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Buildings Construction and Renovations Fund	School Roof Repairs Fund	Totals
Other financing sources:			
Transfers from the general fund	-	57,000	57,000
Fund balance - beginning of the year	5,083	(228,000)	(222,917)
Fund balance - end of the year	5,083	(171,000)	(165,917)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

SCHEDULE 7

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF NET ASSETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pooled</u>	<u>Due to</u>	<u>Accounts</u>		<u>Held in</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Trust for</u>	<u>and Net</u>
		<u>Groups</u>			<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>Assets</u>
<u>Agency funds:</u>						
High school student activities	45,877	45,877	-	45,877	-	45,877
Middle school student activities	14,299	14,299	-	14,299	-	14,299
Total agency funds	60,176	60,176	-	60,176	-	60,176
<u>Expendable trust funds:</u>						
Carmel scholarship	11,829	-	11,100	11,100	729	11,829
Champiney scholarship	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	1,400
Euler memorial scholarship	1,000	-	500	500	500	1,000
Total expendable trust funds	14,229	-	11,600	11,600	2,629	14,229
Total fiduciary funds	74,405	60,176	11,600	71,776	2,629	74,405

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

SCHEDULE 8

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Additions</u>			<u>Change</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>in Net</u>	<u>June 30,</u>	<u>June 30,</u>
				<u>Assets</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Expendable trust funds:</u>						
Carmel scholarship	11,100	117	11,100	117	612	729
Champiney scholarship	1,400	-	-	1,400	-	1,400
Euler memorial scholarship	-	-	500	(500)	1,000	500
General scholarship	-	-	2,356	(2,356)	2,356	-
Keay scholarship	-	-	405	(405)	405	-
Total expendable trust funds	12,500	117	14,361	(1,744)	4,373	2,629

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Bank checking accounts - interest bearing:		
United bank - general	(281,552)	
United bank - cafeteria	100,010	
United bank - student activities	21,741	
Total bank checking accounts - interest bearing		(159,801)
Liquid investments:		
Massachusetts municipal depository trust - general	1,925,630	
United bank - general	106,550	
United bank - carmel scholarship	11,854	
United bank - student activities	38,435	
Total liquid investment accounts		2,082,469
Total pooled cash		<u>1,922,668</u>

Pooled cash is presented in the basic financial statements as follows:

General fund.	1,306,534
Debt service fund.	14,153
Other nonmajor governmental funds	475,897
Subtotal	1,796,584
Trust and agency funds	74,405
Subtotal - governmental activities	1,870,989
Proprietary activities - laptop program.	51,679
Total pooled cash	<u>1,922,668</u>

Reconciliation between reported treasurer's quarterly cash report and financial statement cash:

Total cash per treasurer's quarterly cash report	<u>1,922,668</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the School Committee of the
Gateway Regional School District:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Gateway Regional School District of Massachusetts (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs under heading B - Findings - Financial Statements Audit, "Finding 08-1" to be significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

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 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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain other matters that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated March 31, 2009.

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

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

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

To the School Committee of the
Gateway Regional School District:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Gateway Regional School District (the "District") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. The District's major programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or 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 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.

The District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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March 31, 2009

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Gateway Regional School District which was unqualified.
2. One significant deficiency disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements is reported in the "Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*." This deficiency is not reported as a material weakness.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the basic financial statements of the District were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the "Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program & Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With Circular A-133."
5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the District expresses an unqualified opinion.
6. There were no audit findings relative to the District's federal award major programs.
7. The program tested as a major program was:

84.027 Special Education – Grants to States
8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
9. As defined by Circular A-133, the District was determined to be a low risk auditee.

B FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

08-1 – Preparation of financial statements based on generally accepted accounting principles (this deficiency had been noted in the FY07 report)

Condition: As is the case for most school districts and municipalities in Massachusetts, the District does not prepare its financial statements. The financial statements are prepared by the accounting firm that conducts the audit of these statements. Although District management reviews a draft of the financial statements to detect any errors or omissions before the financial statements are finalized and released, the District does not have qualified personnel to determine if these financial statements adhere to the latest governmental accounting standards.

Background: The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Auditing Standard #112 "Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in the Audit", which is effective for fiscal year 2007. This standard requires the auditor to report on control deficiencies involving the preparation of the financial statements. Specifically it addresses the fact that it is the District's, rather than the auditor's, responsibility to prepare financial statements.

Criteria: A system of internal control over financial reporting does not stop at the general ledger. It includes controls over financial statement preparation, including footnote disclosure. The fact that the auditor prepares the financial statements may mean they are correct, but it does not eliminate the control deficiency. An auditor cannot be considered part of the client's internal control. Thus, controls over the financial statement preparation function that exist in the auditor's firm cannot be considered. Only the controls the client has in place can be considered in determining whether there is a control deficiency and its severity.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

B FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT (Continued)

Significant Deficiencies (Continued)

08-1 – Preparation of financial statements based on generally accepted accounting principles (continued)

Effect: Because District personnel are not trained to prepare the financial statements, including accompanying footnotes, there is more than a remote likelihood that District personnel, during their review process, would not be able to detect a significant error or omission in the financial statements.

Recommendation: The District should be aware that this control deficiency exists, and consider whether it wants to spend the resources needed to adequately train its personnel so that they could prepare the financial statements or have the financial statements prepared by a qualified, independent third party.

District's Response: We are aware of this situation and will take the above recommendation under consideration.

C FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	Fund Balance 07/01/07	Revenues			Expenditures			Fund Balance 06/30/08
					Federal	State	Other	Program Costs	Refunds to State	Other	
U.S. Department of Agriculture											
Passed Through State Department of Education:											
Food Distribution	10.550	08-143-1	N/A	-	37,500	-	-	37,500	-	-	-
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	08-143-1	N/A	-	20,317	-	-	20,317	-	-	-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	08-143-1	N/A	61,429	129,931	7,239	245,146	129,931	-	287,005	26,809
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE											
			-	61,429	187,748	7,239	245,146	187,748	-	287,005	26,809
U.S. Department of Education											
Passed Through State Department of Education:											
Title 1 - Grants to Local Educational Agencies FY08	84.010	305-311-8-0672-I	132,793	-	132,793	-	-	132,793	-	-	-
Special Education - Grants to States FY07	84.027	240-080-7-0672-H	341,471	9,380	-	-	-	9,380	-	-	-
Special Education - Secondary Reading FY07	84.027	267-013-7-0672-H	9,571	1,904	-	-	-	1,754	150	-	-
Special Education - Curriculum Framework FY07	84.027	274-161-7-0672-H	12,102	118	-	-	-	118	-	-	-
Special Education - Grants to States FY08	84.027	240-253-8-0672-I	341,009	-	341,009	-	-	328,580	-	-	12,429
Special Education - MCAS FY08	84.027	242-XXX-8-0672-I	500	-	500	-	-	472	28	-	-
Special Education - Secondary Reading FY08	84.027	267-006-8-0672-I	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	5,013	-	-	2,987
Special Education - Program Improvement FY08	84.027	274-205-8-0672-I	7,999	-	7,999	-	-	7,999	-	-	-
Total Program 84.027											
			720,652	11,402	357,508	-	-	353,316	178	-	15,416
Title V - Education Block Grants FY08											
	84.151	302-048-8-0672-I	1,733	-	1,733	-	-	1,733	-	-	-
Sped Early Childhood Learning FY08											
	84.173	262-XXX-8-0672-I	14,073	-	14,073	-	-	12,911	-	-	1,162

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	Fund Balance 07/01/07	Revenues			Expenditures			Fund Balance 06/30/08
					Federal	State	Other	Program Costs	Refunds to State	Other	
<u>U.S. Department of Education (Continued)</u>											
Passed Through State Department of Education:											
Program for Drug Free Schools FY08	84.186	331-020-8-0672-I	4,706	-	4,706	-	-	4,706	-	-	-
Enhanced Education Through Technology FY07	84.318	160-162-7-0672-H	1,948	595	-	-	-	595	-	-	-
Enhanced Education Through Technology FY08	84.318	160-020-8-0672-I	1,753	-	1,753	-	-	1,753	-	-	-
Technology Enhancement Options FY08	84.318	170-013-8-0672-I	37,500	-	37,500	-	-	37,500	-	-	-
Total Program 84.318			41,201	595	39,253	-	-	39,848	-	-	-
Teacher Quality FY07	84.367	140-107-8-0672-I	58,853	-	58,853	-	-	58,853	-	-	-
Received Directly From the Federal Government:											
Teaching American History FY08	84.215X	U215X070046	992,500	-	220,128	-	-	220,128	-	-	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION											
			1,966,511	11,997	829,047	-	-	824,288	178	-	16,578
TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE											
			1,966,511	73,426	1,016,795	7,239	245,146	1,012,036	178	287,005	43,387

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE B - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

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GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

There were no findings or questioned costs associated with the audit of major federal award programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

The only finding regarding this year's audit is a significant deficiency concerning the preparation of financial statements.

Please refer to "Significant Deficiencies 08-1" in Section B of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs beginning on page 7-3 of this report package for a detailed description of this deficiency along with the District's corrective action scenario.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL DISTRICTS

To the School Committee of the
Gateway Regional School District:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Gateway Regional School District (the "District") with the types of compliance requirements described in the Massachusetts Department of Education's 2006 Compliance Supplement applicable to Massachusetts School Districts for the year ended June 30, 2008. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to School Districts is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance 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 and the Massachusetts Department of Education Compliance Supplement. Those standards 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 Massachusetts School Districts programs occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our firm does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to Massachusetts School Districts for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contract, and grants applicable to Massachusetts School Districts. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its ability to accurately report year-end information in accordance with Massachusetts DOE requirements in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school committee, management, state funding agencies, and the Massachusetts Department of Education and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

To the School Committee of the
Gateway Regional School District:

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the Gateway Regional School District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "District") for the year ended June 30, 2008, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We have issued a separate report on significant deficiencies dated March 31, 2009, which is included in this reporting package.

As a result of our audit of the basic financial statements, we noted certain other matters, not considered to be significant deficiencies, which are listed below.

Current Year's Comment:

Longevity Payroll Expenditures

Prior Year's Comments:

Amendments to the Annual Budget

Residual Balance in the School Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Project Fund

Implementation of GASB#45 "Accounting for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions"

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

We will be pleased to discuss these recommendations with you and to assist you in implementing them.

Sincerely,

Stanley H. Kulas, CPA

STANLEY H. KULAS
Certified Public Accountant
March 31, 2009

CURRENT YEAR'S COMMENT

LONGEVITY PAYROLL EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 2008 Observation: We noted that \$1,250 of longevity expenses associated with special education teachers were erroneously reported in the regular teacher expenditure account for the Littleville elementary school. For both budgetary and state end of year reporting purposes it is essential that special education costs are segregated from regular education expenses.

Fiscal 2008 Recommendation: The District should periodically reconcile general ledger payroll expenditure accounts to individual personnel salary contracts to ensure that these accounts incorporate the proper payroll expenditures by program type.

PRIOR YEAR'S COMMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Fiscal 2007 Observation: Based on new Massachusetts Department of Education regulations, as more fully discussed below, regional school districts can not increase their adopted budgets without securing approval from two thirds of their member towns. This requirement is effective even if the regional school district finances this budget increase strictly from the district's excess and deficiency fund balance. These regulations significantly impair the flexibility regional school district's have to address unanticipated expenditures (e.g. increases in fuel, special education, and health care costs).

Fiscal 2007 Background: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education approved amendments to the regulations governing regional school districts (603 CMR41) at its meeting on January 23, 2007. The revised regulations became effective on February 9, 2007. The purpose of these amendments was to clarify the procedural requirements governing regional school district budgets.

Specifically, the following revisions to the regulations affect the process of amending regional school district approved budgets.

- If an amendment results in an increase in the total amount of the budget or an increase in assessment for any member, such amendment shall be submitted to the local appropriating authorities for their approval.
- The proposed amendment shall be effective if it is approved by two-thirds of the members and by the member whose assessment is increased.
- If a member does not vote on the proposed amendment within the 45-day period and that member has previously appropriated funds for its assessment in an amount greater than or equal to the member's assessment for the amended budget, that member shall be deemed to have approved the amended budget.
- If a proposed amendment does not increase the total amount of the budget and reduces or leaves unchanged the assessment for every member, the amendment shall not require approval by the local appropriating authority.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET (Continued)

Fiscal 2007 Recommendations:

1. To address the issue of unexpected costs, the District should include as part of its annual operating budget, an appropriation line item for contingencies financed from its excess and deficiency fund balance. If, by the end of the fiscal year, these unexpected costs do not occur, the unexpended appropriation will be closed out and returned to fund balance where it will be available for appropriation in subsequent years.

By having a line item in the annual budget for contingencies, the District should reduce or eliminate the need to ask the member towns to approve an increase in the annual operating budget and allow the District to operate in an efficient manner when faced with unexpected cost increases.

2. The District should consider consulting with legal counsel regarding the interpretation of and its compliance with these revised regulations. Unless otherwise advised by its legal counsel, the District should comply with these revised Department of Education regulations.

Fiscal 2008 Status: The District is aware of the changes in the Department of Education's regulations regarding increasing original budgets. Furthermore, no increases in the fiscal year 2008 budget were made by the District.

RESIDUAL BALANCE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Fiscal 2006 Observation: The District has completed all of its construction and renovation of its school buildings. As of June 30, 2006, the capital project fund used to account for this activity has a fund balance of \$5,083.

Fiscal 2006 Recommendation: The District should consult with legal counsel to determine how it can properly use this residual balance. Possible considerations include reduction of member town capital assessments or purchase of capital items associated with these school buildings.

Fiscal 2008 Status: The District is using this \$5,083 residual balance as a financing source in its fiscal year 2009 budget reducing its member town assessments.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GASB #45 "ACCOUNTING FOR POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS"

Fiscal 2004 Observation: In June 2004 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued a new pronouncement, GASB #45 that fundamentally changed the method of reporting for non-pension other postemployment benefits (OPEB). OPEB's include postemployment healthcare benefits (medical, dental, vision, and hearing), as well as other benefits such as life insurance, disability and long-term care.

This pronouncement generally requires governments to change from "pay-as-you-go" recognition of OPEB costs to a full accrual method. Governments may continue to fund these costs when actually paid but must begin recognizing annual OPEB expense as the employee services are provided. Significant balance sheet liabilities will exist for governments that don't convert to accrual funding. School districts the size of Gateway are required to implement these changes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

Fiscal 2004 Recommendation: District management should attend seminars and obtain the necessary literature required, well in advance of the implementation deadline, to ensure compliance with all the provisions of this new accounting pronouncement.

Fiscal 2008 Status: The District has hired an actuarial firm to perform an examination of the District's OPEB costs and to issue its report effective for fiscal year 2009.