

**LEWISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

**FERGUS COUNTY  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

**FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2010**

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Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

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## ORGANIZATION

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Becky Jackson	Chairman
Stan Monger	Vice Chairman
Jeremy Bristol	Trustee
Lisa Pierce	Trustee
Mary Schelle	Trustee
Monte Weeden	Trustee
Jennifer Granot	Trustee

### OFFICIALS

Jason A. Butcher	Superintendent
Mike Waterman	District Clerk
Rhonda Long	County Superintendent
Tom Meissner	County Attorney

**Lewistown Public Schools  
Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2010**

The Business Manager of the Lewistown Public Schools has provided this MD&A to give the reader of these statements an overview of the financial position and activities of the school district for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

**Using This Financial Report**

The general format of the report is required by Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Thus is born the GASB 34 requirement.

**Reporting the School District as a Whole**

The report includes two district-wide statements that focus on operations of the district as a whole. These statements measure operations using an economic resources measurement focus, and use the accrual basis accounting. Activities that are fiduciary in nature are not included in these statements.

- A. The Statement of Net Assets shows “assets” (what is owned), “liabilities” (what is owed), and the “net assets” (the resources that would remain if all obligations were settled) of the school district. Some assets are restricted for certain purposes or reserved for emergencies and cash flow purposes. Some assets are invested in “fixed” or “capital” assets, such as buildings, equipment and other long-lived property; and some assets are available to fund budgets of the following year.
- B. The Statement of Activities shows the amounts of program-specific and general school district revenue used to support the school district’s various functions.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities divide the activities of the school district into three categories:

Governmental activities – The school functions including instruction, student services, administration, etc. Property taxes, state and federal revenues usually support most of these functions of the district.

Proprietary (business-type) activities – school operations included in this category include IMC, Central Supply Store, and Central Transportation.

**Reporting the District’s Most Significant Funds**

The fund statements provide detailed information about the funds used by the school district. State law and Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) established the fund structure of school districts. State law generally requires school districts to segregate money generated for certain purposes, like transportation and debt service, in separate fund accounts.

The fund statements report balances and activities of the most significant or “major” funds separately and combine the activities of less significant funds under a single category. Significance of funds is determined based on the proportional size of the funds, the relative importance of the activities of the funds to the school district’s operations, and the existence of legal budget requirements. Internal Service funds are never reported as major funds, but are combined and presented in a separate set of financial statements.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are shown for governmental funds such as the general funds, special revenue funds for transportation and school food service, and debt service and capital outlay funds. These funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and represent the majority of the district's activities and programs.

Fund statements include a reconciliation of the governmental fund statements to the district-wide statements. Most significant differences result from the use of different presentation basis. The district-wide statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting and the fund statements for governmental funds use the modified accrual basis. In addition, general capital assets and general long-term debt are reported in the district-wide statements but not in the fund statements.

#### **Reporting the District's Trust and Fiduciary Responsibilities**

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for endowments (including Eveline Eccles and Alweis Scholarships) and the student extracurricular fund.

This report includes the activities in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets and Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets because the district cannot use these assets to fund its operation.

The District is responsible for ensuring these assets are used for their intended purpose.

#### **Budget-to-Actual Comparisons**

As previous audits have shown, the district had not been reconciling its records with the information provided by the County Treasurer. Those records were reconciled in FY2008, and in the course of that process, several errors were found. Those errors necessitated prior period revenue and expenditure adjustments. The district amended its budgets where possible to make the best use of these adjustments.

Outside of these adjustments, there were no significant variances from our initial revenue and expenditure estimates.

#### **THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

Net assets serve over time as a useful indicator of a school district's financial position. In the Lewistown Public Schools, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,083,446 as of June 30, 2010. This amount represents an increase of \$126,926—roughly 1%—from June 30, 2009. Approximately 37% of the district's net assets reflect its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, and machinery and equipment). This percentage is down from 2009 as the District expended most of the bond proceeds acquired in 2009.

**Lewistown Public Schools  
Condensed Statement of Net Assets**

Governmental Activities FY 2010

Current and other assets	7,661,859
Capital assets	<u>6,296,307</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>13,958,166</b>

Current liabilities	380,521
Non-current liabilities	<u>2,494,199</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,874,720</b>

Invested in capital assets, Net of debt	4,070,437
Restricted	138,941
Unrestricted	<u>6,874,068</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>11,083,446</b>

**Lewistown Public Schools  
Changes in Net Assets**

Governmental Activities FY 2010

**GENERAL REVENUES**

District Levy	3,797,090
State Equalization	3,206,524
Other State Revenue	2,988,309
County	1,116,812
Investment Earning	106,576
Other	<u>71,508</u>
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,286,820</b>

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Instruction	6,594,145
Support	642,371
Media	396,359
Administration	1,853,809
O & M	1,793,486
Transportation	697,030
Extracurricular	230,839
School Food	602,559
Other Current Charges	64,341
Interest	355
Depreciation – unallocated	<u>432,309</u>
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$13,007,583</b>

### Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2010, the District had invested over \$6 million in capital assets including land and land improvements, buildings and improvements, and machinery and equipment. General fixed assets are reported at historical cost. Historical cost was established at the initial booking of fixed assets by determining actual costs or estimating using standard costing procedure. The District's fixed asset policy is set to include items of \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of one year. The following schedule presents capital balances with accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2010.

Land and Improvements	1,632,631
Accumulated Depreciation	( 711,688)
	920,943
Buildings and Improvements	9,479,178
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,859,400)
	4,619,778
Machinery and Equipment	2,712,178
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,956,592)
	755,586

### The District's Future

The District will continue to struggle with declining enrollments. Currently school funding is still based mainly on enrollment. There is growing need for services for special students as that population continues to grow. The Lewistown Collective Bargaining Agreement extends through FY12, and includes 0% raises for all employees. The demographics of the District may change as we see the average age for staff continue to increase. Future retirements could have an effect on the budgets and the dynamics of the District.

The district also faces other challenges and decisions including:

- The District currently uses ARRA stimulus money to maintain historic levels of staffing and service. Stimulus dollars currently support roughly \$100,000 in salaries and benefits and \$35,000 in special ed supplies. With that money no longer available after the 2010-11 school year, the District will need to discontinue either those expenditures or other things to make room for them in the General Fund.
- Current state law also provides for lower grade-level and per-student rates—the primary building blocks for our General Fund spending authority—in FY12. Typically, those preliminary rates remain constant in advance of a legislative session; however, the '09 legislature chose to fund these amounts with stimulus dollars. The rates will therefore drop after the stimulus money ceases and Lewistown—like most Montana school districts—will enter the 2011 legislative session with less money to spend than we had the previous year.
- The District estimates that general building repairs and maintenance in excess of \$10 million will be necessary over the next several years. The overwhelming failure of a 0% interest bond election to build a new middle school in September 2010 indicates that the community will take a conservative approach to these needed repairs.

- The Lewistown Airport Board recently renewed the District's year-to-year lease for the bus barn property. However, the Airport Board has clearly indicated that the District should make plans for relocating its bus barn operations. To this end, the District levied \$250,000 in 2009, 2010, and 2011 in an attempt to begin saving for the possibility of moving the bus barn operations.

**Contact for Additional Information**

If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Business Manager at the Lewistown Public Schools, 215 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lewistown, MT 59457, (406)-535-8777 x116.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lewistown School District No. 1 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Lewistown School District No. 1's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lewistown School District No. 1 as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This government adopted the provisions of Government Accounting Board statement No. 45 Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions as discussed in note 10.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2011, on our consideration of Lewistown School District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis information on pages 3 through 7, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental 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 School District No. 1's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures, and encumbrances – budget and actual page 26, required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of federal Awards pages 31 - 32 required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, "Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit organizations," and other schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information. All of these schedules 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.

*Strom & Associates, P.C.*

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
Billings, Montana  
January 21, 2011

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
as of June 30, 2010

	<u>2010</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash & Investments	6,853,330
Taxes Receivable	440,227
Due From Other Governments	338,161
Inventory	<u>30,140</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>7,661,859</u>
Non-current Assets:	
Land/Construction in Progress	426,175
Other Capital Assets(Net)	<u>5,870,132</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>6,296,307</u>
Total Assets	<u>13,958,166</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Deferred Revenue	11,008
Compensated Absences	75,607
Current Bonds/Notes/Other Payable	<u>293,906</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>380,521</u>
Non-current Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences	562,235
Bonds Payable	1,565,438
OPEB Payable	294,526
Other Payable	<u>72,000</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities	<u>2,494,199</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,874,720</u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt	4,070,437
Restricted	138,941
Unrestricted	<u>6,874,068</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>11,083,446</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue 2010
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants		
Expenses				
<b>GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS</b>				
Instruction	6,594,145	72,131	1,339,014	(5,183,000)
Support	342,371	0	19,015	(323,356)
Media	396,359	0	58,638	(337,720)
Administration:	1,853,809	60,874	0	(1,792,934)
O & M	1,793,486	18,870	2,793	(1,771,823)
Transportation	697,030	0	217,009	(480,021)
Extracurricular	230,839	0	0	(230,839)
School Food	602,559	282,186	212,998	(107,376)
Other Current Charges	64,341	30,000	0	(34,341)
Interest	335	0	0	(335)
Other Post Employment Benefits	294,526	0	0	(294,526)
Loss on Disposal of Assets	119,006	0	0	(119,006)
Depreciation-unallocated	<u>432,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(432,309)</u>
Totals	<u>13,421,115</u>	<u>464,061</u>	<u>1,849,467</u>	<u>(11,107,587)</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>				
District Levy				3,797,090
State Equalization				3,206,524
Other State Revenue				2,988,309
County				1,116,812
Federal				0
Investment Earnings				106,576
Other				<u>71,508</u>
Total General Revenues				<u>11,286,820</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>				179,233
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Beginning of the Year				<u>10,956,520</u>
Prior Period Adjustments				<u>(52,307)</u>
End of the Year				<u>11,083,446</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, MT

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
as of June 30, 2010

	MAJOR			Other	
	General	TRANS EL	BUS DEPRE EI	Government	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and Investments	922,823	497,654	921,555	4,511,299	6,853,330
Taxes Receivable	300,216	52,055	8,733	79,222	440,227
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	338,161	338,161
Inventories	0	0	0	30,140	30,140
Total Assets	<u>1,223,039</u>	<u>549,709</u>	<u>930,288</u>	<u>4,958,822</u>	<u>7,661,859</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Deferred Revenue	<u>300,216</u>	<u>52,055</u>	<u>8,733</u>	<u>90,230</u>	<u>451,235</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>300,216</u>	<u>52,055</u>	<u>8,733</u>	<u>90,230</u>	<u>451,235</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>					
Reserve for Inventory	0	0	0	30,140	30,140
Reserved for Encumbrances	179,604	0	0	14,426	194,030
Reserved for Debt Service	0	0	0	138,941	138,941
Unreserved Fund Balance:					
General Funds	743,219	0	0	0	743,219
Special Revenue Funds	0	497,654	921,555	2,989,819	4,409,028
Capital Projects Funds	0	0	0	<u>1,695,267</u>	<u>1,695,267</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>922,823</u>	<u>497,654</u>	<u>921,555</u>	<u>4,868,592</u>	<u>7,210,624</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>1,223,039</u>	<u>549,709</u>	<u>930,288</u>	<u>4,958,822</u>	<u>7,661,859</u>

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Total fund balance reported above		7,210,624
Add capital assets not reported above	13,823,987	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,527,680)</u>	6,296,307
Less liabilities not reported above:		
Compensated absences	637,842	
Bonds Payable	1,826,344	
OPEB Payable	294,526	
Other Payable	105,000	(2,863,712)
Deferred revenues for taxes receivable recognized as revenue in the government-wide statement of net assets		<u>440,227</u>
Net Assets		<u>11,083,446</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	MAJOR			Other	Total
	General Fund	TRANS EL Fund	BUS DEPRE EL Fund	Government Funds	
REVENUES:					
District Levies	2,569,075	463,386	72,070	729,346	3,833,877
Interest	18,233	5,416	12,182	70,745	106,576
Other	75	100	0	71,333	71,508
County	0	74,466	0	1,150,851	1,225,317
State	6,023,964	84,377	0	597,703	6,706,045
Federal	226,053	0	0	1,003,698	1,229,751
Charges for Services	<u>265</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>463,796</u>	<u>464,061</u>
Total Revenues	<u>8,837,665</u>	<u>627,745</u>	<u>84,252</u>	<u>4,087,473</u>	<u>13,637,135</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Instructional Services	5,055,142	0	0	1,714,091	6,769,233
Support Services	286,261	0	0	72,410	358,671
Educational Media Services	252,557	0	0	159,183	411,741
General Administrative Services	1,368,014	54,271	0	442,585	1,864,870
Operation & Maintenance Services	1,311,235	6,166	0	399,350	1,716,751
Transportation Services	47,600	386,069	17,703	265,001	716,372
Extracurricular	202,995	0	0	27,845	230,839
School Food Services	56,601	0	0	535,166	591,767
Other Current Charges	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,519</u>	<u>49,519</u>
Total Current Charges	8,580,405	446,506	17,703	<u>3,665,149</u>	<u>12,709,763</u>
Capital Outlay	188,708	0	0	931,906	1,120,614
Debt Service	<u>3,316</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>260,906</u>	<u>264,222</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>8,772,429</u>	<u>446,506</u>	<u>17,703</u>	<u>4,857,961</u>	<u>14,094,599</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	65,236	181,239	66,549	(770,488)	(457,464)
FUND BALANCE:					
Beginning of the Year	881,070	317,559	862,349	5,659,417	7,720,394
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>(23,483)</u>	<u>(1,144)</u>	<u>(7,342)</u>	<u>(20,336)</u>	<u>(52,307)</u>
End of the Year	<u>922,823</u>	<u>497,654</u>	<u>921,555</u>	<u>4,868,592</u>	<u>7,210,624</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.

School District No. 1  
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Lewistown, MT

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Excess of revenues over expenditures as reported in the governmental funds statement		(457,464)
Revenues on the Statement of Activity not included in governmental funds statement:		
Increase (decrease) in taxes receivable		(36,787)
Expenses on the Statement of Activity not included in the governmental funds statement:		
Depreciation Expense	(432,309)	
Other Post Employment Benefits	(294,526)	
Retirement Incentive Incurred	(99,000)	
Loss on Disposal of Assets	(119,006)	
(Increase) decrease in compensated absence liability	<u>130,147</u>	(814,694)
Expenditures reported in the governmental funds statement not included in the Statement of Activity		
Capital outlays	1,120,614	
Payment on Retirement Incentive	103,677	
Principal payments on lease	2,981	
Principal payments on bonds	<u>260,906</u>	<u>1,488,178</u>
Change in net assets reported on the Statement of Activity		<u>179,233</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS AND STATEMENT OF  
CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
As of June 30, 2010

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash	292,097
Other Assets	<u>16,300</u>
Total Assets	<u>308,397</u>
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
Net Assets	
Held in Trust for Endowment	106,846
Held in Trust for Student Activities	<u>201,551</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>308,397</u>

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CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

Additions	
Contributions to Endowment	1,138
Revenue from Student Activities	<u>431,566</u>
Total Additions	<u>432,704</u>
Deductions	
Regular Education Expenses	50
Expenses of Student Activities	<u>452,780</u>
Total Deductions	<u>452,830</u>
Changes in Net Assets Held in Trust	(20,125)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	329,819
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>(1,296)</u>
Net Assets, Ending of the Year	<u>308,397</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are an integral part of these statements.



Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.a REPORTING ENTITY

The basic financial statements of School District No. 1 have been prepared on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the accounting and budget laws of the State of Montana, which conforms to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The District applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they conflict with GASB pronouncements. The District does not apply FASB or APB opinions issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant School District accounting policies are described below.

School District No. 1 consists of two legally separate entities, an elementary district which provides education for kindergarten through eighth grade and a high school district which provides education for ninth through twelfth grade. For financial reporting purposes the two districts are combined because they are controlled by the same central board of trustees and managed by the same administration. The board of trustees is elected by the public and it has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. GAAP requires only one general fund for each reporting entity so the elementary and high school general funds are combined in the accompanying financial statements.

The criteria for including organizations as component units within the District's reporting entity is set forth in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) "Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards." Based on those criteria this district has no component units.

#### 1.b BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTING

##### 1.b.1 GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the District as a whole except for the fiduciary funds. The fiduciary funds are reported as a private purpose trust fund in the fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund statements report using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the elimination of internal activity between or within funds. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. Expenses which are not directly related to a function, indirect expenses, are not charges to a function. Program revenues include (1) charges for services such as school lunch fees and facility rental fees and (2) operating grants that are restricted to a particular functional program. Property taxes, state equalization payments, and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenue are reported as general revenues.

##### 1.b.2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Fund financial statements provide information on the districts major governmental funds and a combined column for all other non-major funds, and student activity fiduciary funds. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for District operations, they are not included in the district-wide statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities, and fund balance are included on the balance sheet. Operating statement of these funds present net increases and decreases in current assets. Revenues are recorded when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period anything collected after June 30 are generally not material. Deferred revenues are recorded in governmental funds for delinquent taxes at year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred except for principal and interest on general long-term debt and compensated absence payments which are recognized when due. Capital assets are functional expenditures in governmental funds and proceeds from long-term debt or capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenue and revenues received from the State of Montana are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available. Cost reimbursement grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant and, accordingly, when such funds are received they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use it is the district's policy to use the restricted funds first.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires that the general fund be reported as a major fund and that only one general fund be reported so the elementary and high school general funds have been combined as one major fund. All other governmental funds that exceed 10% of total governmental fund assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures are reported as major funds. The following funds are major funds of School District No. 1:

**General Fund** – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the District not encompassed within other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

**Elementary Bus Depreciation Fund** – This fund is used to account for the accumulation of funds set aside for the purchase of new yellow school buses. Deposits made to the fund are limited by depreciation percentages of current busses owned by the district.

**Elementary Transportation Fund** – This fund is used to account for the accumulation of funds set aside for payment of student transportation costs to and from school. County wide levies to this fund are to be based upon projected transportation costs for the fiscal year.

### 1.b3 Other Fund Types:

**Trust Funds** – The Trust Fund accounts for the receipt and disbursement of monies from student activity organizations, as well as any donated scholarship funds. These organizations exist with the explicit approval of and are subject to revocation by the District's Board of Trustees. This accounting reflects the District's trust relationship with the student activity organizations and any scholarship commitments.

**Agency Funds** – The Agency Funds generally are used to account for assets that the School District holds on behalf of others as their agent in the payroll and claims clearing funds. Cash is held for warrants which were written but have not been paid by the County Treasurer.

### 1.c1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, as well as short-term investments as authorized by State statutes. Montana Code Annotated (MCA) allows school districts to invest public money not necessary for immediate use in United States government treasury bills, notes, bonds; certain United States treasury obligations; United States government security money market fund if investments consist of those listed above; time or savings deposits with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union which is FDIC, FSLIC, or NCUA insured and are located in the state; or in repurchase agreements as authorized by MCA, or Montana Board of Investments Short Term Investment Pool (STIP). Interest earned on the pooled investments is distributed to each contributing entity and fund on a pro rata basis. Investments are recorded at fair market value.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Information regarding the collateral and security for cash is not available to the District. However, State statute requires that United State government securities or agencies be held as collateral to secure deposits of public funds in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. The external investment pool is audited as part of Fergus County's financial statements. This investment pool is not registered with or monitored by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

### 1.c2 Taxes:

Property taxes are collected by the County Treasurer who credits to the School District funds their respective share of the collections. The tax levies are collectible in two installments, which become delinquent after November 30 and May 31. Property taxes are liens upon the property being taxed. After a period of three years, the County may begin foreclosure proceedings and sell the property at auction. The School District receives its share of the sale proceeds of any such auction.

### 1.c3 Inventories:

Food is carried in an inventory account at average cost and are subsequently charged to expenditures when consumed.

### 1.c4 Capital Assets:

The District's property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. Historical cost was established at the initial booking of the capital assets by determining actual costs or estimating using standard costing procedures. The District considers capital assets to be items in excess of \$5,000 with a useful life in excess of one year. The costs of normal maintenance and repair are not capitalized. Depreciation on capital assets is provided over their estimated useful lives on the straight-line method. The useful lives of these assets have been estimated as follows:

Buildings	20 – 50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 – 20 years

### 1.c5 Vacation and sick leave:

School District employees accumulate vacation and sick leave for later use or for payment upon termination, death, or retirement. School District classified and administrative employees earn vacation leave at the rate of 15 days per year during the first 10 years of employment, and at increasing rates thereafter to a maximum of 24 days per year after 20 years of employment. There is no requirement that vacation leave be taken, but the maximum permissible accumulation is the amount earned in the most recent two-year period. At termination, employees are paid for any accumulated vacation leave at the current rate of pay. School District employees earn sick leave at the rate of one day per month. There is no limit on the accumulation of unused sick leave for classified employees. However, upon termination, only 25% of accumulated sick leave is paid. Certified staff also receive 25% of accumulated sick leave but are limited to 160 days accumulation and must be an employee of the District for at least 8 years before any payout is received.

Liabilities incurred because of unused vacation and sick leave accumulated by employees are reflected in the financial statements. Expenditures for unused leave are recorded when paid in governmental funds and when accrued on the statement of activities. The amount expected to be paid within one year is \$ 75,607 and it is generally paid out of the general fund. The accrued liability for sick and vacation leave at June 30, 2010 was \$637,842.

### 1.c6 Net Assets and Fund Balance

Statement of Net Assets include the following net assets: Investments in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt – The component of net assets that reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these capital assets. Restricted - The components of net assets set aside to pay for debt obligations of the District. Unrestricted – The difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported in Net Assets invested in Capital Assets.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements include the following fund balances: Reserved Fund Balance – That portion of fund balance which is not available for appropriation or which has been legally segregated for a specific purpose. Unreserved Fund Balance – The unreserved fund balance represents that portion of fund balance that is available for budgeting in future periods.

### NOTE 2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Cash resources of the District are held and managed by the Fergus County treasurer. They are combined with cash resources of other governmental entities within Fergus County to form a pool of cash and cash equivalents. Investments of pooled cash consist primarily of Repurchase Agreements and Certificates of Deposit and are carried at fair value. At June 30, 2010 the carrying amount of deposits was \$ 8,802,532. This includes \$1,757,770 in agency funds and \$191,432 in endowment funds.

The cash of the extracurricular funds totals \$201,551. Part of these funds, \$100,886, is held in the County investment pool to take advantage of the higher interest rates, for security purposes, and for insurance protection. The remaining \$100,665 is held separately by the school district, not at the County, and is covered by FDIC. An additional \$90,546 of trust funds are held by the County in a scholarship fund.

### NOTE 3. TAXES

#### 3.a MILL LEVIES

The assessed value of the roll as of January 1, 2009, upon which the levy for the 2010 fiscal year was based, was \$11,754,250 for the elementary district and \$12,701,820 for the high school district. The tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2010 to finance District operations were for the elementary and high school districts as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Total</u>
General	129.40	77.13	206.53
Transportation	37.95	17.48	55.43
Bus Depreciation	5.96	2.95	8.91
Tuition	.11	.02	.13
Adult Education	0	2.37	2.37
Technology	5.23	4.26	9.49
Debt Service	9.75	0	9.75
Building Reserve	<u>8.34</u>	<u>7.72</u>	<u>16.06</u>
Grand Total	<u>196.74</u>	<u>111.93</u>	<u>308.76</u>

#### 3.b TAXES RECEIVABLE

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Total</u>
General	\$ 188,150	\$ 112,066	\$ 300,216
Transportation	52,055	24,387	76,442
Bus Depreciation	8,733	4,626	13,359
Tuition	154	163	317
Adult Education	0	3,663	3,663
Technology	7,442	6,241	13,683
Debt Service	9,262	0	9,262
Building Reserve	<u>12,196</u>	<u>11,089</u>	<u>23,285</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 277,992</u>	<u>\$ 162,235</u>	<u>\$ 440,227</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3.c DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

<u>School / Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due From / Reason</u>
Elementary - Miscellaneous	\$ 241,226	Federal govt. - Title I Part A
Elementary - Miscellaneous	25,797	Federal govt. - Title II Part A
Elementary - Miscellaneous	910	Federal govt. - Title II Part D
Elementary - Miscellaneous	8,739	Federal Govt. - Title IV Part A
Elementary - Miscellaneous	1,266	Federal Govt. - ARRA IDEA Part B
Elementary - Miscellaneous	14,497	Federal Govt. - ARRA Title I Part A
Elementary - Miscellaneous	10,891	State of MT - Deferred Maintenance
High School - Traffic	4,320	State of MT - per pupil reimbursement
High School - Miscellaneous	17,574	Federal Govt. - Carl Perkins
High School - Miscellaneous	7,716	Federal Govt. - ARRA IDEA (Part B)
High School - Miscellaneous	<u>5,225</u>	State of MT - deferred maintenance
District Total	<u>\$ 338,161</u>	

NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The value and changes to the capital assets for June 30, 2010 are as follows:

CAPITAL ASSETS				
	<u>Balance July 1, 2009</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2010</u>
<b>COST:</b>				
Land	\$ 426,175	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 426,175
Land Improvements	1,163,498	42,958	0	1,206,456
Buildings	8,457,075	1,022,103	0	9,479,178
Major Equipment	<u>3,344,645</u>	<u>55,569</u>	<u>688,036</u>	<u>2,712,178</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,191,393</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,630</u>	<u>\$ 688,036</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,987</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:</b>				
Land Improvements	\$ (656,426)	\$ (55,262)	\$ 0	\$ (711,688)
Buildings	(4,683,511)	(175,889)	0	(4,859,400)
Major Equipment	<u>(2,324,447)</u>	<u>(201,158)</u>	<u>(569,023)</u>	<u>(1,956,582)</u>
Total	<u>\$(7,664,385)</u>	<u>\$(432,309)</u>	<u>\$(569,023)</u>	<u>\$(7,527,671)</u>

Depreciation was charged to the district's programs as follows:

Unallocated	432,309
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NOTE 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various types of risk of loss, including: a) damage to and loss of property and contents; b) employee torts; c) professional liability, i.e. errors and omissions; d) environmental damage; e) workers' compensation, i.e. employee injuries and f) medical insurance costs of employees. Several methods are used to provide insurance for these risks. Commercial policies, transferring all risks of loss, except for relatively small deductible amounts, are purchased for property and contents damage, employee torts, professional liabilities, and employee medical insurance. The district has joined with other districts throughout the state into an interlocal common risk pool to insure workers compensation for all participating districts in a self insurance pool. The Workers Compensation Risk Retention Program is managed by a board of directors elected annually. Members are responsible for fully funding the Workers Compensation Risk Retention Program through the payment of annual premiums assessed. There is no other liability to the district other than timely payments of premiums. The district can withdraw from the Workers Compensation Risk Retention Program with 60 days notice at anytime. The District has no coverage for potential losses from environmental damages.

Levels of insurance have not changed materially from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage limits during the current or each of the two previous years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 6. CURRENT LIABILITIES

6.a DEFERRED REVENUES

<u>School / Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Elementary-General	\$ 188,150	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Transportation	52,055	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Bus Depreciation	8,733	Taxes Receivable
Elementary- Miscellaneous	1,110	ARRA IDEA Part B
Elementary - Miscellaneous	797	Learn & Serve
Elementary - Tuition	154	Taxes Receivable
Elementary- Technology	7,442	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-School Food	9,090	prepaid lunch accounts
Elementary-Debt Service	9,262	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Building Reserve	12,196	Taxes Receivable
High School-General	112,066	Taxes Receivable
High School-Transportation	24,387	Taxes Receivable
High School-Bus Depreciation	4,626	Taxes Receivable
High School- Miscellaneous	11	ARRA IDEA Part B
High School- Tuition	163	Taxes Receivable
High School-Adult Ed	3,663	Taxes Receivable
High School-Technology	6,241	Taxes Receivable
High School-Building Reserve	11,089	Taxes Receivable
District Total	<u>\$ 451,235</u>	

NOTE 7. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The School District participates in two state-wide, cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit retirement plans which cover all School District employees, except certain substitute teachers and part-time, non-teaching employees. The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) covers teaching employees, including administrators and aides. The Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) covers nonteaching employees. The plans are established under State law and are administered by the State of Montana.

The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a state wide retirement plan established in 1945 and governed by Title 19, chapter 2 & 3 of the Montana Code Annotated providing retirement services to substantially all public employees. The PERS is a mandatory, except for those employed less than one half time, multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Division (PERD).

The PERS offers retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiary. Benefit eligibility is age 60 with at least five years of service; age 65 regardless of service; or 30 years of service regardless of age. Actuarial reduced benefits may be taken with 25 years of service or at age 50 with at least five years of service. Monthly retirements benefits are determined by taking 1/50 times the number of years of service times the highest consecutive 36 months salary. Members' rights become vested after five years of service. Beginning January 1998, a guaranteed annual benefit adjustment provides an annual 3% benefit increase each January if the recipient has been receiving a benefit for at least 36 months.

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) is a state wide retirement plan established in 1937 and governed by Title 19, chapter 20 of the Montana Code Annotated providing retirement services to teachers or professional staff of any public elementary or secondary school, colleges of technology or unit of the university system. The TRS is a mandatory multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan administered by the Teachers' Retirement Board.

The TRS offers retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiary. Benefit eligibility is age 60 with at least five years of service or 25 years of service regardless of age. Actuarial reduced benefits may be taken after age 50 with at least five years of service. The benefit is 1/60 times the number of years of service times the highest consecutive 36 months salary. Members' rights become vested after five years of service. Beginning January 2000, a guaranteed annual benefit adjustment provides an annual benefit increase each January of up to 3% if the recipient has been receiving a benefit for at least 36 months.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Both plans issue publicly available annual reports that include financial statements and required supplemental information for the plans. Those reports may be obtained from the following:

Teachers Retirement System	Public Employees Retirement System
P.O. Box 200139	P.O. Box 200131
1500 Sixth Avenue	1712 Ninth Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-0139	Helena, MT 59620-0131
Phone: 406-444-3134	Phone: 406-444-3154
www.trs.doa.state.mt.us	www.state.mt.us/doa/perb/prb.htm

For TRS the actuarial costs are calculated using the entry age actuarial cost method. For PERS the actuarial costs are calculated using the entry age normal cost method. The actuarial value of assets is the difference between the total market value of assets and the cost value of assets is added to the cost value on a 4 year smoothed basis for both TRS and PERS. The following rates were assumed, for investment return 7.75% for both TRS & PERS; projected salary increases 4.25% for both, and post retirement benefit increases of 3% for PERS employees hired before July 1, 2007 and 1.5% for PERS employees hired after July 1, 2007 and up to 1.5% for TRS. The amortization method used was level-percentage of projected payroll and the last actuarial valuation was June 30, 2007.

Contribution rates for both plans are required and determined by State law. The PERS rates for employees, was increased from 6.80% to 6.90% effective July 1, 1999. The PERS rate for the State was set at .37% for School District Employers starting July 1, 2009. The State rate for TRS was set at 2.49% starting July 1, 2009. The PERS rate for employers was increased from 6.7% to 6.8% effective July 1, 1999. The TRS rate for employees was increased from 7.044% to 7.15% effective July 1, 1999. The employer rate for TRS was increased from 7.459% to 7.47% effective January 1, 1994.

The amounts contributed to the plans during the years ended June 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010 were equal to the required contribution for each year. The amounts contributed by the State, District and its employees (including additional voluntary contributions by employees as permitted by State law) were as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
TRS	\$ 1,179,466	\$ 890,708	\$ 1,191,668
PERS	<u>208,453</u>	<u>225,858</u>	<u>228,928</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,387,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,596</u>

### NOTE 8. CHANGES IN LONG TERM DEBT

#### 8.a GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The elementary district issued QZAB general obligation bonds in fiscal year 2009 for the repair of the middle school roof and replacement of a heating and ventilation system in elementary school buildings. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District. These bonds all mature in 8 years. The elementary district will make annual payments to a sinking fund with the U.S. Bank of \$260,906. The first payment was made in June 2010. Interest is earned on the sinking fund at 2%, which is the same interest rate of the bonds. Therefore, when the bonds mature in 8 years, the sinking fund will have the total payment. The amount outstanding is the net value of the bonds outstanding, and the cash in the sinking fund is available for payment. Interest expense is not shown. These bonds were issued for the terms and payment schedules indicated in the following schedule:

<u>Elementary Issue Date</u>	<u>Original Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding June 30, 2009</u>
6/09	8 years	\$ 2,087,250	2%	\$ 260,906	\$ 1,826,344

Debt service requirements to the sinking fund including interest earned on the sinking fund to maturity for principal and interest for all bonded long term obligations are as follows:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the year ended  
6/30:

	Elementary	
	Principal	Interest
2011	\$ 255,688	\$ 5,218
2012	250,470	10,436
2013	245,252	15,654
2014	240,034	20,872
2015	234,815	26,091
2016-2017	<u>453,976</u>	<u>67,838</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,680,235</u>	<u>\$ 146,109</u>

## 8.b CAPITAL LEASES

A lease purchase agreement was entered into between Flament Office Products Inc. and School District No. 1 in prior years. This lease-purchase agreement provided a method of financing copiers for the District. The amount due on this lease purchase is reflected as a liability on the financial statements of the District in the Statement of Net Assets. The amount shown in the Statement of Net Assets for capitalized machinery and equipment is \$25,857. The first lease was entered into in June 2006 with monthly payments of \$325 per month. The second lease was entered in April 2006 with payments of \$373 per month. The leases have a bargain purchase option. The total payments for these leases in fiscal year 2010 were \$3,316 and \$335 was paid to interest.

The principal amount paid as of June 30, 2009 was \$22,876. Liability is shared equally between the elementary and high school. The principal balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$0.

## 8.c RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

In February 2007, the District offered certified teachers a one-time incentive to retire as of June 30, 2007. The incentive offered \$500 per month for each teacher, who accepted the offer, for a period of 36 months for a total liability of \$18,000 per teacher. The incentive was accepted by eight teachers giving the District a total liability of \$144,000. This liability was adjusted in fiscal year 2008 to include payroll taxes of \$459 per year per employee, or \$11,016. An additional six teachers agreed to retire in fiscal year 2008 for a \$7,105 payment in fiscal year 2009 and a \$7,751 payment in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2009 one teacher agreed to retire for a \$5,500 payment in fiscal year 2010 and a \$6,000 payment in fiscal year 2011.

## 8.d CHANGES IN LONG TERM DEBT

	Balance July 1, 2009	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2010
Compensated Absences	\$ 767,988	\$ 0	\$ 130,146	\$ 637,842
Capital Lease	2,981	0	2,981	0
Retirement Liability	109,677	0	103,677	6,000
OPEB	0	294,526	0	294,526
Bonds Payable	<u>2,087,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>260,906</u>	<u>1,826,344</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,967,896</u>	<u>\$ 294,526</u>	<u>\$ 497,710</u>	<u>\$ 2,764,712</u>

## NOTE 9. COOPERATIVE

### 9.a. SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Lewistown School District is a member of the Central Montana Learning Resource Center Cooperative, a Special Education Cooperative. The financial records of the Cooperative are prepared and maintained by the Cooperative Clerk. The financial records of the Cooperative are separate from those of School District No. 1, and the financial statements of the Cooperative are not included in the School Districts' financial statements. The Cooperative's financial statements are audited separately from those of the District. All revenue received, including Federal, State, or other types of grant payments, and the financial support provided by each of the Cooperative's members are deposited into the Cooperative's funds, which are maintained in the custody of the Fergus County Treasurer. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may directly deposit to the Cooperative the State and Federal portion of any participating member District's budgeted costs for contracted special education services. All fixed assets of the Cooperative are included in the Cooperative's financial statements.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

A Joint Board of Directors governs the Cooperative. The Joint Board has the power to set policies, enter into contracts, review the performance of the Cooperative annually, review the financial management of the Cooperative annually, and set and approve the annual fiscal budget of the Cooperative.

### NOTE 10. DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

<u>SCHOOL/FUND</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Elementary - Tuition	(147)

### NOTE 11. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

<u>SCHOOL/FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Elementary - General	\$ 1,769	Void warrants
Elementary - General	(14,992)	Prior Year TRS payment
Elementary - Transportation	(1,144)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Bus Depreciation	(7,342)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Retirement	(2,955)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - School Food	(1,562)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Lease Rental	(56)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Comp. Abs	(441)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Metal Mines	(732)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Technology	(593)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Flexibility	(486)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Elementary - Building Reserve	(2,072)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - General	(706)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - General	(9,554)	Prior Year TRS payment
High School - Transportation	(797)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Bus Depreciation	(3,084)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Retirement	(1,158)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Adult Education	(275)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Traffic Education	(630)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Miscellaneous	(26)	Prior Year Expense
High School - Lease Rental	(16)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Comp. Abs.	(171)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Metal Mines	(1,102)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Building Reserve	(2,551)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Technology	(358)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Flexibility	(339)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Building	(443)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Interlocal Agreement	(491)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Governmental Total	\$(52,307)	
Elementary - Student Activity	(334)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Student Activity	(364)	Fergus County interest adjustment
High School - Private Purpose Trust	(598)	Fergus County interest adjustment
Trust Total	\$ (1,296)	

### NOTE 12. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description - The District provides the same health care plan to all its members. The premium the District must pay for participating employees is \$ 3,948.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Funding Policy - The government pays OPEB liabilities on a pay as you go basis. The trust fund for future liabilities has not been established.

Funding status and progress as of June 30, 2010 was as follows:

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$ 3,575,178
Actuarial value of plan assets	<u>0</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	<u>3,575,178</u>
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/AAL)	0%
Covered payroll (active plan members)	\$ 7,740,681
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	46%

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligations - The government's annual other post employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount determined in accordance with the parameter of GASB statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed (30) years. The following table shows the components of the government's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the changes in the government's net OPEB obligation.

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 294,526
Interest on net OPEB obligation	0
Adjustment to ARC	<u>0</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	294,526
Contribution made	<u>0</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	294,526
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	<u>0</u>
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	<u>\$ 294,526</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used:

Actuarial Cost Method	Unit Credit Cost Method
Average age of retirement (based on historical data)	65
Discount rate (average anticipated rate)	4.25%
Average Salary Increase	2.50%
Health care cost rate trend (Federal Office of the Actuary)	
Year	% Increase
2010	7.0%
2011-2014	6.0%
2015 and after	5.0%

Footnote for GASB #45 - Change in Accounting Method (Including in "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies")

The government adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement No. 45 Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions.

School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, MT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
(Budget and Actual)  
ALL BUDGETED MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

	GENERAL FUND		TRANS EL FUND	
	Original & Final		Original & Final	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
REVENUES:				
District Levies	2,500,845	2,569,075	446,054	463,386
Interest Earnings	45,284	18,233	0	5,416
Other Local & District Sources	0	75	0	100
County Sources	0	0	80,730	74,466
State Sources	6,270,017	6,023,964	90,642	84,377
Federal	0	226,053	0	0
Charges for Services	0	265	0	0
Total Revenues	<u>8,816,146</u>	<u>8,837,665</u>	<u>617,426</u>	<u>627,745</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Instructional Services		5,054,313	0	0
Support Services		286,261	0	0
Educational Media Services		252,557	0	0
General Administrative Services		1,368,014	54,271	54,271
Operation & Maintenance Services		1,311,235	6,166	6,166
Transportation Services		47,600	784,563	386,069
Extracurricular		202,995	0	0
School Food Services		<u>56,601</u>	0	0
Total Current Charges		8,579,576	845,000	446,506
Capital Outlay		188,708	0	0
Debt Service		<u>3,316</u>	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>8,796,146</u>	<u>8,771,600</u>	<u>845,000</u>	<u>446,506</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE		66,065		181,239
BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE		700,637		317,559
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS		<u>(23,483)</u>		<u>(1,144)</u>
ENDING FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE		<u>743,219</u>		<u>497,654</u>

The accompanying NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION are an integral part of these statements.

Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

#### NOTES TO THE BUDGET VS ACTUAL SCHEDULE

##### 1.a BUDGETS

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with the State of Montana budget laws which are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, budgeted special revenue funds including (Transportation, Bus Depreciation, Tuition, Retirement, Adult Education, Technology, Flexibility), debt service fund, and budgeted capital project funds (Building Reserve). All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end, unless the School District elects to encumber supplies and personal property ordered but not received at year end.

##### 1.a1 General Budget Policies:

The School District's funds are either budgeted or nonbudgeted in accordance with State statutes. Budgeted funds are those of which a legal budget must be adopted to have expenditures from such funds and are noted above. All other funds are nonbudgeted, meaning a legal budget is not required in order to spend the cash balance of such a fund. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, Budget vs. Actual, has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and contains financial information for only the major budgeted funds. The major fund Elementary Building is not included in the schedule because it is not a budgeted fund. The original budget was not amended so the original budget and the final budget are the same.

##### 1.a2 Budget Operation:

The School District operates within the budget requirements for School Districts as specified by State law. The financial report reflects the following budgetary standards:

- (1) By the second Monday in July, the County Assessor transmits a statement of the assessed valuation and taxable valuation of all property in the School District's borders.
- (2) Before the fourth Monday in July, the County Superintendent estimates the revenue required for each fund.
- (3) Before the fourth Monday in August, the Board of Trustees must meet to legally adopt the final budget. The final budget for the general fund is fund total only.
- (4) Once adopted, the budget can be amended by subsequent Board action. An increase of the total budget of a given fund requires the adoption of an amended budget in accordance with State statutes.
- (5) According to State statutes, the expenditures of a budgeted fund may not legally exceed the adopted budget.
- (6) At the end of a fiscal year, unencumbered appropriations lapse unless specifically obligated by the School District.

##### 1.b Fund Balance Reconciliation

The general fund – fund balance on the statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances is different than the general fund – fund balance on the schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance (budget and actual) by \$179,604. This is due to the reserve for encumbrances. Encumbrances are not included as expenditures on the first statement as they do not meet the GAAP definition of expenditures. The District reports encumbrances at year end as budgeted expenditures and establishes a reserve of fund balances for encumbrances on the GAAP balance sheet since they do not represent GAAP expenditures or liabilities.

Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

SCHEDULE OF REPORTED ENROLLMENT  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Reported Enrollment	Per Audit	Difference
FALL ENROLLMENT OCTOBER, 2009			
PreK:	3	3	0
Kindergarten:	73	73	0
Grades 1 - 6:	553	553	0
Junior High:	<u>166</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Elementary:	<u>795</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>0</u>
High School:	<u>402</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>0</u>
Total High School:	<u>402</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>0</u>
SPRING ENROLLMENT FEBRUARY, 2010			
PreK:	4	4	0
Kindergarten:	72	72	0
Grades 1 - 6:	554	554	0
Junior High:	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Elementary:	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
High School:	<u>395</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>0</u>
Total High School:	<u>395</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>0</u>

LEWISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL  
END OF YEAR REVENUES & EXPENSES  
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND  
June 30, 2010

	BALANCE July 1, 2009	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE June 30, 2010
AFS	9	0	0	9
ANNUAL	13,934	10,403	17,916	6,420
STUDY GROUP	1,242	2,753	2,763	1,232
BAND	5,132	29,869	32,657	2,344
EAST MT JAZZ	762	2,769	2,600	932
BPA	894	13,347	10,180	4,060
CMT	570	0	0	570
CT MT MENTORS	290	0	25	265
STUDENT STORE	252	20	267	4
CHEERLEADERS	4,572	10,862	8,836	6,598
CLAWS-HONOR SOCIETY	376	2,161	2,019	518
CONCESSIONS	2,230	28,973	28,800	2,404
EAGLE RENAISSANCE	2,099	1,640	811	2,928
F CLUB	1,021	355	692	685
FERGUS NEWSPAPER	103	1,328	1,170	261
FFA	21,945	23,361	20,615	24,691
FCCLA	2,223	6,808	6,493	2,538
FINANCIAL ADMINISRATOR	822	3,178	2,517	1,483
FLY FISHING	65	181	0	246
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	66	0	0	66
GREEN CLUB	1,506	1,397	1,614	1,289
VICA	466	5,646	3,544	2,568
KEY CLUB	275	5,120	5,623	(227)
PARKING FINES	1,408	93	0	1,501
ART CLUB	0	562	28	534
SCIENCE CLUB	13,191	804	3,597	10,398
SKI CLUB	2,124	14,783	16,232	674
STUDENT ACTIVITY TICKETS	0	9,350	9,350	0
STUDENT COUNCIL	2,297	10,787	11,361	1,723
THESPIANS	2,063	705	552	2,215
TOURNAMENTS	1,069	1,242	1,242	1,069
TROPHY	3,634	10	1,199	2,446
VOCAL MUSIC	3,327	4,273	2,683	4,917
DISTRICT 8 MUSIC	2,820	7,661	6,823	3,657
WEIGHT CLUB	4,078	1,910	2,437	3,551
CLASS OF 2013	0	14	14	0
PASS THROUGH	6,774	3,222	0	9,996
CLASS OF 2010	1,314	859	2,173	0
CLASS OF 2011	337	8,084	5,067	3,353
CLASS OF 2012	0	167	167	0
FCCLA/CULINARY	2	50	52	0
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	73,192	175,784	205,123	43,853
SUBTOTAL	178,485	390,528	417,242	151,771
Less: Transfers		8,288	8,288	
TOTAL	178,485	382,241	408,955	151,771

LEWISTOWN ELEM/JUNIOR HIGH  
END OF YEAR REVENUES & EXPENSES  
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND  
June 30, 2010

	BALANCE July 1, 2009	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE June 30, 2010
GENERAL ACTIVITIES	1,847	7	45	1,809
BUILDERS CLUB	106	0	0	106
CHEERLEADERS	1,273	6,523	6,164	1,632
CONSUMER TECH	460	1,879	1,882	456
FACS	221	1,510	1,409	322
BC, SC STORE	1,873	3,053	3,589	1,337
MUSIC	100	0	0	100
PHOTO CLUB	1,851	4,671	3,437	3,084
SERVICE LEARNING	527	657	280	904
SKI CLUB	1,552	10,956	11,202	1,306
STUDENT COUNCIL	1,055	1,017	1,183	889
NEWS	54	986	1,002	37
COMPUTER SERV LEARNING	129	0	0	129
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	11,046	31,259	30,195	12,110
COUNTY	33,931	17,419	13,681	37,670
SUBTOTAL	44,977	48,678	43,875	49,780
Less: Transfers		50	50	
TOTAL	44,977	48,628	43,825	49,780

Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010  
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GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANT AND PROGRAM TITLE	Pass Through or Grantor Contract #	CFDA Number	GRANT AWARD AMOUNT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Title I Part A	1402583109	84.010A	\$ 361,975
Title II Part A	1402581409	84.367	64,555
Title II Part D	1402581406	84.318	5,323
ARRA Title I Part A	ARRATitle	84.389	72,460
ARRA IDEA Part B	ARRAIDEA	84.931	192,335
Carl Perkins	1402598109BG	84.048A	23,918
Drug Free Schools	1402583909	84.186	8,739
Adult Basic Ed	1402595600BG	84.002	44,498
ARRA Stabilization		84.394	226,053
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH			
Cash Payments A/		10.555	212,188
Commodities B/		10.550	29,302
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	2010	93.069	9,500
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Adult Basic Education	2010	17.267	8,004
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Learn & Serve	00881402091I	94.004	203

Notes: 1/ No separate funds or accounts maintained, district assumed first in first out for program monies.  
2/ The commodities are not included in the basic financial statements.  
3/ The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting which is described in note 1.b2.



Lewistown School District No. 1 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 Fergus County Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010  
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GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANT AND PROGRAM TITLE	Balance July 1, 2009	Revenues	Allowable Expenditures	Balance June 30, 2010
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
Title I Part A	\$ 0	\$ 361,975	\$ 361,975	\$ 0
Title II Part A	0	64,555	64,555	0
Title II Part D	0	5,323	5,323	0
ARRA Title I Part A	0	72,460	72,460	0
ARRA Idea Part B	0	192,335	192,335	0
Carl Perkins	0	23,918	23,918	0
Drug Free Schools	0	8,739	8,739	0
Adult Basic ED	0	44,498	44,498	0
ARRA Stabilization	0	<u>226,053</u>	<u>226,053</u>	0
TOTAL DEPT OF EDUCATION:	<u>0</u>	<u>999,856</u>	<u>999,856</u>	<u>0</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH				
Cash Payments A/	0	212,188	212,188	0
Commodities B/	0	<u>29,302</u>	<u>29,302</u>	0
TOTAL DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:	<u>0</u>	<u>241,490</u>	<u>241,490</u>	<u>0</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
Public Health Emergency Preparation	0	9,500	9,500	0
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
Adult Basic Education	0	8,004	8,004	0
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
Learn & Serve	0	203	203	0
TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,053</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,053</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Notes: 1/ No separate funds or accounts maintained, district assumed first in first out for program monies.  
 2/ The commodities listed above are not included in the basic financial statements.  
 3/ The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting which is described in note 1.c1.

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
P.O. Box 1980  
Billings, Montana 59103

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

Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

We have audited the financial statements of Lewistown School District No. 1 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the 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 Lewistown School District No. 1'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 Lewistown School District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration in internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting as item 1, 2010. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lewistown School District No. 1's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Lewistown School District No. 1's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit Lewistown School District No. 1's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management of The District, the Montana Department of Administration, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, 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.

*Strom & Associates, P.C.*

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
Billings, Montana  
January 21, 2011

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
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Billings, Montana 59103

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

The Board of Trustees  
Lewistown School District No. 1  
Fergus County  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Lewistown School District No. 1 with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2010. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of The 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 State, 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 Lewistown School District No. 1's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Lewistown School District No. 1, 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, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Lewistown School District No. 1 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 the 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 and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 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 *deficiency* in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of trustees, management of The District, the Montana Department of Administration, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, and federal awarding agency and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Strom & Associates, P.C.*

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
Billings, Montana  
January 21, 2011



# LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 1

215 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Lewistown, Montana 59457

Superintendent/ Administration Office (406) 535-8777

*"Excellence Today, Success Tomorrow"*

January 14, 2011

To whom it may concern:

The audit of Lewistown Public Schools' 2009-2010 financial statements revealed one finding to which the District must respond. Following you will find the District's response to it.

FINDING NUMBER 3 – STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2009:

The finding is that Student Activity Cash accounts are not being reconciled with their respective statements. Proper Internal Control requires that all cash accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis or as often as statements become available. The effect is the possibility of errors and irregularities regarding Extra Curricular cash.

Recommend all Student Activity cash accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis or as often as statements become available.

District Response: Cash reconciliations were previously handled at the high school office. Additionally, the previous accounting system was no longer supported. As a result of these issues and the audit finding, the district changed accounting programs and the Business Manager now reconciles all student activity accounts. All auxiliary accounts will also be closed this year.

Please contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Waterman  
Business Manager

STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC  
P.O. Box 1980  
Billings, Montana 59103

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The auditor, Strom & Associates, PC, has issued an unqualified opinion on School District No. 1's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010.
2. Our audit disclosed 1 significant deficiencies in internal controls and none that are considered to be material weaknesses relating to internal controls over financial reporting and its operation.
3. Our audit disclosed no noncompliance which was material to the financial statements of School District No. 1.
4. Our audit disclosed no significant deficiencies that are considered to be material weaknesses relating to internal controls over major federal awards programs.
5. The auditor, Strom & Associates, PC, has issued an unqualified opinion on School District No. 1's compliance with major federal awards programs as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010.
6. The audit disclosed no audit findings which are required to be reported under section .510 of OMB Circular A-133.
7. The major programs for Lewistown School District No. 1 for the year ended June 30, 2010 were ARRA EL & HS, ARRA IDEA Part B.
8. The threshold used to distinguish between Type A and type B programs was \$300,000. Lewistown School District No. 1 has Title I Part A as a type A programs.
9. This school district does qualify as a low risk audit client.

B. Findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with "Governmental Auditing Standards."

FINDING NUMBER 3 – STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2009:

This finding was resolved in fiscal year 2010.

FINDING NUMBER 1 – STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2010:

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Recommend all Student Activity cash accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis or as often as statements become available.

C. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards, as defined in section .510 (a) of OMB Circular A-133.

The audit disclosed no findings or questioned costs relating to federal awards as defined in section .510 (a) of OMB Circular A-133.