LEWISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

FERGUS COUNTY LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2009

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Lewistown Public Schools Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) For The Year Ended June 30, 2009

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, 2009.

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 owned), 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.

<u>Proprietary (business-type) activities</u> – 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 \$10,956,520 as of June 30, 2009. This amount represents an increase of \$817,229—roughly 8%—from June 30, 2008. The receipt of almost \$2.1 million in bond proceeds in June 2009 accounts for the bulk of this difference. Approximately 52% of the district's net assets reflect its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, and machinery and equipment).

Lewistown Public Schools Condensed Statement of Net Assets

Governmental	Activities	FY	2009
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Current and other assets	8,197,408
Capital assets	5,727,008
Total Assets	13,924,416
Current liabilities	459,537
Non-current liabilities	<u>2,508,359</u>
Total Liabilities	2,967,896
Invested in capital assets,	
Net of debt	3,527,100
Unrestricted	<u>7,429,420</u>
Total Net Assets	10,956,520

Lewistown Public Schools Changes in Net Assets

Governmental Activities FY 2009

GENERAL REVENUES

Total General Revenue	\$11,352,661
Other	101,052
Investment Earning	188,099
Gain on Sale of Asset	44,100
County	1,558,071
Other State Revenue	2,484,912
State Equalization	3,324,166
District Levy	3,652,261

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Instruction	6,116,255
Support	411,593
Media	352,600
Administration	1,757,957
O & M	2,034,501
Transportation	707,874
Extracurricular	235,891
School Food	566,600
Other Current Charges	65,809
Interest	4,458
Depreciation – unallocated	<u>244,075</u>
Total Operations	\$12,497,614

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2009, the District had invested over \$13 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, 2009.

Land and Improvements Accumulated Depreciation	1,589,673 (<u>656,426</u>) 933,247
Buildings and Improvements Accumulated Depreciation	8,457,075 (4,683,511) 3,773,564
Machinery and Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	3,344,645 (2,324,448) 1,020,197

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 also expires at the end of FY10 after increases of 3%, 4%, and 2% in 2008, 2009, and 2010, respectively. Obviously, the changes to that agreement will impact the District's financial future. 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 recently learned that its Title I program will be cut by 13% following a change in the Title I allocation formula. This change will take place beginning in FY11. Failure to make Adequate Yearly Progress as required by No Child Left Behind also triggered a provision requiring a portion of our Title I allocation be spent on professional development. As the District currently uses almost all of its Title I allocation on staffing, these two changes will result cause the District to take a hard look at staffing in this area.

- The District estimates that general building repairs and maintenance in excess of \$10 million will be necessary over the next several years. A community group studied the District's facilities and recommended the district consider building a new Junior High. The Board is currently considering that recommendation.
- The Lewistown Airport Board recently informed the district that it will not renew the district's lease on the bus barn when it expires at the end of 2009. If this information holds true, the district will need to find a new location to house our transportation program. The District levied \$250,000 in both 2009 and 2010 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 7th 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, MT 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, 2009, 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, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 24, 2009, 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 important for 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 28 required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards page 33 - 34 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, PC

Billings, Montana November 24, 2009 E. aprostates, P.C.

School District No. 1

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Fergus County

Lewistown, MT

as of June 30, 2009

	2009
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash & Investments	7,486,688
Taxes Receivable	477,014
Due From Other Governments	198,232
Inventory	35,475
Total Current Assets	<u>8,197,408</u>
Non-current Assets:	
Land/Construction in Progress	426,175
Other Capital Assets(Net)	<u>5,300,833</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>5,727,008</u>
Total Assets	<u>13,924,416</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences	91,973
Current Bonds/Notes/Lease Payable	<u>367,564</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>459₋537</u>
Non-current Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences	676,015
Bonds Payable	1,826,344
Other Payable	<u>6,000</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities	<u>2,508,359</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2.967,896</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt	3,527,100
Unrestricted	<u>7,429,420</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>10.956.520</u>

School District No. 1 Fergus County Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Program Revenue				
		Charges		Net (Expense)	
		for	Operating	Revenue	
	Expenses	Services	Grants	2009	
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS					
Instruction	6,116,255	352,955	978,993	(4,784,306)	
Support	411,593	0	777	(410,816)	
Media	352,600	0	24,400	(328,200)	
Administration:	1,757,957	0	5,327	(1,752,631)	
O & M	2,034,501	18,453	1,661	(2,014,387)	
Transportation	707,874	0	213,751	(494,123)	
Extracurricular	235,891	0	0	(235,891)	
School Food	566,600	290,928	197,042	(78,631)	
Other Current Charges	65,809	0	0	(65,809)	
Interest	4,458	0	0	(4,458)	
Depreciation-unallocated	244,075	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	(244,075)	
Totals	12.497.614	<u>662,335</u>	1.421.951	(10,413,328)	
GENERAL REVENUES					
District Levy				3,652,261	
State Equalization				3,324,166	
Other State Revenue				2,484,912	
County				1,558,071	
Sale of asset				44,100	
Investment Earnings				188,099	
Other				101,052	
Total General Revenues				<u>11,352.661</u>	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				939,333	
NET ASSETS .					
Beginning of the Year				10,130,319	
Prior Period Adjustments				(113,132)	
End of the Year				10,956,520	

School District No. 1 Fergus County Lewistown, MT

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS as of June 30, 2009

		MAJOI	?		Other	
	General	El Transport	El Bus	El Building	Government	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
ASSETS:			•			
Cash and Investments	881,070	317,559	862,349	1,662,048	3,763,662	7,486,688
Taxes Receivable	326,226	60,962	9,532	0	80,293	477,014
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	0	198,232	198,232
Inventories	<u>0</u>	. <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,475</u>	<u>35,475</u>
Total Assets	1,207,296	<u>378,521</u>	871,881	1,662,048	<u>4.077,662</u>	<u>8,197,408</u>
LIABILITIES:						
Deferred Revenue	326,226	60.962	<u>9,532</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,293</u>	<u>477.014</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>326,226</u>	60,962	<u>9,532</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,293</u>	477,014
FUND BALANCE:						
Reserve for Inventory	0	0	0	0	35,475	35,475
Reserved for Encumbrances	180,433	0	0	0	103,786	284,218
Unreserved Fund Balance:						
General Funds	700,637	0	0	0	0	700,637
Special Revenue Funds	0	317,559	862,349	0	3,116,022	4,295,929
Capital Projects Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1,662,048	742.087	2,404,135
Total Fund Balance	<u>881.070</u>	<u>317.559</u>	862,349	1.662.048	<u>3,997,369</u>	<u>7,720,394</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1.207.296	<u>378,521</u>	<u>871.881</u>	1.662.048	<u>4,077,662</u>	<u>8,197,408</u>
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RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF	NET ASSETS					
Total fund balance reported above			7,720,394			
Add capital assets not reported above		13,391,393				
Less accumulated depreciation		(7,664,385)	5,727,008			
Less liabilities not reported above:						
Compensated absences		767,988				
Bonds Payable		2,087,250				
Other Payable		109,677				
Lease Payable		<u>2,981</u>	(2,967,896)			
Deferred revenues for taxes receivable recognized	l as revenue in the	е				
government-wide statement of net assets			<u>477,014</u>			
Net Assets			10.956.520			

School District No. 1

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Fergus County Lewistown, MT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

		MAJOF	,	 -	Other	
	General	El Transport	El Bus	El Building	Government	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
REVENUES:	Tund	T dild	Tuku	Tullu	Tunus	10.0.
District Levies	2,518,960	474,551	72,806	0	667,012	3,733,330
Interest	45,284	7,094	34,604	72	100,186	187,240
Other	75,204	7,054	0	0	100,100	100,191
County	0	72,505	0	0	1,592,441	1,664,946
State	6,096,969	82,342	0	0	137,935	6,317,247
Federal	0,020,202	02,542	0	0	806,906	806,906
Charges for Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	662,335	662,335
Total Revenues	<u>8.661,214</u>	<u>636.493</u>	107,410	<u>5</u> 72	4,067,007	13,472,196
EXPENDITURES:						
Instructional Services	4,856,371	0	0	0	1,304,621	6,160,992
Support Services	358,379	0	0	0	55,048	413,427
Educational Media Services	205,168	0	0	0	147,525	352,693
General Administrative Services	1,298,857	54,784	0	41,745	352,971	1,748,357
Operation & Maintenance Services	1,334,891	7,170	0	320,788	174,410	1,837,259
Transportation Services	101,839	353,507	1,206	0	214,579	671,131
Extracurricular	209,264	0	0	0	26,627	235,891
School Food Services	98,212	0	0	0	493,460	591,672
Other Current Charges	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	65.809	65,809
Total Current Charges	8,462,981	415,462	1,206	362,533	<u>2.835,050</u>	<u>12,077,232</u>
Capital Outlay	24,226	. 0	85,493	0	136,787	246,506
Debt Service	106,230	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>155</u>	106,385
Total Expenditures	<u>8,593,437</u>	415,462	<u>86.699</u>	<u>362,533</u>	<u>2,971,993</u>	12,430,123
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER EXPENDITURES	67,777	221,031	20,711	(362,461)	1,095,015	1,042,072
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES						
Transfer from Internal Service Fund	0	0	0	0	64,094	64,094
Sale of Capital Assets	0	18,275	0	300	25,526	44,100
Proceeds from Bonds	0	0	0	2,087,250	0	2,087,250
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	67,777	239,306	20,711	1,725,089	1,184,634	3,237,516
FUND BALANCE:						
Beginning of the Year	808,512	78,253	841,638	7,604	2,736,331	4,472,338
Prior Period Adjustments	4,781	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(70,645)</u>	<u>76,404</u>	10,540
End of the Year	<u>881.070</u>	317,559	<u>862,349</u>	1,662,048	<u>3.997.369</u>	<u>7,720,395</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

Excess of revenues over expenditures as reported in the governmental funds statement	nent	3,237,516
Change in net assets from internal service funds	(82,524) 64,094	(18,430)
Less Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	<u>04,034</u>	(10,450)
Revenues on the Statement of Activity not included in governmental funds statement	ent:	
Increase (decrease) in taxes receivable		(81,068)
Revenues reported in the governmental funds statement not included in the Statem	ent of Activity	
Transfers From Internal Service Funds to Special Revenue Funds	64,094	
Bond/Note Proceeds	<u>2,087,250</u>	(2,151,344)
Expenses on the Statement of Activity not included in the governmental funds state	ement:	
Depreciation Expense	(485,563)	
Retirement Incentive Debt	(11,500)	
(Increase) decrease in compensated absence liability	<u>101,288</u>	(395,775)
Expenditures reported in the governmental funds statement not included in the Stat	tement of Activity	
Capital outlays	246,506	
Payments on Retirement Incentive	94,301	
Principal payments on Lease	<u>7.627</u>	<u>348,434</u>
Change in net assets reported on the Statement of Activity		939.333

School District No. 1 Fergus County Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUNDS As of June 30, 2009

	Internal Service
	Funds
Assets	
Cash ·	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>0</u>
Liabilities Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
Net Assets Unrestricted Total Net Assets	<u>o</u> .

School District No. 1

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

Fergus County

Lewistown, MT

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Internal
	Service
	Funds
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for Services	<u>86,675</u>
Total Operating Revenues	86,675
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Personnel Services - Salaries	4,961
Personnel Services - Benefits	392
Purchased Property Services	1,360
Other Purchased Services	1,829
Supplies & Materials	<u>97.423</u>
Total Operating Expenses	105,964
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(19,289)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE(EXPENSES)	
Interest	859
Transfer to Misc. Funds	<u>(64.094)</u>
Total Non-operating Revenue(Expenses)	(63,235)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(82,524)
IOTAL NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	<u>82.524</u>
IOTAL NET ASSETS, ENDING	<u>Q</u>

School District No. 1 Fergus County Lewistown, MT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Internal
·	Service
	Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS:	
Cash Received From Customers	86,675
Personal Services - Salaries	(4,961)
Personal Services - Benefits	(392)
Purchased Property Services	(1,360)
Other Purchased Services	(1,829)
Supplies & Materials	(46,269)
NET CASH PROVIDED(USED)	
BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	<u>31,864</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest	<u>859</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED(USED)	
BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	<u>859</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Transfers Out to Misc. Funds	(64.094)
NET CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY NONCAPITAL	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	(64,094)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(31,371)
CASH BALANCE JULY 1, 2008	<u>31,371</u>
CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 2009	Q

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	(19,289)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
net cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase)Decrease in Inventory	<u>51,153</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>51,153</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	31.864

School District No. 1 Fergus County

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS AND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

Lewistown, MT

As of June 30, 2009

	Private Purpose
	Trust Funds
Assets	
Cash	311,019
Other Assets	18,800
Total Assets	<u>329,819</u>
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
Net Assets	
Held in Trust for Endowment	106,357
Held in Trust for Student Activities	223,462
Total Net Assets	<u>329.819</u>
CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS	
Additions	
Contributions to Endowment	2,950
Revenue from Student Activities	<u>453.306</u>
Total Additions	<u>456,256</u>
Deductions	
Regular Education Expenses	153
Expenses of Student Activities	<u>410,153</u>
Total Deductions	<u>410,306</u>
Changes in Net Assets Held in Trust	45,950
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	278,298
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>5,571</u>
Net Assets, Ending of the Year	<u>329.819</u>

Board of Trustees Lewistown School District No. 1 Fergus County Lewistown, MT 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, proprietary funds with all internal service funds combined in one column 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.

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 Building Fund – This fund is used to account for funds received from the issuance of general obligation bonds. The bonds were approved by voters to be used for general repair and maintenance of the District's elementary school buildings.

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.

Internal Service Funds — These funds include a central stores fund, an elementary and high school central transportation fund, and a self-insurance health insurance fund which account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments of the District on a cost reimbursement basis. These funds use the accrual method of accounting mentioned in the government-wide section above. All assets and liabilities associated with internal funds are included on its balance sheet. Investment earnings are non-operating revenues. The District closed all of its internal service funds in fiscal year 2009.

1.cl 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 treasure 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.

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:

Materials, supplies and food are carried in an inventory account at average cost and are subsequently charged to expenditures when consumed. Inventories also include maintenance and operating supplies as well as instructional supplies.

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:

Buildings20-50 yearsImprovements other than buildings20 yearsMachinery and Equipment5-20 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 pay out 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 \$91,973 and it is generally paid out of the general fund. The accrued liability for sick and vacation leave at June 30, 2009 was \$767,988.

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. Unrestricted – The difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported in Net Assets invested in Capital Assets.

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, certificates of deposit, U.S. government securities, and STIP and are carried at fair value. At June 30, 2009 the carrying amount of deposits was \$8,657,211. This includes \$975,843 in agency funds and \$194,680 in endowment funds.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The cash of the extracurricular funds totals \$223,462. Part of these funds, \$107,123 is held in the county investment pool to take advantage of the higher interest earnings, for security purposes, and for insurance protection. The remaining \$116,339 is held separately by the school district, not at the county, and is covered by FDIC. An additional \$87,557 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, 2008, upon which the levy for the 2009 fiscal year was based, was \$11,381,411 for the elementary district and \$12,275,770 for the high school district. The tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2009 to finance District operations were for the elementary and high school districts as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Elementary	High School	<u>Total</u>
General	131.94	77.22	209.16
Transportation	43.83	19.71	63.54
Bus Depreciation	6.15	3.05	9.20
Tuition	.19	.36	.55
Adult Education	.00	2.96	2.96
Technology	5.40	4.41	9.81
Building Reserve	<u>8.61</u>	<u>7.98</u>	<u>16.59</u>
Grand Total	<u>196.12</u>	<u>115.69</u>	<u>311.81</u>

3.b TAXES RECEIVABLE

Fund	Elementary	High School	<u>Total</u>
General	\$ 203,507	\$ 122,720	\$ 326,227
Transportation	60,962	28,806	89,768
Bus Depreciation	9,532	5,223	14,755
Tuition	239	534	773
Adult Education	0	4,606	4,606
Technology	8,144	6,995	15,139
Building Reserve	<u>13,307</u>	<u>12.439</u>	<u> 25,746</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 295.691</u>	<u>\$ 181.323</u>	<u>\$ 477.014</u>

3.c DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

School / Fund	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due From / Reason</u>
Elementary – Miscellaneous High School – Miscellaneous	\$ 133,494 41,399 2,748 6,345 18 11,188	Federal Govt. – Title I Part A Federal Govt. – Title II Part A Federal Govt. – Title II Part D Federal Govt. – Title IV Part A Federal Govt. – Title V Part A Federal Govt. – Carl Perkins
High School – Traffic Education District Total	1 <u>3.040</u> \$ 198,232	State of MT – Per pupil reimbursement

NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The value and changes to the capital assets for June 30, 2009 are as follows:

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	Balance			Balance
•	July 1, 2008	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	June 30, 2009
COST:			-	
Land	\$ 426,175	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 426,175
Land Improvements	1,118,304	45,194	0	1,163,498
CIP	9,240	0	9,240	0
Buildings	8,449,728	7,347	0	8,457,075
Major Equipment	3,369,539	<u>194,344</u>	<u>219,238</u>	<u>3.344.645</u>
Total	\$ 13,372.986	\$ 246.885	<u>\$ 228,478</u>	<u>\$ 13,391,393</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPR	ECIATION:			
Land Improvements	\$ (599,745)	\$ (56,681)	\$ 0	\$ (656,426)
Buildings	(4,497,934)	(185,577)	0	(4,683,511)
Major Equipment	(2,185,571)	(243,305)	(104,428)	(2,324,448)
Total	\$(7,283,250)	\$(485,563)	\$(104,428)	<u>\$(7.664.385)</u>

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

Operation & Maintenance	\$ 241,488
Unallocated	<u>244,075</u>
Total	<u>\$ 485,563</u>

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 accessed. 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. The District had a self-insurance health insurance fund with a cash balance of \$4,421 at the beginning of the year. This fund was closed to the miscellaneous fund in fiscal year 2009.

NOTE 6. CURRENT LIABILITIES

6.a DEFERRED REVENUES

School / Fund	Amount	Reason
Elementary-General	\$ 203,507	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Transportation	60,962	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Bus Depreciation	9,532	Taxes Receivable
Elementary- Tuition	239	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Technology	8,144	Taxes Receivable
Elementary-Building Reserve	13,307	Taxes Receivable
High School-General	122,720	Taxes Receivable
High School-Transportation	28,806	Taxes Receivable
High School-Bus Depreciation	5,223	Taxes Receivable
High School- Tuition	534	Taxes Receivable
High School-Adult Education	4,606	Taxes Receivable
High School-Technology	6,995	Taxes Receivable
High School-Building Reserve	<u>12.439</u>	Taxes Receivable
District Total	<u>\$477.014</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.

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 P.O. Box 200139 1500 Sixth Avenue Helena, MT 59620-0139 Phone: 406-444-3134

Phone: 406-444-3134 www.trs.doa.state.mt.us Public Employees Retirement System P.O. Box 200131 1712 Ninth Avenue Helena, MT 59620-0131 Phone: 406-444-3154

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 .235% for School District Employers starting July 1, 2007. The State rate for TRS was set at 2.11% starting July 1, 2007. 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, 2007, 2008 and 2009 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:

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 Z008
 2009

 TRS
 \$ 894,703
 \$ 1,179,466
 \$ 890,708

 PERS
 189.848
 208,453
 225,858

 Total
 \$ 1,084.551
 \$ 1,387,919
 \$ 1,116,566

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 10 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:

Elementary <u>Issue Date</u>	Origina <u>Term</u>	l <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	<u>Retired</u>	Amount Outstanding June 30, 2009
6/09	8 years	\$ 2,087,250	2%	\$ 0	\$ 2,087,250

The cost of issuing the bonds was 5% or \$104,362. 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:

For the year ended	For	the	year	ended
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6/30:	Elementary			
	<u>Pr</u>	<u>incipal</u>		Interest
2010	\$	260,906	\$	0
2011		255,688		5,218
2012		250,470		10,436
2013		245,252		15,654
2014		240,034		20,872
2015-2017		688,79 <u>3</u>		93.927
Totals	\$ 1	.941,143	\$ 1	46.107

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 2009 were \$8,376 and \$750 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, 2009 was \$2,981.

Future Minimum Lease Payments

Year Ending June 30, 2010

\$2,981

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. This added an additional \$89,134 to the retirement liability. 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, 2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2009
Compensated Absences	\$ 869,276	\$ 0	\$ 101,288	\$ 767,988
Capital Lease	10,607	0	7,626	2,981
Retirement Liability	192,478	11,500	94,301	109,677
Bonds Payable	<u>0</u>	<u>2,087.250</u>	<u>0</u>	2.087,250
Total	<u>\$ 1.072.361</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,750</u>	<u>\$ 203.215</u>	<u>\$ 2.967.896</u>

NOTE 9. SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

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.

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

SCHOOL/FUND	BALANCE
Elementary — Tuition	\$(258)
High School — Tuition	(156)
Total	<u>\$(414)</u>

NOTE 11. CHARGES FOR SERVICES

The District's charges for services were \$265,000 higher than the previous year in part due to the construction academy established by the District. Funds were donated to allow students to build a modular home as part of there academic training. The home was finished in fiscal year 2009 and was sold for \$153,111. These funds will be used to continue the program in subsequent years. Lewistown school district also has a computer technician on staff that performs services for other school districts in the area. The other districts are charged a fee of \$65 per student for these services. In addition MSU Northern rents space from the Lewistown school district for a fee \$30,000 in fiscal year 2009.

NOTE 12. RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFERS

SCHOOL/FUND	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
Elementary – Central Trans. Internal Service Elementary – Miscellaneous Internal Service Elementary – Self Insurance Health High School – Central Trans. Internal Service Total	\$ (9,175) 48,573 4,421 20,275 \$ 64,094	Elementary – Miscellaneous to close fund deficit Elementary – Miscellaneous to close fund Elementary – Miscellaneous to close fund High School – Miscellaneous to close fund

NOTE 13. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

SCHOOL/FUND	AMOUNT	REASON
Elementary – General	\$ 2,404	Voided warrants
Elementary – General	(343)	Library fine adjustment
Elementary - School Food	27	Prior year revenue
Elementary - Miscellaneous	70,645	Reimburse one time only funds from bond issue
Elementary - Miscellaneous	2,352	Voided warrants
Elementary - Miscellaneous	3,381	To close agency funds
Elementary - Building Fund	(70,645)	Reimburse one time only funds from bond issue
High School – General	3,297	Voided warrants
High School - General	(578)	Library fine adjustment
Governmental Fund Total	\$ 10.540	
GASB 34	(123.672)	Capital asset adjustment
GASB 34 Total	\$(113.132)	
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High School – Student Activities	\$ 5,5 / I	Prior period revenue

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, 2009

	GENERAL	L FUND	El Transpor	t FUND	El Bus F	UND
	Original & Final		Original & Final		Original & Final	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
REVENUES:			•			
District Levies	2,449,333	2,518,960	498,867	474,551	70,000	72,806
Interest Earnings	43,021	45,284	0	7,094	0	34,604
Other Local & District Sources	1,344	0	0	0	0	0
County Sources	0	0	88,398	72,505	0	0
State Sources	<u>6.091.926</u>	6,096,969	<u>98,235</u>	<u>82,342</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	<u>8,585,623</u>	8,661,214	<u>685.500</u>	<u>636,493</u>	<u>70.000</u>	107,410
EXPENDITURES:						
Instructional Services		4,847,636	0	0	0	0
Support Services		358,379	0	0	0	0
Educational Media Services		205,168	0	0	0	0
General Administrative Services		1,298,857	54,784	54,784	0	0
Operation & Maintenance Services		1,334,891	7,170	7,170	0	0
Transportation Services		101,839	623,545	353,507	1,206	1,206
Extracurricular		209,264	0	0	0	0
School Food Services		<u>98,212</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Charges		8,454,246	685,500	415,462	1,206	1,206
Capital Outlay		24,226	0	0	910,432	85,493
Debt Service		<u>106.230</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>8.585,623</u>	<u>8,584.702</u>	<u>685,500</u>	<u>415,462</u>	<u>911,638</u>	<u>86,699</u>
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY)						
REV OVER EXP.		76,512		221,031		20,711
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES						
Sale of Fixed Assets		0		18,275		0
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE		76,512		239,306		20,711
BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE		619,345		78,253		841,638
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS		<u>4,781</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
ENDING FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE		700,637		317,559		862,349

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, MT 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), 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 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 \$180,433. 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, MT 59457

SCHEDULE OF REPORTED ENROLLMENT Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

·	Reported Enrollment	Per Audit	Difference
FALL ENROLLMENT OCTOBER, 2007			
PreK:	8	8	0
Kindergarten:	92	92	0
Grades 1 - 6:	563	563	0
Junior High:	<u>196</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Elementary:	<u>859</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>Q</u>
High School:	409	409	0
19 Year olds	<u>2</u>	2	<u>0</u>
Total High School:	<u>411</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>Q</u>
SPRING ENROLLMENT FEBRUARY, 2008			
PreK:	15	15	0
Kindergarten:	95	95	0
Grades 1 - 6:	557	557	0
Junior High:	<u>196</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Elementary:	<u>863</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>0</u>
High School:	410	410	0
19 Year olds	<u>2</u>	2	<u>0</u>
Total High School:	<u>412</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>Q</u>

LEWISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL END OF YEAR REVENUES & EXPENSES STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND June 30, 2009

	BALANCE July 1, 2008	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE June 30, 2009
AFS	9	0	0	9
ANNUAL	155	14,082	304	13,934
STUDY GROUP	1,176	1,422	1,356	1,242
BAND	32,433	13,941	41,241	5,132
EAST MT JAZZ	02,430	1,968	1,205	762
BPA	405	6,866		894
CMT	570	0,000	0,077	570
CT MT MENTORS	205	140	55	290
STUDENT STORE	202	50	0	252
CHEERLEADERS	4,515	10,647	10,591	4,572
CLAWS-HONOR SOCIETY	364	461	449	376
CONCESSIONS	9,070	24,667	31,507	2,230
EAGLE RENAISSANCE	1,969	930	800	2,099
F CLUB	2,665	0	1,644	1,021
FERGUS NEWSPAPER	1,042	650	1,590	103
FFA	9,554	23,716	11,324	21,945
FCCLA	1,580	11,896	11,253	2,223
FINANCIAL ADMINISRATOR	158	2,418	1,754	822
FLY FISHING	0	65	0	65
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	66	0	0	66
GREEN CLUB	86	1,998	578	1,506
VICA	252	1,366	1,152	466
KEY CLUB	976	4,855	5,556	275
PARKING FINES	1,573	275	440	1,408
PEP CLUB	(23)	23	0	0
SCIENCE CLUB	12,880	1,617	1,306	13,191
SKI CLUB	1,162	20,756	19,794	2,124
STUDENT ACTIVITY TICKETS	0	7,945	7,945	0
STUDENT COUNCIL	10,174	17,255	25,132	2,297
THESPIANS	2,379	1,260	1,576	2,063
TOURNAMENTS	1,623	2,436	2,990	1,069
TROPHY	3,634	0	0	3,634
VOCAL MUSIC	2,296	10,673	9,642	3,327
DISTRICT 8 MUSIC	0	8,827	6,006	2,820
WEIGHT CLUB	1,159	4,538	. 1,619	4,078
CLASS OF 2008	1,298	42	1,340	0
CLASS OF 2009	2,749	0	2,749	0
PASS THROUGH	520	17,975	11,720	6,774
CLASS OF 2010	0	8,617	7,304	1,314
CLASS OF 2011	232	130	25	337
FCCLA/CULINARY	247	1,167	1,412	. 2
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	<u>27,000</u>	<u>188,913</u>	142,721	73,192
SUBTOTAL	136,356	414,587	372,458	178,485
Prior Period Adjustment	(86)	0	(86)	0
Less: Transfers	400.070	<u>10,960</u>	<u>10,960</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>136,270</u>	<u>403,626</u>	<u>361,412</u>	<u>178,485</u>

LEWISTOWN ELEM/JUNIOR HIGH END OF YEAR REVENUES & EXPENSES STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND June 30, 2009

	BALANCE July 1, 2008	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE June 30, 2009
GENERAL ACTIVITIES	1,203	793	149	1,847
BUILDERS CLUB	31	199	123	106
CHEERLEADERS	150	5,540	4,417	1,273
CONSUMER TECH	865	2,160	2,565	460
FACS	81	1,753	1,613	221
BC, SC STORE	1,981	2,323	2,431	1,873
MUSIC	103	0	3	100
PHOTO CLUB	1,907	4,701	4,757	1,851
HELPS	0	0	0	0
SERVICE LEARNING	1,268	9,970	10,711	527
SKI CLUB	283	4,051	2,782	1,552
STUDENT COUNCIL	1,845	904	1,694	1,055
NEWS	32	683	661	54
COMPUTER SERV LEARNING	132	0	4	129
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	<u>28,587</u>	<u>22,278</u>	<u>16,934</u>	<u>33,931</u>
SUBTOTAL	38,467	55,354	48,844	44,977
Less: Transfers		<u>103</u>	<u>103</u>	
TOTAL	<u>38,467</u>	<u>55,251</u>	<u>48,741</u>	<u>44,977</u>

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

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 Page 1 of 2

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CD 13/770D C 100 CV CV CD 13/77	Pass Through	OED 4	GRANT
GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANT	or Grantor	CFDA	AWARD
AND PROGRAM TITLE	Contract #	Number	AMOUNT
		·	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA			
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Title I Part A	1402583109	84.010A	\$ 309,019
Title II Part A	1402581409	84.367	94,116
Title II Part D	1402586009	84.318	4,420
Title V	1402583909	84.298	18
IDEA Part B	1401258278	84.027A	69,871
Carl Perkins	1402598109BG	84.048A	51,433
Drug Free Schools	1402583909	84.186	8,631
Distance Learning	1402595608	84.315	3,475
Adult Basic Education	1402595609BG	84.002	55,820
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONTANA			
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
office of fulblic indiagonion.			
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH			
Cash Payments 1/		10.555	196,604
Commodities 2/		10.550	30,382
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN S	PRATORO		
PASSED THROUGH MONTANA	EKVICES		
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
OFFICE OF FUBLIC INSTRUCTION:			
Learn & Serve	00881402091I	94.004	13,500
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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.c1.

Lewistown School District No. 1 SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Fergus County

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

Lewistown, MT 59457

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GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANT AND PROGRAM TITLE	Balance July 1, 2008	, Revenues	Allowable Expenditures	Balance June 30, 2009
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONT	`ANA			
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
Title I Part A	\$ 0	\$ 309,019	\$ 309,019	\$ 0
Title II Part A	0	94,116	94,116	0
Title II Part D	0	4,420	4,420	0
Title V	0	18	18	0
Idea Part B	0	69,871	69,871	0
Carl Perkins	0	51,433	51,433	0
Drug Free Schools	0	8,631	8,631	0
Distance Learning	0	3,475	3,475	0
Adult Basic Education	<u>o</u>	<u>55.820</u>	<u>55.820</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL DEPT OF EDUCATION:	<u>o</u>	<u>596.803</u>	<u>596.803</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUR PASSED THROUGH STATE OF MONT OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:	_			
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH				
Cash Payments 1/	0	196,603	196,603	0
Commodities 2/	<u>o</u>	30.382	30.382	
TOTAL DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:	<u><u>o</u></u>	<u>226.985</u>	226.985	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PASSED THROUGH MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:				
School To Work	<u>0</u>	<u>13.500</u>	13.500	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 837,288</u>	<u>\$ 837.288</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.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE 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, MT 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, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2009. 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 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 deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. Significant deficiencies are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 1, 2009.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in 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 none of the significant deficiencies described above is a material weakness.

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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management of School District No. 1, 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 specifies parties.

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STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC

Billings, Montana November 24, 2009

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

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

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of School District No. 1 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, 2009. School District No. 1'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 School District No. 1's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on School District No. 1'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 School District No. 1'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, 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, 2009.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The 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 School District No. 1'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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District No. 1's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of trustees, management of School District No. 1, 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.

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STROM & ASSOCIATES, PC

Billings, Montana November 24, 2009



LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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November 16, 2009

To whom it may concern:

The audit of Lewistown Public Schools' 2008-2009 financial statements revealed one finding to which the District must respond. Following you will find copies of the finding and the District's response to it.

FINDING NUMBER 3 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2009:

The finding is that not all bank accounts are being included in the monthly cash reconciliation and one investment account was not an allowable investment. Proper internal control requires all bank accounts to be reconciled on a monthly basis. MCA 7-6-202 does not allow school money to be invested in corporate stock. The effect is under reported cash and noncompliance with MCA.

Recommend all student activity bank accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis and the investment account be transferred into an allowable investment.

<u>District Response:</u> District administration was not aware of these issues until the auditors discovered them. The investment account will be closed and the balance moved into the Student Activity Fund. Staff has also been reminded of the importance of reconciling all accounts on a monthly basis. The Business Manager will review all monthly reconciliations to ensure compliance.

Please contact me with questions.

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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, 2009.
- 2. Our audit disclosed 1 significant deficiency in internal controls that is not considered to be a 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, 2009.
- 6. The audit disclosed no audit findings that are require reporting under section .510 of OMB Circular A-133.
- 7. The major programs for Lewistown School District No. 1 for the year ended June 30, 2009 were Title I Part A and National School Lunch Program.
- 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 program.
- 9. This school district does not 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 1 - RETIREMENT 2008:

This finding was resolved in fiscal year 2009.

FINDING NUMBER 2 - CHECKING ACCOUNT 2008:

This finding was resolved in fiscal year 2009.

FINDING NUMBER 3 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2009:

The finding is that not all bank accounts are being included in the monthly cash reconciliation and one investment account was not an allowable investment. Proper internal control requires all bank accounts to be reconciled on a monthly basis. MCA 7-6-202 does not allow school money to be invested in corporate stock. The effect is under reported cash and noncompliance with MCA.

Recommend all student activity bank accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis and the investment account be transferred into an allowable investment.

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.