

**Lafourche Parish
SCHOOL BOARD**

**Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report**

June 30, 2003

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD



Seated from left: Constance Williams; Rebecca Duet; Stella Lasseigne; Ernest Reed (Superintendent); Dave DeFelice, Jr. (President); Loretta Duplantis; Rhoda Caldwell; Melanie Boulet. Standing from left: Al Archer; Larry Pitre; Gary Foret; Robert Naquin; Louis Thibodaux; Jon Callais; G.A. Rodrigue, Jr.; Roy Landry.

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***For Fiscal Year Ending
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Transmittal Letter

December 12 2003

Members of the Lafourche Parish School Board
805 East Seventh Street
Thibodaux, Louisiana

The Lafourche Parish School Board is required to issue a complete set of financial statements within six months of the fiscal year end. These statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Therefore, we issue this comprehensive annual financial report of the Lafourche Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 in fulfillment of all report requirements.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Lafourche Parish School Board. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for both the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. A reasonable basis for making these representations is based on a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the presentation of the Lafourche Parish School Board's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Lafourche Parish School Board's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatements. We assert, as management, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the enclosed report is complete and reliable in all material aspects.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

The School Board's financial statements are audited by Stagni & Company, LLC, a firm of licensed independent certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Lafourche Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining,

on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the Lafourche Parish School Board's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent audit report is presented as the first component of the Financial Section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the School Board was part of a broader federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are available in the Single Audit part of the Financial Section.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This transmittal letter is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The School Board's MD&A can be found immediately preceding the report of the independent auditors.

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

The School Board is a legislative body authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 17:51 to govern the public education system of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The 15 members on the board are elected and serve four-year concurrent terms. The main function of the School Board is to provide a full range of services appropriate for students in grade levels ranging from pre-school through grade 12. Services are also provided to students whose education experience has been interrupted to assume adult roles and responsibilities. The services provided include regular and enriched academic instruction, special instruction for children with disabilities, as well as vocational instruction. Other services such as assessment, library, transportation and food services are provided to augment the primary services or to promote the welfare of the students. This report includes all funds of the School Board.

This report excludes the financial information for the other units of parish government, such as the parish council and the municipalities, because they have independently elected parish officials or because the School Board has no oversight responsibility. The School Board is authorized to establish public schools as it deems necessary, to provide adequate school facilities for the children of the parish, to determine the number of teachers to be employed, and to determine the local supplement to their salaries. Accordingly, the School Board is not included in any other governmental reporting entity since the School Board members are elected by

the public and have decision-making power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

PHILOSOPHY, MISSION STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES

Philosophy: The philosophy of the Lafourche Parish School System is based on the belief that education is a cooperative effort among community, school personnel, parents, and students. This unique partnership must work in close harmony as a team. To nurture this ideal, the school system strives to promote a feeling of ownership as well as foster a desire for learning, while providing assistance to parents.

We believe all students can learn the basics of life. This learning best takes place in a safe environment where school personnel serve as positive role models. Such an environment encourages students to develop a sense of responsibility and an understanding of mutual dependence.

Both school and community recognize and respect the dignity and uniqueness of each student. This recognition and respect occur in a positive climate that is innovative, creative, and motivational for learning. As students are taught how to learn, they are encouraged to think critically, reach their potential, and learn to become functioning members of society.

We further believe that the school system shall have purpose and direction with clear goals and objectives in order to produce specific outcomes. The guiding principle in the decision-making process will always be what is in the best interest of the students.

Mission Statement: "To provide all students the opportunity to become fully functioning and contributing members of their society."

Guiding principles:

1. The community must share the responsibility for student learning.
2. All school personnel are teachers.
3. All classroom teachers must share the responsibility for student learning.
4. All parents must share in the responsibility for their children's education.
5. All students can learn.
6. All students must be given equal opportunity to learn.
7. All students must respect the rights of other students to learn.
8. All students must share in the responsibility of their learning.

FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL CONDITION

The information presented in the financial statements is best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment with which the School Board operates.

Local Economy: Lafourche Parish is located in South Louisiana approximately 50 miles west of New Orleans, which is the largest metropolitan area of the region. The largest segment of the economy is the oil and natural gas extraction industry but there are other aspects to the economy. LOOP, an offshore port, can offload tankers at a maximum rate of 1.4 million barrels per day. It accommodate large tankers that draught up to 110 feet or ones as small as 55,000 dead weight tons.

The Port Fourchon is located on 3,600 acres at the mouth of Bayou Lafourche. It will handle about 20 million tons of cargo this year. Its Multi-use Dock project is already in operation and other expansions to the Port are under way.

In addition to these segments, the parish has 59 farms operating on approximately 34,000 acres of sugar cane, and 1,600 fishing and 57 aquaculture producers that provide millions of dollars to the economy. The economy also includes agricultural-implement manufacturing, shipbuilding and machine fabrication.

The Louisiana Econometric Model predicts there will be a growth in employment of 3,300 new jobs in the Houma MSA in the years 2003 and 2004. The Model results are included in The Louisiana Economic Outlook: 2003 and 2004 (Scott, Richardson, Jamal) published by the Division of Economic Development and Forecasting at LSU. In addition, the 2002 assessed property is 145% higher than the 1998 roll while the net assessed property is 156% higher.

Long-term financial planning: During the 2003 fiscal year, the Transition Team which was impaneled for the 1997 Bond issue worked with the South Central Planning and Development Commission and the architectural firm of Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway, Ltd. to determine the facility needs of the elementary and middle schools. The Team worked to determine the optimum grade configuration and the current state of repair for the buildings currently in use for those grade levels. As a result of these efforts, South Central Planning and Development Commission published the Lafourche Parish School Board: Assessment and Facilities Development Plan while the architectural firm of Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway, Ltd. published the Architectural Needs Assessment Document of the Middle and Elementary Schools for the Lafourche Parish School Board.

These two documents became the basis of a bond election call on July 19, 2003. On that day, the School Board passed a bond referendum of \$50 million by a vote of 3,004 for and 1,009 against. The first \$10 million was sold to Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. at a composite interest rate of 4.32478%. The School Board is still refining its plan to upgrade the elementary and middle schools.

Cash Management: The School Board funds available for investment and the methods of investment were as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>(millions)</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>(millions)</u>
Cash on hand and in demand deposits	\$10.8	\$9.7
LAMP	\$39.4	\$44.8
Time Deposits	\$0.4	\$0.6
Total Cash Equivalents	<u>\$50.6</u>	<u>\$55.1</u>

The School Board has a policy of depositing funds in either interest bearing demand accounts or certificates of deposit in commercial banks secured by pledged securities and federal deposit insurance. The School Board also deposited funds in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), which provided a higher rate than certificates of deposit with a maturity of less than one year and has been safer than directly purchasing securities of the U. S. Treasury.

The General Fund's balance declined \$4 million, the Construction Fund's balance declined \$3.5 million while the Debt Service's balance increased \$2.8 million. As a result of this and because interest rates declined the School Board had \$653,000 less in interest revenue.

Risk Management: The School Board provided workers compensation coverage for its employees using a self-insured retention of \$250,000 for each workers compensation claim with an aggregate limit of about \$2.25 million. The School Board used F. A Richard and Associates for third-party administrative services for this program. The restricted net assets for worker's compensation reached \$3.8 million by June 30.

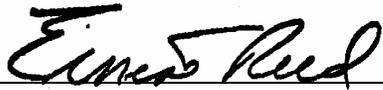
The School Board's self-funded group health insurance program had a self-insured retention of \$150,000 for each medical claim with an aggregate attachment point of \$12.2 million in claims cost. The School Board used United Healthcare for third-party administrative and re-insurance services for this program. The restricted net assets total in the Group Health Insurance Fund was \$38,056 at June 30.

The Board maintained a \$100,000 deductible for general liability, and automobile fleet losses with a \$1 million limit per occurrence, a \$2 million aggregate and a \$2 million umbrella excess limit. The School Board used F. A Richard and Associates for third-party administrative services for these programs. The School Board also had a building and contents policy that had a \$500,000 deductible for building and content losses due to wind and hail, and a \$250,000 deductible for building and content losses from other perils. The policy had a \$60 million aggregate limit. These programs have been accounted for in the General Fund, which used its unreserved fund balance of \$4.9 million at June 30 to serve the same purpose as the restricted net assets balance has served in the Workers Compensation and Group Health Insurance Funds.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The preparation of the comprehensive annual financial report on a timely basis was made possible by the dedicated service of the entire staff of the Business Department. Each member of the department has our sincere appreciation for the contributions made in the preparation of this report.

Sincerely,

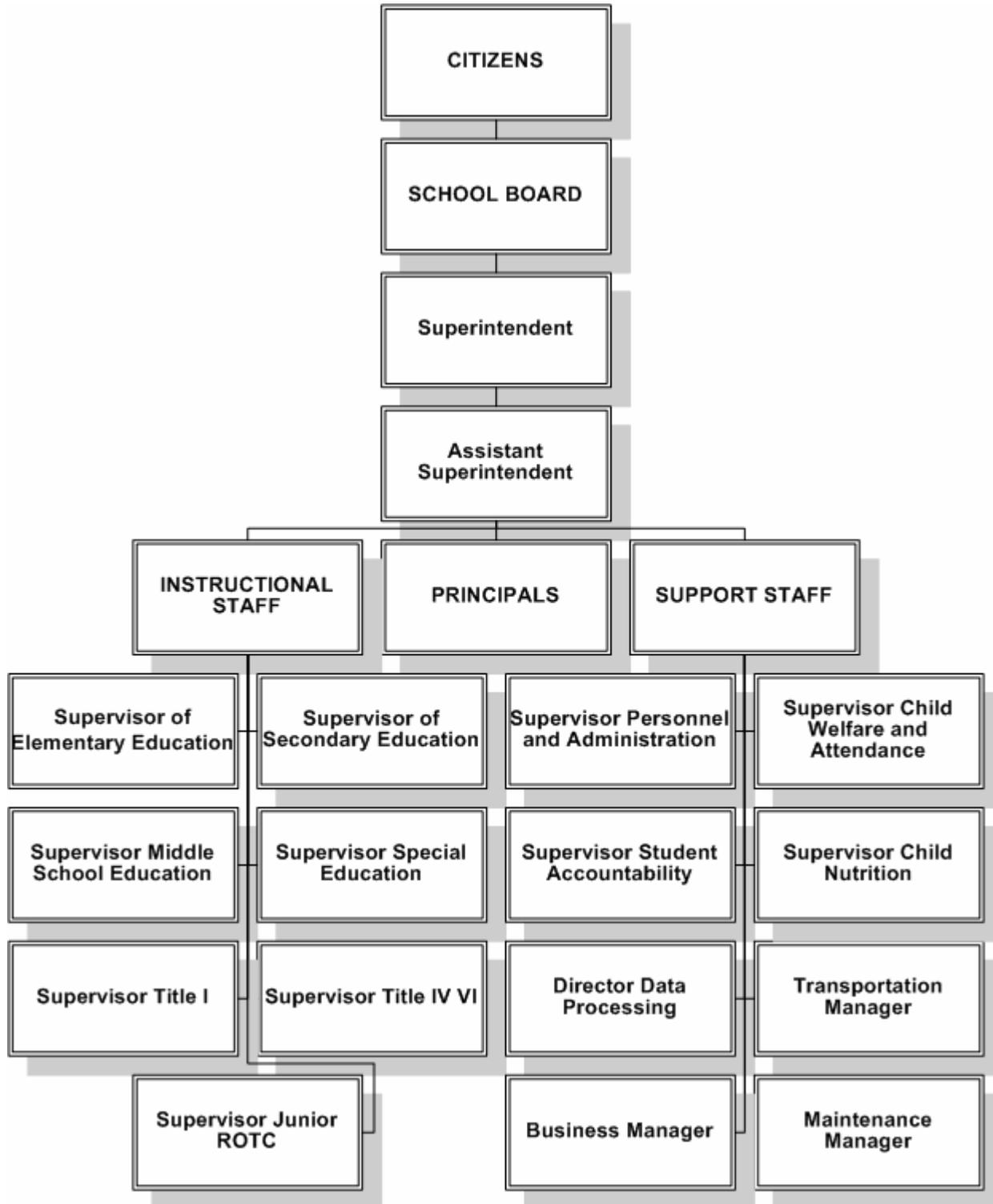


Ernest Reed
Superintendent



Don Gaudet
Business Manager

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Organizational Structure



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Thibodaux, Louisiana

Principal Officials

<i>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>
Louis E. Thibodaux, vice president.....	1
Rhoda Caldwell	2
Constance Thompson Williams.....	3
Robert P. Naquin	4
Stella C. Lasseigne.....	5
G. A. Rodrigue, Jr.....	6
Gary Foret	7
Dave J. DeFelice, Jr., president	8
Loretta Duplantis	9
Melanie Boulet.....	10
Roy Landry	11
Jon C. Callais	12
Al Archer.....	13
Larry Pitre	14
Rebecca Duet.....	15

<i>ADMINISTRATORS</i>	<i>POSITION</i>
Ernest Reed, Jr.....	Superintendent
Gary Babin	Assistant Superintendent
Francis Rodriguez	Supervisor of Elementary Education
Leonard St. Pierre	Supervisor of Secondary Education
Pamela Folse	Supervisor of Middle Schools
Linda Dangerfield	Supervisor of Special Education
Van Cheramie	Supervisor of Title I
John "Chris" Bowman, III.....	Supervisor of Titles II IV & V
Lt. Col. Arthur Rice	Supervisor of Junior ROTC
Joann Matthews	Supervisor of Personnel and Administration
Ray Bernard	Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance
Frank Pasqua	Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance
Marian Fertitta	Supervisor of Student Accountability
Dr. Faye Robichaux.....	Supervisor of Child Nutrition Programs
Britt Ledet	Director of Data Processing
Royce Doucet.....	Transportation Manager
Don Gaudet.....	Business Manager
Aaron Breaux	Maintenance Manager

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This section contains a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Lafourche Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. You, as the reader of these statements, are encouraged to consider the information presented here along with the information that is furnished in the letter of transmittal. This section is prepared to give you management's perspective of the information contained in the financial statements.

- ❖ The total of assets reported in the government-wide statements is \$111.4 million (down \$4.3 million from preceding year) and net assets, the amount by which assets exceeded liabilities, is \$50.9 million (down \$2.7 million from preceding year).
- ❖ Total governmental fund revenues in 2003 were \$110.7 million compared to \$107.5 million in 2002, an increase of \$3.2 million. The majority of the increase came from two sources. Ad valorem taxes increased by \$2.5 million while unrestricted state grants provided an additional \$917,300.
- ❖ Total governmental fund expenditures in 2003 were \$115.5 million compared to \$113.9 million in 2002. Facilities Acquisition and Construction expenditures decreased by \$6.9 million but Instructional expenditures increased by \$5.6 million and Support Services expenditures increased by \$2.7 million.
- ❖ Governmental fund balances in 2003 were \$31.3 million compared to \$35.8 million in 2002. Reserved Fund balances were \$26.4 million compared to \$27.4 for the prior year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Lafourche Parish School Board's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) presents information on all of the School Board's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two

reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Lafourche Parish School Board is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities (Statement B) presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements of the Lafourche Parish School Board present only functions principally supported by taxes and functions of the intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The School Board does not have any functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (business type activities).

The government-wide financial statements include only Lafourche Parish School Board itself (known as the primary government). The School Board does not have any component units that need to be reported separately from the financial information of the primary government.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Lafourche Parish School Board, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School Board can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet:

Governmental Funds (Statement C) and the Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances: Governmental Funds (Statement D) provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Lafourche Parish School Board maintains eleven individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Balance Sheet: Governmental Funds (Statement C) and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances: Governmental Funds (Statement D) for the General, the 1997 Construction, the Air Conditioning Maintenance and the Debt Service Funds, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other seven governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The School Board adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances- Budget and Actual (Statement F) is a budgetary comparison statement that has been provided for the governmental to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. The Lafourche Parish School Board maintains two proprietary type funds. The School Board uses these internal service funds as accounting devices to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the School Board's various functions for its self-funded workers compensation and group health insurance programs. Because the services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. Statements G, H and I are the proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Workers Compensation and Group Health Insurance Funds.

Fiduciary funds: Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Lafourche Parish School Board's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. Statements J and K are for the fiduciary funds.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes the report also provides additional information. Schedules 1 and 2 are the combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds. Schedule 3 presents information concerning board member compensation that is required by the state. Finally, Schedule 4 is the schedule federal assistance required as part of the "Single Audit".

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

This section contains the analysis of the School Board's financial operations using the government-wide perspective. The following table presents key totals from Statement A Statement of Net Assets:

CATEGORY (\$millions)	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
Current and other assets	\$51.5	\$57.0
Capital assets	59.9	58.7
Total assets	\$111.4	\$115.7
Current and other liabilities	\$15.9	\$16.6
Long-term liabilities	44.6	45.5
Total liabilities	\$60.5	\$62.1
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$22.3	\$19.5
Restricted	12.7	9.5
Unrestricted	15.9	24.6
Total net assets	\$50.9	\$53.6

Cash and cash equivalents was the largest component of current and other assets amounting to \$43.8 million of the total which was about \$5 million less than in the prior year. As stated earlier in this report, the General Fund's balance declined \$4 million, Construction Fund's balance declined \$3.5 million while Debt Service's balance Increased \$2.8 million.

The largest segment of total liabilities was general obligations bonds payable, which was about \$37.6 million. Salaries and wages payable was the next largest liability category amounting to \$11.9 million, an increase of \$675,000. The Accounts Payable balance was \$1 million which was a decrease of \$2.3 from 2002. Most of the change in Accounts Payable was in two funds, the 1997 Construction Fund (reduced by \$1.5 million) and Air Conditioning Maintenance Fund (reduced by \$545,000).

Total Net Assets declined by \$3.7 million. In the Restricted Net Assets category, the change is mainly due to the Debt Service Fund which accounts for \$12.2

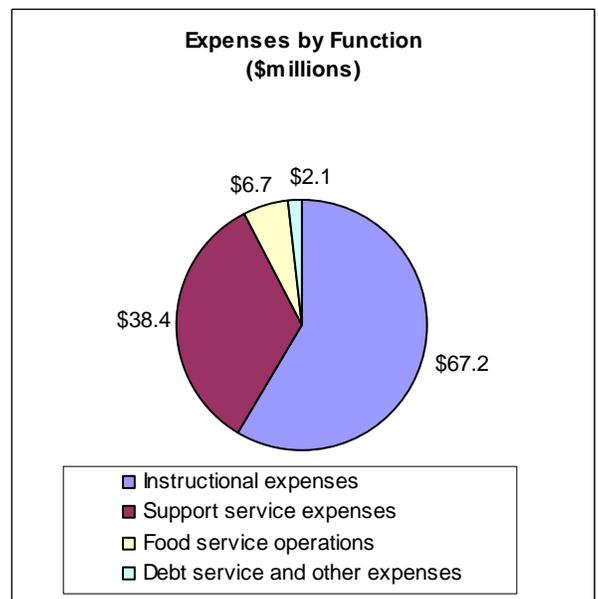
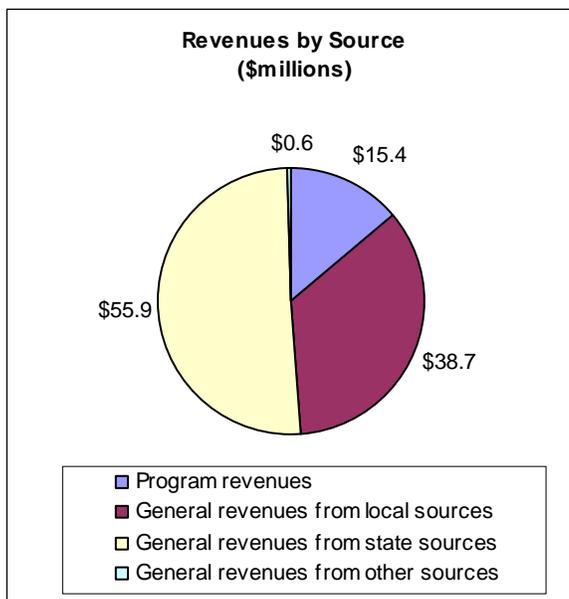
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to fund current debt service obligations. Unrestricted Net Assets declined by \$9.7 million. The General Fund declined \$5.8 million while the 1997 Construction Fund declined \$2.6 million.

The following represents a recap of the information presented in Statement B Statement of Activities:

Category (\$millions)	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
Program revenues	\$15.4	\$15.5
General revenues from local sources	38.7	36.5
General revenues from state sources	55.9	55.1
General revenues from other sources	0.6	0.5
Total revenues	\$110.7	\$107.6
Instructional expenses	67.2	61.2
Support service expenses	38.4	31.5
Food service operations	6.7	6.6
Debt service and other expenses	2.1	3.0
Total expenses	\$114.4	\$102.2
Changes in net assets	(3.7)	5.4
Net Assets - beginning	53.6	48.2
Net Assets - ending	\$49.9	\$53.6

The following shows the distribution of governmental revenues and expenses:



Revenues increased by \$3 million mostly due to growth in the net assessed values for ad valorem taxes which provided \$2.5 million more revenue. However, sales and uses tax revenue declined by \$676,000. Interest revenue declined as stated previously by \$653,000. The School Board did receive \$598,000 more in royalty income because of increased production activity of its section 16 lands. Finally, the Minimum Foundation Program provided \$917,000 more in fiscal year 2003 than in 2002.

Expenses increased by \$12.1 million during the 2003 fiscal year. Salaries and related benefits account for \$8.9 million of the increase. The School Board gave certified personnel salary increases ranging from \$673 for a 182 day contract with a maximum of \$887 for a 240 day contract and support personnel received a one-time payment ranging from \$477 for a 180 day contract with a maximum of \$636 for a 240 day contract. These changes cost the School Board about \$1.5 million. Extra teachers and paraprofessionals were added in response to state and federal accountability mandates at a cost of \$1.3 million. The School Board also declared a 13th check in June of 2003 that cost the system about \$2.1 million. Finally, the School Board spent \$1.6 million more for group health and life insurance for its employees and retirees which was due to a higher than expected claims experience in the self-funded program.

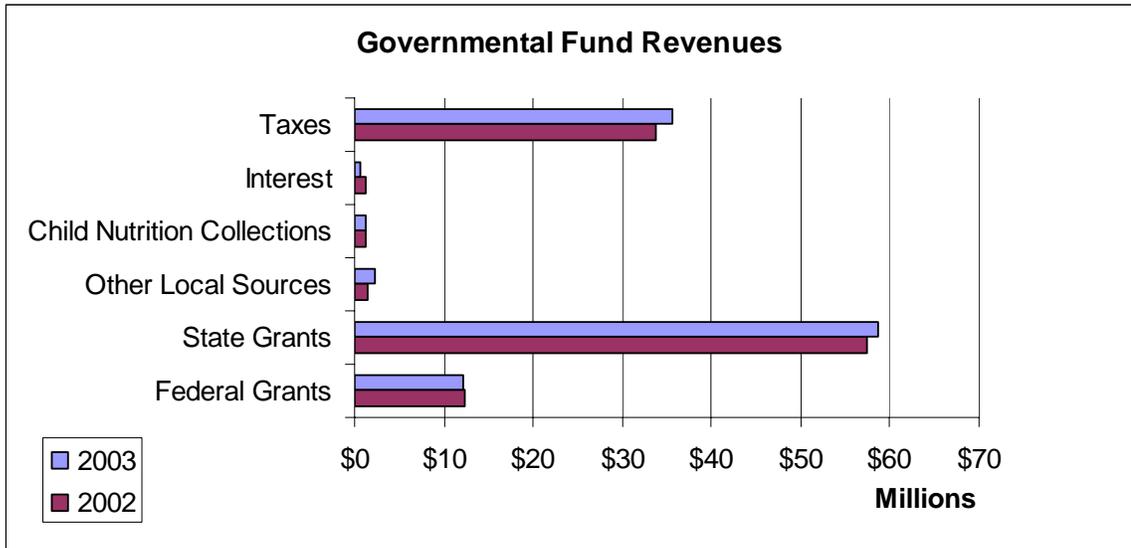
Depreciation cost increased by \$824,000 which was the largest non-employee cost increase. The cost of materials and supplies increased \$749,700, utility cost increased by \$444,900, while property and casualty insurance increased by \$211,900. The School did have major decreases in two areas. Repairs and maintenance service cost decreased by \$656,900 and equipment rental decreased by \$384,400.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

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

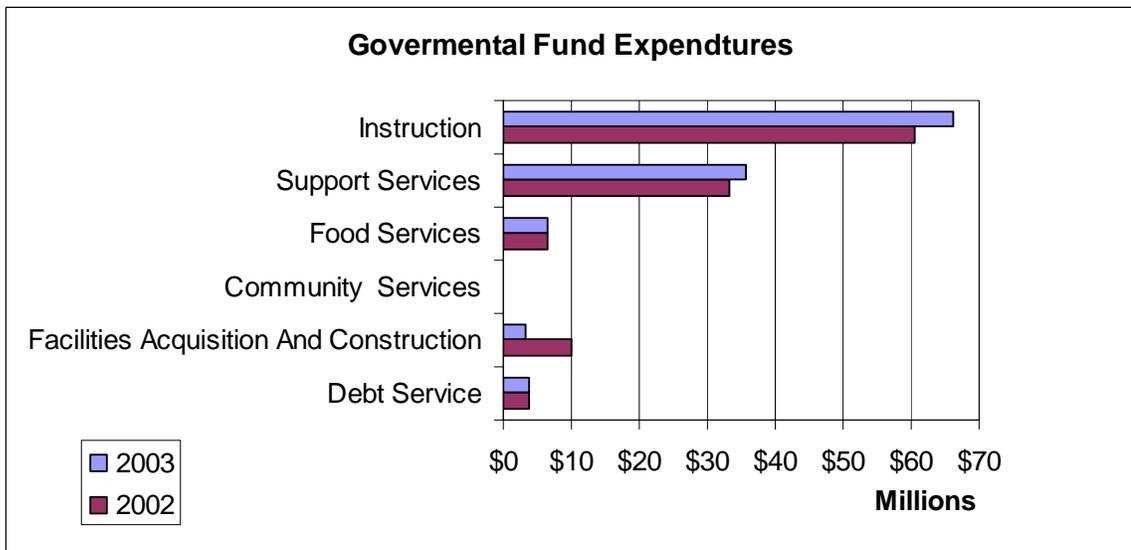
Governmental Funds: The focus of the Lafourche Parish School Board's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School Board's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance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

The following is a recap and analysis of revenues by source for the 2003 and 2002 fiscal years for all governmental fund types as shown in Table 2 and 2A: Revenues in 2003 are \$110.7 million up from \$107.5 in 2002.



The explanations of the changes in governmental revenues are the same as those stated for the changes in the government wide revenues.

The following is a recap and analysis of expenditures by program for the 2003 and 2002 fiscal years for all governmental fund types as shown in Table 1:



Governmental expenditures were \$115.5 in 2003 million up from \$113.9 million in 2002. The changes described in the expense changes apply here except for

the following. The explanation of the change in depreciation expense does not apply, but changes in capital expenditures do. For the 2003 fiscal year, capital expenditures decreased by \$7.5 million mostly in the 1997 Construction Fund. Also, the change group health and life insurance in the Governmental Funds was \$1.1 million.

Proprietary Funds: The Group Health Insurance Fund that ended its second fiscal year with assets of \$1.4 million. The first plan year which ran from January to December of 2002 was not a good year for a newly created self-funded plan because claims and fixed cost exceeded premiums by \$1.8 million. The School Board even collected on its aggregate reinsurance policy. Beginning with January 2003, the School Board changed the benefit structure (such as increasing the office co-pay feature from \$30 to \$50) and increased the employer and employee share of premiums. The result is a net gain in the time period January 2003 to June 2003 of \$1 million over the same time period in 2002.

The Workers Compensation Fund ended with a fund balance of \$3.9 million, up \$108,000 from the prior. Interest revenue dropped \$38,000 but premium revenue increased by \$80,000. On the expenditure side, the position of safety manager was added and funded through the Workers Compensation Fund adding \$55,500 in salary and benefit expenses. In addition, claims cost rose by \$95,600 in the 2003 fiscal year

Fiduciary Funds: The School Board has two fiduciary funds that it uses to account for the assets it holds in trust. The School Activities Fund accounts for the funds that the individual schools handle. At June 30, the schools had assets equaling \$2.7 million, which was slightly down the previous year level of \$2.8 million.

The School Board also collects sales and use taxes for itself and the tax levying authorities in the parish. At June 30, the fund had total assets amounting to \$7.7 up from the prior year total of \$7.2 million. The total taxes collected for the fiscal year amounted to \$43.4 million which was \$964,000 less than was collected in the previous fiscal year.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Governmental Fund Balance: The Budget Comparison Statements (Statement F) displays an original and a final budget column. The only change in budget was for the thirteenth check which cost the School Board \$2.1 million.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets: The net balance in capital assets for the School Board at June 30 was \$60.4 million. The following is a recap of the capital asset balances.

CATEGORY (\$millions)	COST	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	NET BALANCE	
			2003	2002
Land	\$1.6		\$1.6	\$1.5
Buildings and Improvements	\$75.6	\$23	52.8	26.4
Furniture and Equipment	\$11.3	8.4	2.9	2.7
Construction in Progress	\$2.6		2.6	28.0
Total	\$91.1	\$31.2	\$59.9	\$58.6

The largest increase in net asset value was from building renovation and construction activities. The vast majority of the activity in the Buildings and Improvements and the Construction in Progress categories was the result of the activities funded by the 1997 Construction Fund.

Long-term Debt: The School Board had \$37.6 million in general obligation bonds payable on June 30, 2003 and it had a Debt Service Fund balance of \$12.2 million.

Debt service expenditures were only 3.2% of general governmental expenditures (governmental expenditures less 1997 Construction Fund expenditures) and were \$279 per capita. The School Board's net bonded debt was 7.4% of assessed value, which was down from 9% in the prior year. As stated earlier, the School Board passed a bond referendum of \$50 million on July 19, 2003 by a vote of 3,004 for and 1,009 against.

The Board's current bond rating from Moody's Investors Service is A3 and from Standard and Poor's is A-. The ratings have remained stable for the past five years.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Highlights of the 2004 Comprehensive Original Budget:

- ❖ The Minimum Foundation Formula will provide \$1.5 million more next year, however \$446,600 of it is earmarked by the state for a yearly salary increase for certified personnel and \$401,900 is earmarked for non-certified personnel. The state has not yet distributed any of the increase that is earmarked for certified personnel and so the School Board has not yet made any salary

adjustments. The portion of the increase earmarked for non-certified personnel replaces a one-time supplement given in fiscal year 2003.

- ❖ Revenue from section 16 properties has been reduced by \$873,900 to reflect current activity. The total revenue budget for 2003 is \$111.4 million.
- ❖ The School Board reduced salary and benefits by \$2.1 million which represents the 13th check that was distributed in the summer of 2003. Any 13th check that may be distributed in fiscal year 2004 will be authorized in the spring of 2004.
- ❖ The School Board has also starting reducing its employee force and has cut \$1.8 million in position cost.
- ❖ Benefits will increase by \$1 million as the rates charged by the retirement systems have increased and as group health insurance premiums have increased.
- ❖ The School Board's projected fund balance at the end of the 2004 fiscal year is \$30.9 million. Of that amount, \$26 million will be reserved, \$2.9 million will be designated and \$2 million will be unreserved/undesignated.

The tax rates that will be effective in the 2004 fiscal year are as follows:

TYPE	RATE
Constitutional	3.93 Mills
Regular Maintenance	7.49 Mills
Salary Supplement	7.49 Mills
Air Conditioning Maintenance	7.49 Mills
Bond and interest	17.20 Mills
TOTAL	43.12 Mills
Sales and Use Tax	2%

The rates in effect for fiscal year 2004 are the same as they were in fiscal year 2003.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Lafourche Parish School Board's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Lafourche Parish School Board
Thibodaux, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lafourche Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Lafourche Parish School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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 the Lafourche Parish School Board as of June 30, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows where applicable thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the major funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lafourche Parish School Board's basic financial statements. The Supplemental Information Section and Statistical Section listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information, except for the Statistical Section as marked Unaudited in the table of contents on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements; and, in our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of accompanying financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the accompanying financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 12, 2003 on our consideration of the Lafourche Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Stagni & Company

Thibodaux, Louisiana
December 12, 2003



LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement A

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
	6/30/03	6/30/02
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$43,786,914	\$48,858,563
Cash with fiscal agents	65,537	81,803
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	3,544,989	4,751,567
Due from agency fund	2,872,443	3,019,697
Prepaid Insurance	990,638	
Inventory, at cost	243,496	296,616
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Land	1,569,887	1,508,537
Buildings and improvements	52,804,215	26,447,333
Equipment	2,897,899	2,745,200
Construction in progress	2,610,850	27,979,063
TOTAL ASSETS	\$111,386,868	\$115,688,379
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$1,052,590	\$3,408,478
Salaries and wages payable	11,873,938	11,198,993
Accrued employee benefits - estimated liability for claims outstanding	2,640,569	1,668,909
Intergovernmental payable		70,781
Deposits subject to refund	329,649	277,849
Non-current Liabilities		
Due within one year	2,023,626	1,943,392
Due in more than one year	42,600,468	43,523,045
Total Liabilities	60,520,840	62,091,447
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	22,267,851	19,485,133
Restricted for:		
Debt service	12,239,197	9,467,234
Capital projects	422,829	
Unrestricted	15,936,151	24,644,565
Total net assets	50,866,028	53,596,932
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$111,386,868	\$115,688,379

See notes to the financial statements.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement B

	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
				6/30/03	6/30/02
<u>Instruction:</u>					
Regular programs	\$43,036,073		\$1,474,574	\$(41,561,499)	\$(36,357,022)
Special programs	15,649,530		1,509,660	(14,139,870)	(14,056,657)
Other programs	8,507,177		5,402,214	(3,104,963)	(2,502,811)
<u>Support services:</u>					
Pupil support	5,073,883		441,276	(4,632,607)	(3,832,262)
Instructional staff support	6,442,736		1,338,330	(5,104,406)	(4,267,425)
General administration	3,845,748		3,374	(3,842,374)	(3,286,336)
School administration	5,450,923		66,662	(5,384,261)	(4,756,555)
Business services	1,216,790		39,204	(1,177,586)	(1,227,268)
Operation and maintenance	9,474,521		122,318	(9,352,203)	(5,607,262)
Pupil transportation	5,346,348		392,292	(4,954,056)	(4,821,586)
Central services	1,374,193		35,151	(1,339,042)	(958,606)
Food service operations	6,675,857	\$1,248,274	3,358,854	(2,068,729)	(2,045,593)
Community service operations	10,705			(10,705)	(6,423)
Facilities acquisition and construction	(240)			240	(852,857)
<u>Debt service:</u>					
Interest and bank charges	2,046,463			(2,046,463)	(2,158,374)
Total governmental activities	114,150,707	1,248,274	14,183,909	(98,718,524)	(86,737,037)
General revenues:					
<u>Local sources:</u>					
Ad valorem taxes				16,341,368	13,870,677
Sales and use				18,868,897	19,545,497
Other				489,974	424,351
Rentals, leases, royalties				1,480,750	882,572
Earnings on investments				664,308	1,317,425
Other local				866,114	480,316
<u>State sources:</u>					
Grants not specific to programs				55,504,648	54,587,364
Revenue in lieu of taxes				400,025	450,491
Revenue for or on behalf of LEA				24,343	33,888
<u>Federal sources:</u>					
Grants not specific to programs				348,692	268,219
Revenue for/on behalf of LEA				317,429	305,776
<u>Other:</u>					
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets				(88,163)	(42,568)
Total general revenues				95,218,385	92,124,008
Changes in net assets				(3,500,139)	5,386,971
Prior period adjustment				739,235	
Net Assets - beginning				53,626,932	48,209,961
Net Assets - ending				\$50,866,028	\$53,596,932

See notes to the financial statement.

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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Balance Sheet: Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
 (With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	GENERAL	1997 CONSTRUCTION	AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE	DEBT SERVICE
Cash and cash equivalents	\$14,854,468	\$523,479	\$5,769,664	\$12,334,535
Cash with fiscal agents	2,867			
Receivables	1,682,291		6,215	14,273
Interfund receivable	3,966,212	419,080		
Inventory, at cost				
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$20,505,838	\$942,559	\$5,775,879	\$12,348,808
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts payable	\$622,213	\$231,841	\$9,583	
Salaries and wages payable	10,860,926	328		
Interfund payable	537,347			
Intergovernmental payable				
Deposits subject to refund	72,776		47,731	109,611
Total Liabilities	12,093,262	232,169	57,314	109,611
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Reserved for encumbrances	811,363	287,561		
Reserved for salaries	2,639,439			
Reserved for textbooks	1,077			
Reserved for technology	32,003			
Reserved for air-conditioning maintenance			\$5,718,565	
Reserved for school food service				
Reserved for debt service				12,239,197
Reserved for capital projects		422,829		
Unreserved - undesignated	4,928,694			
Total Equity and Other Credits	8,412,576	710,390	5,718,565	12,239,197
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$20,505,838	\$942,559	\$5,775,879	\$12,348,808

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:
 The unexpired portion of insurance is reported as an asset in governmental activities but the entire amount paid is included as an expenditure in the funds.
 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.
 Internal Service funds are used by management to charge the cost of worker's compensation and group health insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.
 Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.
 Net assets of governmental activities (Statement A)

See notes to the financial statement.

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
	6/30/03	6/30/02
\$4,398,017	\$37,880,163	\$42,729,823
	2,867	2,867
1,842,210	3,544,989	4,751,567
159,795	4,545,087	6,099,089
243,496	243,496	296,616
\$6,643,518	\$46,216,602	\$53,879,962
\$149,142	\$1,012,779	\$3,277,241
1,011,377	11,872,631	11,198,993
1,137,148	1,674,495	3,291,173
		70,781
99,531	329,649	277,849
2,397,198	14,889,554	18,116,037
	1,098,924	5,322,620
1,069,657	3,709,096	4,678,221
	1,077	1,077
	32,003	87,179
	5,718,565	4,681,891
3,176,663	3,176,663	3,210,968
	12,239,197	9,467,234
	422,829	
	4,928,694	8,314,735
4,246,320	31,327,048	35,763,925
\$6,643,518		
	990,638	
	59,882,851	58,680,133
	3,879,061	5,014,829
	(45,213,570)	(45,861,955)
	\$50,866,028	\$53,596,932

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances: Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	1997	AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE
	GENERAL	CONSTRUCTION
REVENUES		
<u>Local sources:</u>		
Taxes:		
Ad valorem	\$4,280,239	\$2,807,267
Sales and use	18,868,897	
Other	489,974	
Rentals, leases, royalties	1,480,750	
Earnings on investments	273,399	\$32,883
Food service collections		\$79,319
Other local	866,114	
<u>State sources:</u>		
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	54,302,748	
Restricted grants-in-aid	2,624,323	
Revenue in lieu of taxes	400,025	
Revenue for or on behalf of LEA	24,343	
<u>Federal sources:</u>		
Unrestricted grants-in-aid - direct	32,154	
Restricted grants-in-aid - direct	168,127	
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	1,167,673	
Revenue for/on behalf of LEA		
Total revenues	84,978,766	32,883
		2,886,586
EXPENDITURES		
<u>Instruction:</u>		
Regular programs	41,856,566	303,783
Special programs	13,988,279	
Other programs	4,654,639	
<u>Support services:</u>		
Pupil support	4,597,838	
Instructional staff support	5,439,949	
General administration	1,739,895	89,333
School administration	5,337,259	
Business services	1,165,110	
Operation and maintenance	7,416,824	9,181
Pupil transportation	5,194,285	
Central services	1,333,246	
Food service operations	266,519	
Community service operations	10,705	
Facilities acquisition and construction	314,328	2,283,286
		629,066

See notes to the financial statements.

DEBT SERVICE	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
		6/30/03	6/30/02
\$6,446,595	\$2,807,267	\$16,341,368	\$13,870,677
		18,868,897	19,545,497
		489,974	424,351
		1,480,750	882,572
\$150,992	52,867	589,460	1,188,343
	1,248,274	1,248,274	1,294,443
		866,114	480,316
	1,201,900	55,504,648	54,587,364
	84,612	2,708,935	2,428,680
		400,025	450,491
		24,343	33,888
		32,154	
	117,549	285,676	283,183
	10,338,163	11,505,836	11,751,148
	317,429	317,429	305,776
6,597,587	16,168,061	110,663,883	107,526,729
	198,228	42,358,577	38,215,752
	1,428,163	15,416,442	15,196,819
	3,740,258	8,394,897	7,101,545
	402,698	5,000,536	4,166,792
	902,188	6,342,137	5,870,564
205,144	89,363	2,123,735	1,661,285
		5,337,259	4,744,571
	33,568	1,198,678	1,251,084
	48,602	9,152,207	9,331,055
	84,743	5,279,028	5,112,172
	28,600	1,361,846	982,016
	6,312,488	6,579,007	6,520,716
		10,705	6,423
		3,226,680	10,082,134

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances: Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	GENERAL FUND	1997 CONSTRUCTION FUND	AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE
<u>Debt service:</u>			
Principal retirement	\$94,663		
Interest and bank charges	5,983		
Total expenditures	93,416,088	\$2,596,250	\$2,395,999
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	(8,437,322)	(2,563,367)	490,587
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses) REVENUES</u>			
Transfers in (out)	2,234,746		
Sales of fixed assets	2,100		
Proceeds of certificates of indebtedness	400,000		
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,636,846	NONE	NONE
<u>NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES</u>	(5,800,476)	(2,563,367)	490,587
<u>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	14,213,052	3,273,757	5,227,978
<u>FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</u>	\$8,412,576	\$710,390	\$5,718,565

See notes to the financial statement

DEBT SERVICE	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
		6/30/03	6/30/02
\$1,580,000		\$1,674,663	\$1,547,235
2,040,480		2,046,463	2,158,374
3,825,624	\$13,268,899	115,502,860	113,948,537
\$2,771,963	\$2,899,162	\$(4,838,977)	\$(6,421,808)
	(2,234,746)		(2,000,000)
		2,100	6,760
		400,000	
NONE	(2,234,746)	402,100	(1,993,240)
2,771,963	664,416	(4,436,877)	(8,415,048)
9,467,234	3,581,904	35,763,925	44,178,973
\$12,239,197	\$4,246,320	\$31,327,048	\$35,763,925

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 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, 2003
 (With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement E

	6/30/03	6/30/02
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement B) are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement D)	(\$4,436,877)	(\$8,415,048)
The unexpired portion of insurance is reported as an asset in governmental activities but the entire amount paid is included as an expenditure in the funds.	221,403	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	1,202,718	11,317,134
The issuance of long-term debt (e. g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance cost, premiums, discounts, and similar item when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	648,385	973,642
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of worker's compensation and group health insurance to individual funds. The revenues, and expenditures of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement activities.	(1,135,768)	1,511,243
Changes in net assets of governmental activities (Statement B)	\$(3,500,139)	\$5,386,971

See notes to the financial statement.

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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Budget Comparison Statements - Major Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GENERAL FUND		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUES			
<u>Local sources:</u>			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$3,605,300	\$3,605,300	\$4,280,239
Sales and use	19,000,000	19,000,000	18,868,897
Other	392,000	392,000	489,974
Rentals, leases, royalties	718,000	718,000	1,480,750
Earnings on investments	500,000	500,000	273,399
Food service collections			
Other local	539,400	539,400	866,114
<u>State sources:</u>			
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	55,262,700	55,262,700	54,302,748
Restricted grants-in-aid	2,721,700	2,721,700	2,624,323
Revenue in lieu of taxes	450,500	450,500	400,025
Revenue for or on behalf of LEA	41,800	41,800	24,343
<u>Federal sources:</u>			
Unrestricted grants-in-aid - direct	15,800	15,800	32,154
Restricted grants-in-aid - direct	160,300	160,300	168,127
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	1,751,700	1,751,700	1,167,673
Revenue for/on behalf of LEA			
Total revenues	85,159,200	85,159,200	84,978,766
EXPENDITURES			
<u>Instruction:</u>			
Regular programs	38,052,200	39,004,578	41,856,566
Special programs	14,528,930	14,883,148	13,988,279
Other programs	4,090,000	4,246,620	4,654,639
<u>Support services:</u>			
Pupil support	3,934,600	4,050,797	4,597,838
Instructional staff support	4,999,600	5,110,175	5,439,949
General administration	1,435,700	1,440,467	1,739,895
School administration	5,117,700	5,253,068	5,337,259

See notes to the financial statement.

AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE			DEBT SERVICE		
ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
\$2,364,400	\$2,364,400	\$2,807,267	\$5,430,100	\$5,430,100	\$6,446,595
151,700	151,700	79,319	223,100	223,100	150,992
2,516,100	2,516,100	2,886,586	5,653,200	5,653,200	6,597,587
73,200	73,200	89,333	167,800	167,800	205,144

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Budget Comparison Statements - Major Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GENERAL FUND		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
Business services	\$1,011,500	\$1,028,181	\$1,165,110
Operation and maintenance	6,451,800	6,510,937	7,416,824
Pupil transportation	5,211,300	5,281,984	5,194,285
Central services	1,345,500	1,358,768	1,333,246
Food service operations	150,100	216,910	266,519
Community service operations	8,700	8,700	10,705
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,154,000	1,154,000	314,328
<u>Debt service:</u>			
Principal retirement	120,100	120,100	94,663
Interest and bank charges	6,500	6,500	5,983
Total expenditures	87,618,230	89,674,933	93,416,088
 <u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	 (2,459,030)	 (4,515,733)	 (8,437,322)
 <u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)</u>			
Transfers in (out)	2,347,939	2,347,939	2,234,746
Sales of fixed assets			2,100
Proceeds of certificates of indebtedness	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,747,939	2,747,939	2,636,846
 <u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>	 288,909	 (1,767,794)	 (5,800,476)
 <u>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	 12,522,361	 12,522,361	 14,213,052
 <u>FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</u>	 \$12,811,270	 \$10,754,567	 \$8,412,576

See notes to the financial statement.

AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE			DEBT SERVICE		
ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
\$500	\$500				
1,779,600	1,779,600	\$1,677,600			
843,000	843,000	629,066			
			\$1,580,000	\$1,580,000	\$1,580,000
			2,043,400	2,043,400	2,040,480
2,696,300	2,696,300	2,395,999	3,791,200	3,791,200	3,825,624
(180,200)	(180,200)	490,587	1,862,000	1,862,000	2,771,963
(535,000)	(535,000)				
\$(535,000)	(535,000)		\$NONE	\$NONE	\$NONE
(715,200)	(715,200)	490,587	1,862,000	1,862,000	2,771,963
4,869,991	4,869,991	5,227,978	9,115,662	9,115,662	9,467,234
\$4,154,791	\$4,154,791	\$5,718,565	\$10,977,662	\$10,977,662	\$12,239,197

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Net Assets: Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement G

	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUNDS	
			06/30/03	06/30/02
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,320,573	\$4,586,178	\$5,906,751	\$6,128,740
Cash with fiscal agents	50,000	12,670	62,670	78,936
Interfund receivable		\$1,851	1,851	\$211,781
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,370,573	\$4,600,699	\$5,971,272	\$6,419,457
LIABILITIES				
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts payable	\$11,754	\$28,057	\$39,811	\$131,237
Salaries and wages payable		1,307	1,307	
Accrued employee benefits - estimated liability for claims outstanding	1,320,763	730,330	2,051,093	1,273,391
Total Liabilities	1,332,517	759,694	2,092,211	1,404,628
NET ASSETS				
Restricted for group health insurance	38,056		38,056	1,282,427
Restricted for worker's compensation		3,841,005	3,841,005	3,732,402
Total Equity and Other Credits	38,056	3,841,005	3,879,061	5,014,829
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,370,573	\$4,600,699	\$5,971,272	\$6,419,457

See notes to the financial statement.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in
Net Assets: Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement H

	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUNDS	
			06/30/03	06/30/02
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</u>				
Intergovernmental: Insurance premium billings	\$10,291,439	\$749,804	\$11,041,243	\$5,073,561
Interest	10,800	64,048	74,848	129,082
Transfers In				2,000,000
Total Non-operating Revenues	10,302,239	813,852	11,116,091	7,202,643
<u>NON-OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
Claims expense	11,546,610	705,249	12,251,859	5,691,400
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(1,244,371)	108,603	(1,135,768)	1,511,243
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,282,427	3,732,402	5,014,829	3,503,586
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$38,056	\$3,841,005	\$3,879,061	\$5,014,829

See notes to the financial statement.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Cash Flows: Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement I

	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUNDS	
			06/30/03	06/30/02
Premiums collected, received or recovered	\$10,431,198	\$747,954	\$11,179,152	\$4,861,781
Pharmacy rebates	72,021		72,021	
Transfers in				2,000,000
Claim expenses paid	(11,071,615)	(492,661)	(11,564,276)	(4,684,073)
Cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	(568,396)	255,293	(313,103)	2,177,708
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING</u>				
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>				
Interest Income	10,800	64,048	74,848	129,082
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(557,596)	319,341	(238,255)	2,306,790
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,928,169	4,279,507	6,207,676	3,900,886
CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$1,370,573	\$4,598,848	\$5,969,421	\$6,207,676

See notes to the financial statement.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Net Assets: Fiduciary Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement J

	SCHOOL ACTIVITY	SALES TAX	TOTAL FIDUCIARY FUNDS	
			06/30/03	06/30/02
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,742,769	\$4,040,986	\$6,783,755	\$6,236,990
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles)	3,369	3,699,166	3,702,535	3,757,676
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,746,138	\$7,740,152	\$10,486,290	\$9,994,666
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$11,879	\$34,552	\$46,431	\$53,095
Due to other funds		2,872,443	2,872,443	3,019,697
Deposits due others	2,734,259	4,247,876	6,982,135	6,805,518
Deposits subject to refund		585,281	585,281	116,356
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,746,138	\$7,740,152	\$10,486,290	\$9,994,666

See notes to the financial statement.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Changes Net Assets: Fiduciary Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

Statement K

	FIDUCIARY FUND SALES TAX FUND	
	06/30/03	06/30/02
<u>ADDITIONS</u>		
Collections of sales tax	\$43,398,320	\$44,363,144
Fees received for tax collection	163,684	131,768
Interest on Investments	2,915	2,177
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$43,564,919	\$44,497,089
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>		
Remittance of taxes collected	42,633,127	43,855,915
Refunds of taxes collected	414,744	532,451
Fees paid for tax collection	163,684	131,768
Expenses of tax collection	281,270	230,868
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$43,492,825	\$44,751,002
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	72,094	(253,913)
Net Assets - beginning	7,048,225	7,302,138
Net Assets - ending	\$7,120,319	\$7,048,225

See notes to the financial statement.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2003

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Lafourche Parish School Board was created under Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 17:51 for the purpose of providing free public education for the children within Lafourche Parish. The School Board has been authorized by (LRS) 17:81 to establish policies and regulations for its own government that are consistent with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the regulations of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The School Board is comprised of 15 members who have been elected from 15 districts for a term of four years.

The School Board operates 27 schools within the parish with a total enrollment of 15,162 pupils for the year. In conjunction with the regular educational programs, some of these schools offer special education and/or adult education programs. Additionally, the School Board provides transportation and school food services for the students.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Because the School Board has a separately elected governing body and is legally separate and fiscally independent, the School Board is a separate governmental reporting entity. The School Board includes all funds, activities, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the School Board.

Certain units of local government over which the School Board exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the parish School Board.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of the interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues.

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

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

The accompanying financial statements of the Lafourche Parish School Board have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. 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 as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Sales and use tax revenues are recognized in the month that the tax is due. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenue to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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Other financing sources (uses) are shown in the fund financial statements and represent non-revenue inflows and non-expenditure outflows that affect fund balance. This section includes items such as transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid, capital lease transactions, insurance proceeds, debt extinguishments, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera. These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

The Lafourche Parish School Board reports the following governmental funds:

MAJOR

General Fund -- the general operating fund of the School Board. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Capital Projects Fund (1997 Construction Fund) -- accounts for the financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not reported in other government funds.

Special Revenue Fund (Air Conditioning Maintenance Fund) -- is a special revenue fund that accounts for the proceeds of a special property tax, which is to be used to maintain the air conditioning systems of the schools in the parish. The tax is authorized for a ten-year period.

Debt Service Fund -- accounts for transactions relating to resources retained and used for the payment of principal and interest on those long-term obligations recorded in the general long-term debt account group.

NON-MAJOR

Special Revenue Funds -- account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Additionally the Lafourche Parish School Board reports the following other fund types:

PROPRIETARY FUNDS: Internal service fund accounts for the workers compensation and group health insurance services provided to other departments on a cost-reimbursement basis. Internal service funds are proprietary fund types that differ from governmental funds in that their focus is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indicator.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS: Agency funds are used to account for the activities of the individual schools and for the collection of sales and

use taxes, which are held for several other governmental agencies and the General Fund. Agency funds are a fiduciary fund type, are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The School Board has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

The effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues included 1) charges to students or adults for food services 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the government's internal service funds are charges to the other funds for workers compensation and group health insurance. The operating cost of the internal service fund includes the claims and reinsurance expenses of the program. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS

1. Deposits and investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and bank money market accounts. Under state law, the School Board may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits within state banks organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana, and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

2. Receivables and Payables

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

3. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of the Special Revenue - Child Nutrition Fund consist of food and supplies purchased by the School Board and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Louisiana Department of Education. The commodities are recorded as revenue when received (issued); however, all inventory is recorded as an expenditure when consumed. All purchased inventory items are valued at cost determined by specific identification and commodity inventory items are assigned values based on information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The unexpired portion of insurance represents costs applicable to future accounting periods and is recorded as a prepaid item in the government-wide statements. All other prepaid items are shown as expenditures in the year they are paid.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, and furniture and equipment are reported in the governmental activity column in the government-wide financial statements. The board includes all land and buildings in its capital asset inventory. Furniture and equipment must meet all of the following criteria to be included:

- ❖ The item will last more than one year.
- ❖ It is nonexpendable; that is, if damaged or worn out, it can be repaired without being replaced.
- ❖ It does not lose its identity through fabrication or incorporation into a different or more complex unit.
- ❖ Its unit cost exceeds \$1000.

The land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment are valued at historical cost. Donated items are valued at approximate fair market value at the time of donation. For all buildings and improvements that were acquired prior to June 30, 1998, an independent appraisal company has supplied the estimated dates of acquisition and estimated original costs that were developed from information provided by inspection of the property, and accepted

appraisal costing techniques relating current cost of reproduction to historical cost of reproduction.

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

Buildings, other improvements and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Type	Years
Buildings	25 to 45
Improvements other than buildings	10 to 25
Furniture and Equipment	5 to 20

5. Compensated Absences

Sick Leave has been earned based on policy GBRIB and it both accumulates and vests. Twenty-five of the vested days are paid to the employee upon retirement. The remainder is used by the retirement systems in the calculation of benefits earned.

Annual (vacation) Leave has been earned based on policy GBRI of the Lafourche Parish School Board Policy Manual. It accumulates, and it vests. All 12-month full-time employees earn 5-20 days of annual leave depending on date of employment and length of service with the School Board. At June 30, Annual Leave could be accumulated without limit. The policy was amended in July 2003 to limit the accumulation to 25 days.

The cost of current sick leave and annual leave privileges, has been computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, has been recognized as current year expenditure in the governmental funds when leave was taken. The liability for these sick leave and annual leave privileges not requiring current resources has been recorded as long-term debt in the government-wide statements.

Sabbatical leave may be granted for medical leave and for professional and cultural improvement. Any employee with a teaching certificate is entitled, subject to approval by the School Board, to one semester of sabbatical leave after three years of continuous service or two semesters of sabbatical leave after six or more years of continuous service. Sabbatical leave benefits are recorded as expenditures in the period in which paid.

6. Long-term Obligations

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for as liabilities in the government-wide statements. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term debt are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

7. Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components on the Government-wide Statements:

- ❖ Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- ❖ Restricted net assets - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on use by either (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- ❖ Unrestricted net assets - Consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of debt".

Equity in the fund financial statements is classified as fund balance. Fund balances are further classified as reserved and unreserved.

II. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance - total governmental funds and net assets - governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net assets. One element of that reconciliation explains that "long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds."

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The details of this difference are as follows:

	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
General obligation bonds Payable	\$37,615,000	\$39,195,000
Certificates of Indebtedness	325,000	
Due to other government agency for capital purchase		15,800
Capital lease payable	337	4,196
Compensated absences	6,683,757	6,251,441
Accrued employee benefits - estimated liability for claims outstanding	589,476	395,518
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$45,213,570</u>	<u>\$45,861,955</u>

B. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds and changes in net assets of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation states "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense."

The details of this difference are as follows:

	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
Capital outlay	\$3,033,279	\$12,668,046
Depreciation Expense	1,830,561	1,350,912
Net adjustment to increase net changes in fund balances- total governmental funds to arrive at changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$1,202,718</u>	<u>\$11,317,134</u>

III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

At the August meeting of the School Board, the superintendent submits a consolidated budget prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting to the School Board, so they can review it before public inspection. The budget contains the estimate of revenues and proposed expenditures for the General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service funds.

A public hearing is conducted at the School Board office to obtain taxpayer comments. After this public hearing, the budget is enacted by the board.

This process has to be completed by September 15 of the applicable budget year.

State law requires budget amendments if revenues will be short of estimates or if expenditures will exceed estimates by 5%. The superintendent is authorized to make changes within the various budget classifications provided that any reallocation of funds affecting more than five percent (5%) of the projected revenue collections must be approved in advance by action of the School Board. The results are compared monthly starting in September.

B. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments are recorded, is employed by the General, Air Conditioning Maintenance, and 1997 Construction Funds. Encumbrances and incomplete construction contracts outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balance since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

The balance of outstanding encumbrances at year-end is incorporated into the next year's budget. The same applies for those budget items, which have unexpended balances that can be carried forward. These balances are considered first when determining budget priorities.

C. RESERVED AND DESIGNATED RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCES

The School Board reserves all of the retained earnings of the Workers' Compensation and the Group Health Insurance Funds which must be at least equal to the deductible on its excess policy and the amount of incurred unpaid claims as determined by F. A. Richard and Associates (for workers' compensation) or by UnitedHealth Care (for group health insurance).

The balance of the outstanding purchase orders is reserved for encumbrances in the General Fund and the 1997 Construction Fund.

The unexpended portion of the 1995 1¢ sales tax devoted to salaries is recorded in the reserve for salaries in the General Fund.

The unexpended portion of the 1995 1¢ sales tax devoted to textbooks is recorded in the reserve for textbooks in the General Fund.

The unexpended portion of the 1995 1¢ sales tax devoted to technology is recorded in the reserve for technology in the General Fund.

The unexpended proceeds of the property tax dedicated to maintaining the air conditioning systems of the schools are recorded as reserve for air conditioning maintenance in the Air Conditioning Maintenance Fund.

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All of the unexpended funds used in the school food service program, which have not been encumbered, are recorded as reserve for school food service in the Special Revenue Funds.

All of the unexpended funds dedicated for debt service, which have not been encumbered, are recorded as reserve for debt service in the Debt Service Fund.

All of the unexpended proceeds for general obligation debt dedicated for the 1997 construction projects, which have not been encumbered, are recorded as reserve for capital projects in the 1997 Construction Fund.

D. SALES AND USE TAXES

On March 6, 1965, the voters of Lafourche Parish approved a one-percent sales and use tax to be levied and collected by the Lafourche Parish School Board. The proceeds of the tax are dedicated for the purpose of payment of salaries of teachers and other personnel employed by the School Board and/or for the general operations of the schools, excluding expenditures for capital improvements and purchases of automotive equipment.

The voters approved an additional one-percent sales and use tax for the School Board on April 29, 1995 to provide for salary increases (including related benefits) to all personnel except central office administrators. The tax also provides funding for textbook and technology upgrades.

The School Board also acts as the central collection agency for all sales taxes levied within the parish. The following table summarizes the sales tax rates and fees collected for other agencies:

AGENCY	TAX RATE	FEE	WHERE
Lafourche Parish Sheriff	1.0¢	.7%	unincorporated areas of the parish
Lafourche Parish Council	.7¢	.7%	unincorporated areas of the parish
Lafourche Parish Council Road District #2	1.0¢	.7%	within boundaries of Special Road District #2
Lafourche Parish Council Road District #3	1.0¢	.7%	within boundaries of Special Road District #3
Lafourche Parish Council Road District #5	1.0¢	.7%	within boundaries of Special Road District #5
Lafourche Parish Council Road District #6	1.0¢	.7%	within boundaries of Special Road District #6
Town of Golden Meadow	1.0¢	.7%	corporate limits
Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission	3.0¢	.7%	all hotels/motels
Town of Lockport	1.3¢	.7%	corporate limits
City of Thibodaux	2.0¢	.7%	corporate limits

E. LEVIED TAXES

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing (which is based on population and homesteads in the parish) are recorded in the year the taxes

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are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. State revenue sharing is included in unrestricted state grants.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

TYPE	AUTHORIZED RATE	LEVIED RATE	EXPIRATION DATE
Constitutional	3.93 Mills	3.93 Mills	None
Regular Maintenance	7.49 Mills	7.49 Mills	January 2009
Salary Supplement	7.49 Mills	7.49 Mills	January 2009
Air Condition Maintenance	7.49 Mills	7.49 Mills	January 2010
Bond and interest	17.20 Mills	17.20 Mills	None
TOTAL	43.60 Mills	43.60 Mills	

IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

On June 30, 2003, the School Board had cash and cash equivalents as follows:

	<u>6/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2002</u>
Cash on hand and in demand deposits	\$10,754,264	\$9,742,073
LAMP	39,433,276	44,776,423
Time Deposits	383,129	577,056
Total Cash Equivalents	<u>\$50,570,669</u>	<u>\$55,095,552</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledged securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 2003, the School Board had \$11,928,192 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$535,108 in federal deposit insurance and \$16,222,370 in pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Included in cash and cash equivalents is a pooled cash account totaling \$7,774,068.

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The funds and amounts per fund included in the pooled cash account are as follows:

FUNDS	AMOUNTS
General	\$1,979,495
Capital Projects	84,218
Non Major:	
Salary Supplement	1,139,080
Air Conditioning Maintenance	169,676
Internal Service	
Workers Compensation	327,401
Group Health Insurance	730,091
Agency:	
Sales Tax	3,344,107
Total	\$7,774,068

The School Board had \$39,433,276 invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP as of June 30, 2003 is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification 150.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. The corporation is governed by a board of directors consisting of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Officers Association of Louisiana, and the Society of Louisiana CPA's. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U. S. Treasury, the U. S. government or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. Due to this immediate access feature, investments in LAMP are considered cash equivalents by the School Board.

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B. RECEIVABLES

The receivables at June 30, 2003, are as follows:

CLASS OF RECEIVABLES	GENERAL FUND	AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE	DEBT SERVICE	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL	AGENCY FUNDS
Sales Tax						\$3,699,166
Oil Royalties	\$33,938				\$33,938	
E-rate	118,391				118,391	
Medicaid	208,418				208,418	
Intergovernmental - Grants						
Federal	308,305			\$1,835,995	2,144,300	
State	970,187				970,187	
Other	43,052	\$6,215	\$14,273	6,215	69,755	3,369
TOTAL	\$1,682,291	\$6,215	\$14,273	\$1,842,210	\$3,544,989	\$3,702,535

C. PREPAID INSURANCE

The prior period adjustment of \$739,235 in the Statement of Net Assets is for the amount of prepaid insurance that should have been recorded in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

D. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2003 was as follows:

	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	ADJUSTMENT	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	NET BALANCE
Land	\$1,508,537	\$61,350				\$1,569,887
Buildings and Improvements	47,313,793	28,296,348			\$22,805,926	52,804,215
Furniture and Equipment	11,242,763	386,448	1,190,488	847,834	8,388,658	2,897,899
Construction in Progress	27,979,063	2,928,135	28,296,348			2,610,850
Total	\$88,044,156	\$31,672,281	\$29,486,836	\$847,834	\$31,194,584	\$59,882,851

The adjustment column represents assets that were inadvertently left off the June 30, 2002 inventory because of an error in the mainframe reporting program. The problem has now be resolved.

Depreciation was charged to general administration services in the statement of activities and recapped as follows:

	PRIOR	CURRENT EXPENSE	REDUCTIONS	ADJUSTMENTS	ACCUMULATION
Buildings and Improvements	\$20,866,460	\$1,939,466			\$22,805,926
Furniture and Equipment	8,497,563	725,024	\$1,100,225	\$266,296	8,388,658
Total	\$29,364,023	\$2,664,490	\$1,100,225	\$266,296	\$31,194,584

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The adjustment was also a result of the mainframe reporting error addressed in the previous paragraph.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS The Lafourche Parish School Board has active construction projects as of June 30, 2003. The projects cover new construction and renovations at the three high schools expended through the 1997 Construction Fund, and other such projects expended through the General and Air Conditioning Maintenance Funds.

At year-end, the School Board's commitments to the contractors were as follows:

PROJECT	CONTRACT PRICE	COST TO DATE EXPENDED	BALANCE
Replacement of HVAC equipment at various sites	\$46,016	\$34,512	\$11,504
Replacement of HVAC equipment TOP South Campus	38,156	11,447	26,709
Roof repair at Media Center	17,500	0	17,500
Electric repairs at Larose/Cut Off Middle School	12,580	0	12,580
Electric Rpairs at Thibodaux Elementary School	8,900	0	8,900
Expansion and renovation of Thibodaux High	11,343,850	11,304,328	39,522
Expansion and renovation of Thibodaux High Field House	1,074,938	1,022,533	52,405
Asphaltic Paving at South Lafourche High School	7,924	4,443	3,481
Expansion and renovation of South Lafourche High	12,064,677	11,999,169	65,508
Tennis court repairs at South Lafourche High School	16,100	0	16,100
Tennis court repairs at Central Lafourche High School	24,600	0	24,600
Tennis court repairs at Thibodaux High School	11,500	0	11,500
Total	\$24,666,741	\$24,376,432	\$290,309

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E. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Individual receivable/payable balances at June 30, 2003 are as follows:

RECEIVABLE FUND	PAYABLE FUND	AMOUNT
General	Child Nutrition	\$113,063
1997 Construction	General	419,080
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	General	1,231
Child Nutrition	General	100,158
Workers Compensation Fund	General	1,851
Improving Americans Schools Act: Title I	General	10,110
Improving Americans Schools Act: Title IV and V	General	3,512
Improving Americans Schools Act: Title II	General	1,405
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title I	358,364
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title II	94,849
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title IV and V	61,209
Improving Americans Schools Act: Title I	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title IV and V	15,472
General	Indian Education Act	16,871
General	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	449,413
Child Nutrition	Salary Supplement Fund	27,907
General	Sales Tax	2,872,443
	TOTAL	\$4,546,938

Interfund transfers made during the year ended June 30, 2003 are as follows:

TRANSFERRED IN	TRANSFERRED OUT	AMOUNT
General	Salary Supplement	\$1,918,208
Child Nutrition	Salary Supplement	113,372
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title I	178,289
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title IV and V	8,968
General	Improving Americans Schools Act: Title II	25,976
General	Individuals with Disabilities Act	97,966
General	Indian Education Act	5,339
	TOTAL	\$2,348,118

F. LEASES

The School Board records items purchased using capital leases as a long-term obligation in the accompanying financial statement. There is one lease agreement currently outstanding. The basic terms are as follows:

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED	DATE	LENGTH (months)	ORIGINAL BALANCE
Printer	8/24/1998	60	\$16,295

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The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments, as of June 30, 2003:

YEAR	BALANCE
2003-04	\$341
Total minimum lease payments	341
Less - amounts representing interest	4
Present value of net minimum lease payments	\$337

G. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At June 30, 2003, employees of the School Board have accumulated and vested \$6,683,757 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Codification C60. The total amount paid during the fiscal year amounted to \$260,289. The liability for leave privileges not requiring current resources is recorded as long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.

H. LONG-TERM DEBT

The School Board issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition, construction or renovation of major capital facilities. The remaining amount issued for the bond issues outstanding at June 30 is \$37,615,000.

The balances of the outstanding issues are as follows:

ISSUE DATE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	INTEREST RATE	FINAL PAYMENT DATE	INTEREST TO MATURITY	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING
June 1, 1997	10,000,000	4.10-8.00%	Mar. 1, 2017	3,925,557	8,315,000
February 1, 1998	25,000,000	4.45-8.00%	Feb. 1, 2018	9,376,430	21,050,000
August 1, 1999	9,400,000	4.70-7.00%	Feb. 1, 2018	3,565,597	8,250,000
TOTAL	\$44,400,000			\$16,867,584	\$37,615,000

General obligation bonds are direct obligations with the principal and interest requirements funded in accordance with Louisiana law by the annual ad valorem tax assessment on taxable property within the parish. Bond principal and interest payable in the next fiscal year is \$1,670,000 and \$1,914,755, respectively. At June 30, 2003, the School Board had accumulated \$12,239,197 in the debt service fund for future debt requirements.

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The bonds are due, by year as follows:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2004	\$1,670,000	\$1,914,755	\$3,584,755
2005	1,755,000	1,814,315	3,569,315
2006	1,855,000	1,712,255	3,567,255
2007	1,965,000	1,608,948	3,573,948
2008	2,075,000	1,506,940	3,581,940
2009-2013	12,280,000	5,835,790	18,115,790
2014-2018	15,275,000	2,439,433	17,714,433
2019	740,000	35,148	775,148
	\$37,615,000	\$16,867,584	\$54,482,584

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:562, the School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of taxable property. At June 30, 2003, the legal debt margin was \$140,514,879 and outstanding bonded debt totaled \$37,615,000.

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2003:

DESCRIPTION	BONDED DEBT	CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	COMPENSATED ABSENCES	TOTAL
Long-term obligations at July 1, 2001	\$39,195,000		\$15,800	\$4,196	\$6,251,441	\$45,466,437
Additions		400,000			692,605	1,092,605
Deductions	1,580,000	75,000	15,800	3,859	260,289	1,934,948
Long-term obligations at June 30, 2002	\$37,615,000	\$325,000	\$0	\$337	\$6,683,757	\$44,624,094
Due within one year	\$1,670,000	\$75,000		\$337	\$278,289	\$2,023,626
Due in more than one year	\$35,945,000	\$250,000	\$None	\$None	\$6,405,468	\$42,600,468

V. OTHER INFORMATION

A. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School Board was also exposed to various risks of loss related to personal injury to students and other individuals (not employees). Under the current program, the General Fund was responsible for a maximum of \$100,000 for each loss. The School Board purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of \$100,000 that has a \$1 million per occurrence limit and a \$2 million aggregate limit. The School Board has also purchased umbrella excess insurance with a \$2 million limit. Also, the School Board has

retained a third-party administrator to supervise, evaluate and administer claims, and provide loss prevention services.

The School Board was exposed to various risks of loss related to providing medical and indemnity payments as required by law for on-the-job related injuries. To account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss, the School Board has established a Workers' Compensation Fund (an internal service fund). Under this program, the Workers' Compensation Fund is responsible for \$250,000 of each workers compensation claim and has an aggregate limit of \$2.25 million. The School Board has purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of the coverage provided by the fund. Also, the School Board has retained a third-party administrator to supervise, evaluate and administer claims, and provide loss prevention services. All funds that pay salaries participated in the program and made payments to the fund based on management's estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior and current year claims. These interfund "premiums" are reported as quasi-external transactions.

The School Board has established a Group Health Insurance Fund (an internal service fund) to account various risks of loss related to providing medical payments as required by the group health insurance program. Under this program, the Fund assumed \$150,000 for each claim with an aggregate limit of 1.25% of expected claims or \$12.2 million. The School Board has purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of the coverage provided by the fund. Also, the School Board has retained a third-party administrator to supervise, evaluate and administer claims, and provide loss prevention services. All funds that that had budgets that included employee positions participated in the program and made payments to the fund based on management's estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior and current year claims. These interfund "premiums" are reported as quasi-external transactions.

At June 30, 2003, the outstanding claims liability accruing to the General, Worker's Compensation and Group Health Insurance Funds was \$2,640,569. The estimated claim liability has been determined by the third-party administrator based on historical information and anticipated payments. These liabilities are based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues" which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

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The following table shows the changes in this liability for June 30, 2003:

	General Fund	Worker's Compensation Fund	Group Insurance Fund	Total
Balance July 1	\$395,518	\$547,105	\$726,286	\$1,668,909
Current year claims and estimates	330,037	520,104	9,581,786	10,431,927
Claim payments	136,079	336,879	8,987,309	9,460,267
Balance June 30	\$589,476	\$730,330	\$1,320,763	\$2,640,569

The School Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to and destruction of buildings and related contents. Under the current program, the General Fund provides coverage up to a maximum \$500,000 for each loss to its buildings due to wind and hail, and \$250,000 for all other building perils. The perils for the related contents, except for computer equipment (\$1,000 per occurrence) and band instruments (\$150 per occurrence), are funded in the same manner. The School Board purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the General Fund.

The School Board is self-funded for unemployment claims filed with the State. The claims are accounted for on the cash basis in the fund in which the original salary was paid. The School Board paid \$18,632 to the State for benefits claimed during the year ended June 30, 2003. The School Board retains a third-party administrator to supervise, evaluate and administer claims, and provide loss prevention services.

B. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Lafourche Parish School Board received funding under grants from various federal and state governmental agencies. These grants specify the purpose for which the grant moneys are to be used and such grants are subject to audit by the granting agency or its representative. If the grant moneys received are not expended, the Lafourche Parish School Board may be required to reimburse the granting agency.

At June 30, 2003, the School Board was involved in several lawsuits. In the opinion of legal counsel for the School Board, the potential claims against the School Board, not covered by insurance, would not materially affect the financial statements.

C. POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Lafourche Parish School Board provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of the School Board's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the School Board. These benefits for

retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through the Group Health Insurance Fund whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and by the School Board.

The School Board recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (the School Board's portion of premiums) as an expenditure when the monthly premiums are due. The cost in 2003 was \$1,814,277 for retirees. The School Board's group plan enrollment at the end of the year included 879 retirees.

D. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Substantially all employees of the School Board are members of two statewide retirement systems. In general, professional employees, such as teachers and principals, are members of the Louisiana Teachers Retirement System; and other employees, such as custodial personnel and bus drivers, are members of the Louisiana School Employees Retirement System. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

1. Teachers' Retirement System Of Louisiana (TRS)

Plan Description. The TRS consists of two membership plans: Regular Plan and Plan A. The TRS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the TRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Post Office Box 94123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123, or by calling (225) 925-6446.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute 8.0 percent and 9.1 percent of their annual covered salary for the Regular Plan and Plan A, respectively. The School Board is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 13.1 percent of annual covered payroll for the two membership plans. Member contributions and employer contributions for the TRS are established by state law and rates are established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. The School Board's employer contribution for the TRS, as provided by state law, is funded by the State of Louisiana through annual appropriations, by deductions from local ad valorem taxes, and by remittances from the School Board.

The School Board and employees' contributions to the TRS for the years ending June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$12,198,276,

\$11,256,621, and \$11,294,358, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

2. Louisiana School Employees Retirement System (LSERS)

Plan Description. The LSERS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The LSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the LSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 44516, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling (225) 925-6484.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute 6.35 percent of their annual covered salary and the School Board is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 0.00 percent of annual covered payroll. Member contributions and employer contributions for the LSERS are established by state law and rates are established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. The School Board's employee contribution for the LSERS, is funded by the State of Louisiana through annual appropriations. The LSERS has temporarily suspended employer contribution because past overfunding.

The School Board and employees' contributions to the LSERS for the years ending June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$334,025, \$299,804, and \$242,793, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

3. On-behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

The State of Louisiana contributes directly to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana an amount equal to the employer portion of retirement due on the Professional Improvement Program (PIP) salary increments paid to the School Board's personnel. The School Board recognizes the amount contributed as a revenue and expenditure in the General Fund. The amount recognized in 2003 was \$24,343.

VI. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 19, 2003, the School Board passed a bond referendum of \$50 million by a vote of 3,004 for and 1,009 against. The first \$10 million has been sold to Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. at a composite interest rate of 4.32478%.

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IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT FUNDS

Title I of the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) is a program for economically and educationally deprived school children, which is federally financed, state-administered, and locally operated by the School Board. The Title I services are provided through various projects which are designed to meet the special needs of educationally deprived children. The activities supplement rather than replace state and local mandated activities.

Title IV and VI of the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) is a program by which the federal government provides money to the school system based on a per-pupil allocation for audio-visual material and equipment, and library resources, and for drug awareness education.

Title II of the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) provides funding for additional training of the science and math teachers in the parish.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT FUND

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 101-476 is a federally financed program of free education in the least restricted environment to children with exceptionalities.

INDIAN EDUCATION ACT FUND

The Indian Education Act is a federally financed program to encourage the preservation of Indian traditions and to develop pride in the Indian heritage among those Indian children located in the southern portion of the parish.

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SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

The Salary Supplement Fund is used to account for the proceeds of the seven-mill property tax levied for a period of ten years. The proceeds are to be used for salary increments.

CHILD NUTRITION FUND

The Child Nutrition Fund is used to account for the moneys received and expended in connection with the School Board's school nutrition program.

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Combining Balance Sheet: Other Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT			INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
	TITLE I	TITLE IV & VI	TITLE II	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles)	\$888,620	\$107,184	\$148,386	\$624,058
Due from other funds	25,582	3,512	1,405	1,231
Inventories				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$914,202	\$110,696	\$149,791	\$625,289
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$67,534	\$2,649	\$525	\$29,336
Salaries and wages payable	488,304	\$31,366	\$54,417	94,740
Interfund payable	358,364	76,681	94,849	449,413
Intergovernment payable				
Deposits subject to refund				51,800
Total Liabilities	914,202	110,696	149,791	625,289
Fund balances:				
Reserved for salaries				
Reserved for child nutrition				
Total Fund Equity	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$914,202	\$110,696	\$149,791	\$625,289

INDIAN EDUCATION ACT	SALARY SUPPLEMENT	CHILD NUTRITION	TOTAL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
			6/30/03	6/30/02
	\$1,139,080	\$3,258,937	\$4,398,017	\$3,824,964
\$32,595	6,215	35,152	1,842,210	2,498,833
		128,065	159,795	106,161
		243,496	243,496	296,616
\$32,595	\$1,145,295	\$3,665,650	\$6,643,518	\$6,726,574
\$4,108		\$44,990	\$149,142	\$98,008
11,616		330,934	1,011,377	1,025,776
16,871	\$27,907	113,063	1,137,148	1,902,374
				70,781
	47,731		99,531	47,731
32,595	75,638	488,987	2,397,198	3,144,670
	1,069,657		1,069,657	370,936
		3,176,663	3,176,663	3,210,968
NONE	1,069,657	3,176,663	4,246,320	3,581,904
\$32,595	\$1,145,295	\$3,665,650	\$6,643,518	\$6,726,574

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances:
Other Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT			INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
	TITLE I	TITLE IV & VI	TITLE II	
REVENUES				
<u>Local sources:</u>				
Ad valorem tax				
Earnings on investments				
Food service collections				
<u>State Sources</u>				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid				
Restricted grants-in-aid				
<u>Federal sources:</u>				
Restricted grants-in-aid - direct				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$4,051,345	\$216,589	\$576,125	\$2,219,862
Revenue for/on behalf of LEA				
Total revenues	4,051,345	216,589	576,125	2,219,862
EXPENDITURES				
<u>Instruction:</u>				
Regular programs		61,317	55,433	
Special programs				1,428,163
Other programs	3,274,487	67,988	397,783	
<u>Support Services:</u>				
Pupil support	4,584	37,967		360,147
Instructional staff support	515,465	39,753	96,933	220,261
General administration	30			
School administration				
Business services	30,776			46
Operation and maintenance of plant	47,650	596		
Pupil transportation	64			84,679
Central services				28,600
Food service operations				
Total expenditures	3,873,056	207,621	550,149	2,121,896
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	\$178,289	\$8,968	\$25,976	\$97,966

INDIAN EDUCATION ACT	SALARY SUPPLEMENT	CHILD NUTRITION	TOTAL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
			6/30/03	6/30/02
	\$2,807,267		\$2,807,267	\$2,382,857
	12,367	\$40,500	52,867	87,564
		1,248,274	1,248,274	1,294,443
		1,201,900	1,201,900	1,201,900
		84,612	84,612	
\$117,549			117,549	126,080
		3,274,242	10,338,163	10,250,400
		317,429	317,429	305,776
117,549	2,819,634	6,166,957	16,168,061	15,649,020
81,478			198,228	734,247
			1,428,163	1,209,729
			3,740,258	3,386,704
			402,698	349,039
29,776			902,188	969,522
	89,333		89,363	72,677
				9,005
600		2,146	33,568	31,744
356			48,602	66,977
			84,743	82,920
			28,600	29,155
		6,312,488	6,312,488	6,379,465
112,210	89,333	6,314,634	13,268,899	13,321,184
\$5,339	\$2,730,301	(\$147,677)	\$2,899,162	\$2,327,836

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances:
Other Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2002)

	<u>IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT</u>			INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
	<u>TITLE I</u>	<u>TITLE IV & VI</u>	<u>TITLE II</u>	
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in (out)	(\$178,289)	(\$8,968)	(\$25,976)	(\$97,966)
Sales of fixed assets				
Total other financing sources (uses)	(178,289)	(8,968)	(25,976)	(97,966)
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<u>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<u>FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</u>	\$NONE	\$NONE	\$NONE	\$NONE

INDIAN EDUCATION ACT	SALARY SUPPLEMENT	CHILD NUTRITION	TOTAL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
			6/30/03	6/30/02
(\$5,339)	(\$2,031,580)	\$113,372	(\$2,234,746)	(\$2,301,007) 2,110
(5,339)	(2,031,580)	113,372	(2,234,746)	(2,298,897)
NONE	698,721	(34,305)	664,416	28,939
NONE	370,936	3,210,968	3,581,904	3,552,965
\$NONE	\$1,069,657	\$3,176,663	\$4,246,320	\$3,581,904

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Supplemental Information Schedules
June 30, 2003

COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to the School Board members was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Legislature.

Compensation of the School Board members is included in the general administrative expenditures of the General Fund. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 17:56, the School Board members have elected the monthly method payment of compensation. Under this method, the members of the School Board receive \$600 per month and the president receives \$700 per month.

Prior to January 1999, there was an executive committee. Each member of the executive committee was compensated a rate of \$50 per meeting attended with a maximum of one meeting per calendar month. In January of 1999, the executive committee was replaced with the advisory committee. The advisory committee members are not compensated.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 3

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Louis E. Thibodaux, vice president	\$8,400
Rhoda Caldwell	8,400
Constance Thompson Williams	8,400
Robert P. Naquin	4,800
Martha Zeringue	3,600
Stella Lasseigne	4,800
Jessie Fabiano	3,600
G. A. Rodrigue, Jr.	8,400
Gary Foret	4,800
Dr. Judy G. Theriot	3,600
Dave J. DeFelice, Jr., president	9,600
Loretta Duplantis	8,400
Melanie Boulet	4,800
Dennis 'Jean' Chiasson	3,600
Roy Landry	8,400
Jon C. Callais	4,800
Aubrey Orgeron	3,600
Al Archer	4,800
John Danos	3,600
Larry Pitre	4,800
Paul Chiquet	3,600
Rebecca Duet	8,400
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Total	<u>\$127,200</u>

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

To the Lafourche Parish School Board
Thibodaux, Louisiana

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Lafourche Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003 and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2003. 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.

Compliance

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Lafourche Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses.

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A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Legislative Auditor and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Thibodaux, Louisiana
December 12, 2003



LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 4
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FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM NAME	GRANT NUMBER	CFDA NUMBER	ACTIVITY
<u>United States Department of Agriculture Nutrition Cluster:</u>			
Passed Through Louisiana			
Department of Education:			
National School Lunch Program		10.555	\$2,607,409
School Breakfast Program		10.553	666,833
Total Nutrition Cluster			3,274,242
Passed through Louisiana			
Department of Agriculture and Forestry:			
Food Distribution Program		10.550	317,429
Total United States Department of Agriculture			3,591,671
<u>United States Department of Defense</u>			
Direct Program:			
R.O.T.C.		12.998	168,127
Passed Through Louisiana			
Department of Education:			
Emergency Rehabilitation of Flood Control Works and Federally Authorized Costal Protection Works Rehabilitation Act		12.102	32,154
Federal Emergency Management Act		83.516	15,712
Total United States Department of Defense			215,993
<u>United States Department of Education</u>			
Direct Programs:			
Indian Education - Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies and Tribal Schools			
2002 Grant	S060A60511	84.060	3,625
2003 Grant	S060A60511	84.060	113,924
Passed Through Louisiana			
Department of Education:			
Vocational Education Act:			
Basic Grants			
2002 Grant	0202-29	84.048	204,996

* denotes major program

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

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FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM NAME	GRANT NUMBER	CFDA NUMBER	ACTIVITY
Adult Education - State Administered Program 2002	0344-29	84.002A	180,830
I. A. S. A. Title I - Special Education needs of Disadvantaged: Educationally Deprived Children			
2002 Carryover Grant	02-T1-29-1 C/O	84.010	336,349 *
2002 Grant	02-T1-29-1	84.010	428,537 *
2003 Grant	03-T1-29-1	84.010	3,017,789 *
Migrant Education			
2002 Grant	02-M1-29	84.011	11,309
2002 Grant Carryover	02-M1-29-C	84.011	30,676
2003 Grant	03-M1-29	84.011	134,550
I. A. S. A. Title II Teacher/Principal Training			
2002 Grant	02-50-29	84.367	9,210 *
2003 Grant	03-50-29	84.367	566,915 *
I. A. S. A. Title II LINCS Part A, Teacher and Principal Training			
2003 Grant	03-LC-29	84.367	8,016 *
I. A. S. A. Title III - English as a Second Language			
2003 Grant	03-60-29	84.365A	18,735
I. A. S. A. Title IV - Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grant			
2002 Grant Carryover	02-70-29-C	84.186A	2,680
2002 Grant	02-70-29	84.186A	22,693
2003 Grant	03-70-29	84.186A	27,725
I. A. S. A. Title V - Innovative Education Program Strategies			
2002 Grant	02-00-29	84.298A	99,249
Educational Technology State Grants			
2003 Grant	0349-29	84.318X	50,647

* denotes major program

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 4
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FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM NAME	GRANT NUMBER	CFDA NUMBER	ACTIVITY
Even Start-State Educational Agencies 2001 Grant	02-F1-29	84.213C	285,352
I. D. E. A. - Assistance for Education of Handicapped 2002 Grant	02-B1-29	84.027	114,311
2001 Grant	03-B1-29	84.027	1,917,803
I. D. E. A. - Project E-Skill Carryover	02-B2-29-C	84.027A	48,012
I. D. E. A. - Preschool 2003 Grant	03-P1-29	84.173A	119,362
Total Special Education Cluster			2,199,488
I. D. E. A. - Infant/Toddler Part H 2003 Grant - Direct Services	03-C3-29	84.181A	13,145
2003 Grant - Evaluations	03-C5-29	84.181A	7,229
Learn for the 21st Century Grant Certified Teachers	2801-L1-29-C	84.276A	60,319
Class Size Reduction Program 2002 Grant Carryover	02-01-29-C	84.340A	64,242
Total United States Department of Education			7,898,230
<u>United States Department of Health and Human Resources</u>			
Passed Through Louisiana Department of Social Services:			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Starting Points	0238-29	93.558	73,400
Pre-GED/Skills Option Program	0236-29	93.558	139,013
Find Work	4304	93.561	222,788
Total United States Department of Health and Human Resources			435,201
Total Program Activity			\$12,141,095

* denotes major program

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
June 30, 2003

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the general purpose financial statements.

2. DEFINITION OF CLUSTER

A cluster of programs means a grouping of closely related programs that share common compliance requirements. The types of clusters of programs are research and development, student financial aid, and other clusters. "Other clusters" are defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the compliance supplement or as designated by a State for Federal Awards the State provides to a subrecipient that meet the definition of a cluster of programs.



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

To the Lafourche Parish School
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Lafourche Parish School Board 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, 2003. The Lafourche Parish School Board'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 Lafourche Parish School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Lafourche Parish School Board's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Lafourche Parish School Board'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 legal determination on the Lafourche Parish School Board's compliance with those requirements.

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To the Lafourche Parish School

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In our opinion, the Lafourche Parish School Board 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, 2003.

Internal Control over Compliance

The management of the Lafourche Parish School Board 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 Lafourche Parish School Board's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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

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Thibodaux, Louisiana

December 12, 2003



LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

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Section II Financial Statement Findings

NONE

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

NONE



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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 General Governmental Expenditures by Program
 Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
UNAUDITED

FISCAL YEAR	INSTRUCTION	SUPPORT SERVICES	FOOD SERVICES	COMMUNITY SERVICES	FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION
1994	\$37,845,421	\$19,265,694	\$4,918,187	\$44,208	\$1,174,311
1995	39,851,359	20,814,625	5,565,610	13,437	626,335
1996	44,304,784	21,847,127	5,714,203	49,228	472,687
1997	50,243,838	24,996,933	5,980,669	11,300	1,420,702
1998	56,351,152	27,114,064	6,455,071	13,787	4,625,692
1999	56,257,376	26,700,208	6,273,618	8,698	3,762,557
2000	58,231,285	27,603,700	6,121,824	8,746	11,395,726
2001	57,175,281	29,068,890	6,254,568	10,705	18,747,157
2002	60,116,768	33,119,539	6,520,716	6,423	10,479,482
2003	66,169,916	35,795,426	6,579,007	10,705	3,226,680

(1) Includes general, special revenue, debt service and construction funds.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 General Governmental Expenditures by Program
 Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
UNAUDITED

Table 1

GRANT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 1	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
\$88,798	\$2,802,751	\$66,139,370
	2,771,141	69,642,507
	2,783,775	75,171,804
	2,823,188	85,476,630
	2,766,955	97,326,721
	3,056,638	96,059,095
	3,513,672	106,874,953
	3,815,036	115,071,637
	3,705,609	113,948,537
	3,721,126	115,502,860

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 General Governmental Revenues by Source
 Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
UNAUDITED

FISCAL YEAR	TAXES	INTEREST	CHILD NUTRITION COLLECTIONS	OTHER LOCAL
1994	\$14,156,775	\$533,497	\$939,729	\$862,120
1995	14,985,461	662,007	1,013,614	938,902
1996	23,355,564	971,713	1,054,648	746,658
1997	25,073,588	818,668	1,144,892	1,939,281
1998	27,917,045	1,663,149	1,176,985	1,540,293
1999	28,211,305	3,290,585	1,216,763	2,111,044
2000	29,535,011	3,755,734	1,379,062	2,950,100
2001	31,272,058	3,407,209	1,279,323	2,413,380
2002	33,840,525	1,188,343	1,294,443	1,362,888
2003	35,700,239	589,460	1,248,274	2,346,864

(1) Includes general, special revenue, debt service and construction funds.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 General Governmental Tax Revenues by Source
 Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
UNAUDITED

Table 2A

FISCAL YEAR	PROPERTY TAX	SALES TAX	1% OF COLLECTIONS BY SHERIFF	TOTAL
1994	\$7,677,017	\$6,243,611	\$236,147	\$14,156,775
1995	8,177,490	6,576,397	231,574	14,985,461
1996	8,314,198	14,796,355	245,011	23,355,564
1997	8,749,727	16,071,176	252,685	25,073,588
1998	9,623,520	18,010,299	283,226	27,917,045
1999	10,350,021	17,542,016	319,268	28,211,305
2000	11,463,446	17,710,680	360,885	29,535,011
2001	12,644,130	18,235,375	392,553	31,272,058
2002	13,870,677	19,545,497	424,351	33,840,525
2003	16,341,368	18,868,897	489,974	35,700,239

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
General Governmental Revenues by Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
UNAUDITED

Table 2

STATE GRANTS	FEDERAL GRANTS	TOTAL
\$39,973,850	\$8,665,630	\$65,131,601
42,916,560	8,731,193	69,247,737
42,571,272	9,940,757	78,640,612
47,955,731	9,941,538	86,873,698
51,962,971	9,411,609	93,672,052
53,609,602	10,326,335	98,765,634
52,691,175	10,734,995	101,046,077
53,930,077	11,319,593	103,621,640
57,500,423	12,340,107	107,526,729
58,637,951	12,141,095	110,663,883

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years
UNAUDITED

Table 3

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL TAX LEVY	CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF CURRENT TAX COLLECTED TO LEVY	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL TAX COLLECTED TO LEVY
1994	\$7,964,408	\$7,668,601	96.29%	\$8,416	\$7,677,017	96.39%
1995	8,055,221	7,775,801	96.53	401,689	8,177,490	101.52
1996	8,233,674	8,114,645	98.55	199,553	8,314,198	100.98
1997	8,703,345	8,560,956	98.36	188,771	8,749,727	100.53
1998	9,766,631	9,584,216	98.13	39,304	9,623,520	98.53
1999	10,566,932	10,277,511	97.26	72,510	10,350,021	97.95
2000	11,664,400	11,369,509	97.47	93,937	11,463,446	98.28
2001	12,937,693	12,439,034	96.15	205,096	12,644,130	97.73
2002	14,322,860	13,855,166	96.73	15,511	13,870,677	96.84
2003	16,552,136	16,208,281	97.92	133,087	16,341,368	98.73

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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Assessed Value of Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years
UNAUDITED

Classification	2002	2001	2000	1999
Land	\$41,372,810	\$40,685,420	\$39,396,510	\$38,674,840
Improvements	172,008,500	167,759,200	158,497,800	138,026,780
Inventories	20,829,490	19,717,170	16,706,810	15,734,660
Machinery & Equipment	20,933,380	17,713,580	17,224,340	14,332,000
Business Furniture & Fixtures	3,945,760	3,751,950	3,818,120	3,250,110
Miscellaneous Personal Property	7,711,910	7,986,190	8,317,920	8,882,110
Credits (Insurance & Finance Co.)	68,510	71,110	69,280	93,450
Leased Equipment	2,501,810	2,161,520	2,088,940	2,128,410
Pipelines	9,044,610	8,742,000	7,972,560	8,169,150
Oil & Gas Surface Equipment	4,041,690	3,256,590	3,180,000	3,188,220
Watercraft	103,482,870	68,093,230	59,365,250	43,796,630
Aircraft	1,958,190	2,206,460	1,911,050	2,121,960
Financial Institutions	18,084,270	15,303,750	17,796,780	17,796,780
Drilling Rigs	3,560,250	2,889,880	1,779,820	787,350
Oil & Gas Wells	29,612,420	25,602,170	20,311,290	21,568,340
Public Service Corporations	69,786,040	69,758,050	64,438,570	62,392,050
Total Grossed Assessed Value	<u>\$508,942,510</u>	<u>\$455,698,270</u>	<u>\$422,875,040</u>	<u>\$380,942,840</u>
Homestead Exemption	129,306,360	127,192,300	122,835,770	111,743,650
Net Assessed Value	<u><u>\$379,636,150</u></u>	<u><u>\$328,505,970</u></u>	<u><u>\$300,039,270</u></u>	<u><u>\$269,199,190</u></u>

The assessor adds property to the ad valorem tax rolls by first determining the fair market value of property as it becomes subject to ad valorem tax. The assessor then applies the appropriate assessed valuation percentage to property's fair market value to determine gross taxable value. The percentages are:

10% for land, and improvements for residential purposes

15% for electric cooperative properties, excluding land, and other property

25% for public service properties, excluding land

The homestead exemption of \$7,500 is then deducted from property subject to the exemption in determining the net assessed value.

Under the laws of the State of Louisiana the assessor is required to re-appraise all property subject to the ad valorem tax every four years. The reassessment of the 2003 roll will be completed during the 2004 fiscal year.

Source: Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office

Table 4

1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
\$37,542,710	\$37,526,210	\$37,161,670	\$33,451,520	\$32,910,790	\$32,385,940
124,289,500	121,441,900	116,067,820	106,171,240	103,455,280	97,890,950
14,146,730	14,318,230	12,129,550	10,910,240	10,553,370	10,151,600
13,422,980	11,436,930	9,510,930	8,520,850	7,606,200	9,788,840
3,013,520	2,992,190	2,806,940	2,380,990.00	2,416,560	2,401,320
9,619,620	10,791,760	10,280,990	10,302,090	12,089,090	14,159,760
96,580	77,650	90,390	75,850	10,390	91,310
1,686,010	1,741,660	1,132,330	974,660	909,160	671,410
7,820,690	9,034,980	9,040,760	9,186,810	9,651,370	9,912,680
3,229,270	4,395,420	4,346,610	4,383,080	4,649,110	4,094,410
35,177,550	16,891,530	9,639,160	9,723,570	7,922,620	8,755,960
1,952,640	1,254,600	1,065,130	1,044,970	1,181,210	665,460
13,388,590	13,407,980	11,606,260	9,686,850	9,187,180	7,841,140
1,033,300	291,250	295,950	368,340	402,990	271,040
26,858,610	27,640,920	25,292,740	23,299,320	21,947,880	21,123,010
58,915,450	55,708,760	51,386,210	50,278,940	49,512,760	50,587,880
\$352,193,750	\$328,951,970	\$301,853,440	\$280,759,320	\$274,405,960	\$270,792,710
108,322,720	103,550,840	100,991,570	94,012,390	91,799,460	90,152,920
\$243,871,030	\$225,401,130	\$200,861,870	\$186,746,930	\$182,606,500	\$180,639,790

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Property Tax Levies Direct and Overlapping Governments
Last Ten Fiscal Years
UNAUDITED

(Tax Rates Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value for Parishwide Taxes Only)

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Lafourche Parish Schools:					
Constitutional Tax	\$3.93	\$3.93	\$3.93	\$4.11	\$4.11
Parishwide Maintenance	7.49	7.49	7.49	7.34	7.34
Consolidated School District No. 1 Maintenance	7.49	7.49	7.49	7.34	7.34
Consolidated School District No. 1 Air Conditioning Maintenance	7.49	7.49	7.01	7.34	7.34
Consolidated School District No. 1 Bonds	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.20
	<u>\$43.60</u>	<u>\$43.60</u>	<u>\$43.12</u>	<u>\$43.33</u>	<u>\$43.33</u>
Overlapping, Parishwide Taxes:					
Law Enforcement District	\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37
Health Unit	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.94	0.94
Library	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.91	8.91
Recreation	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.91	1.91
Public Buildings	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.88	2.88
Juvenile Justice	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
Drainage	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.85	3.85
Drainage, Health, Library	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.41	5.41
Assessment District	2.50	2.39	2.39	2.09	2.50
	<u>\$38.89</u>	<u>\$38.78</u>	<u>\$38.78</u>	<u>\$39.56</u>	<u>\$39.97</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping	<u><u>\$82.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$82.38</u></u>	<u><u>\$81.90</u></u>	<u><u>\$82.89</u></u>	<u><u>\$83.30</u></u>

Source: Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office

Table 5

1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
\$4.11	\$4.11	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$4.18
7.34	7.34	7.47	7.47	7.47
7.34	7.34	7.47	7.47	7.47
7.34	7.34	7.47	7.47	7.47
17.20	17.20	17.50	17.50	17.50
\$43.33	\$43.33	\$44.09	\$44.09	\$44.09
\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37	\$10.37
0.94	0.94	0.96	0.96	0.96
8.91	1.92	1.91	1.91	1.91
1.88	1.88	1.91	1.91	1.91
2.83	2.83	2.88	2.88	2.88
3.20	3.20	3.14	3.14	3.14
3.78	3.78	3.85	3.85	3.85
5.30	5.30	5.39	5.39	5.39
2.16	2.50	2.20	2.50	2.50
\$39.37	\$32.72	\$32.61	\$32.91	\$32.91
\$82.70	\$76.05	\$76.70	\$77.00	\$77.00

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Principal Property Tax Payers
June 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

Table 6

COMPANY	TYPE OF BUSINESS	2002 ASSESSMENT	% OF ASSESSMENT
Edison Chouses Offshore, Inc.	Marine Contractors	\$24,822,550	4.9%
Alpha Marine Services LLC	Marine Contractors	12,732,050	2.5%
Mars Oil Pipeline Company	Pipeline	10,854,000	2.1%
Loop, Inc.	Pipeline	9,983,610	2.0%
Hibernia National Bank	Bank	9,588,870	1.9%
Locap Inc.	Pipeline	9,316,800	1.8%
Entergy Louisiana, Inc.	Electric Utility	8,954,410	1.8%
Chevron U.S.A. Production Co.	Oil and Gas	7,152,070	1.4%
Discovery Gas Distribution LLC	Pipeline	6,416,000	1.3%
Lafourche Telephone Co., Inc.	Utility	5,680,430	1.1%
		\$105,500,790	20.7%

Source: Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Computation of Legal Debt Margin
June 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

Table 7

Gross Assessed Value	<u>\$508,942,510</u>
Debt Limitation 35% of Gross Assessed Value	\$178,129,879
Less Bonded Debt Issued and Outstanding	<u>37,615,000</u>
Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$140,514,879</u>

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Ratio of Net General Obligation Debt to Assessed Value
and Net General Obligation Debt Per Capita

Table 8

Last Ten Fiscal Years
UNAUDITED

FISCAL YEAR	(1) POPULATION	NET ASSESSED VALUE	GROSS BONDED DEBT	LESS DEBT SERVICE	NET BONDED DEBT	RATIO OF NET BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE	NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
1994	86,985	\$180,639,790	\$9,010,000	\$483,023	\$8,526,977	4.72	\$98
1995	87,362	182,699,500	6,845,000	972,508	5,872,492	3.21	67
1996	87,497	186,746,930	4,555,000	1,566,984	2,988,016	1.60	34
1997	88,032	200,861,870	12,150,000	2,339,514	9,810,486	4.88	111
1998	88,230	225,401,130	35,020,000	3,487,474	31,532,526	13.99	357
1999	88,422	243,871,030	34,010,000	4,713,564	29,296,436	12.01	331
2000	88,614	269,199,190	42,110,000	6,074,979	36,035,021	13.39	407
2001	90,236	300,039,270	40,690,000	7,590,162	33,099,838	11.03	367
2002	90,573	328,505,970	39,195,000	9,467,234	29,727,766	9.05	328
2003	91,068	379,636,150	37,615,000	12,239,197	25,375,803	6.68	279

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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures For General Obligation Bonded
Debt to Total General Governmental Expenditures
Last Ten Fiscal Years
UNAUDITED

Table 9

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	(1) TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES	RATIO OF DEBT SERVICE TO GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES
1994	\$2,070,000	\$616,731	\$2,686,731	\$66,139,370	4.06
1995	2,165,000	505,771	2,670,771	69,642,507	3.55
1996	2,290,000	385,717	2,675,717	75,171,804	3.16
1997	2,405,000	261,241	2,666,241	84,675,350	2.87
1998	2,130,000	523,765	2,653,765	93,046,776	2.86
1999	1,010,000	1,919,501	2,929,501	92,791,430	3.04
2000	1,300,000	2,086,841	3,386,841	96,249,475	3.52
2001	1,420,000	2,267,480	3,687,480	96,218,408	3.83
2002	1,495,000	2,156,905	3,651,905	103,567,202	3.53
2003	1,580,000	2,040,480	3,620,480	112,906,610	3.21

(1) Includes general, special revenue and debt service funds

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Statement of Direct, Overlapping and Underlying Bonded Debt
UNAUDITED

Table 10

Name of Government Unit	Outstanding Balance	% Attributable	School Board's Share of Debt
Direct			
Lafourche Parish School Board	\$37,615,000	100%	\$37,615,000
Overlapping and Underlying (1)			
Hospital Service District No. 1	3,355,000	100%	3,355,000
Recreation District No. 2	970,000	100%	970,000
Recreation District No. 11	211,000	100%	211,000
Fire Protection District No. 1	495,000	100%	495,000
Fire Protection District No. 6	540,000	100%	580,000
	<u>\$43,186,000</u>		<u>\$43,226,000</u>

(1) Source: Fiscal Services, Inc. Balances through August 2, 2003

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Demographic Statistics
UNAUDITED

Table 11

Form of Government:	Parish School Board
Geographic Area:	1,472 Square Miles
Population: (1)	91,068
Membership:	15,162
Number of Schools:	28
Total Full Time Employees: (2)	2,289
Teachers Only:	1,167

FISCAL YEAR	(1) POPULATION	(1) (3) PER CAPITA INCOME	SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	(1) TOTAL EMPLOYMENT
1994	87,181	\$16,035	16,269	34,169
1995	87,611	16,715	16,443	35,430
1996	87,805	17,983	16,251	36,872
1997	88,650	19,661	16,076	39,032
1998	89,454	21,147	15,782	41,228
1999	90,062	21,208	15,612	41,291
2000	89,946	22,245	15,453	42,540
2001	90,373	23,113	15,229	43,173
2002	90,774	23,708	15,178	43,673
2003	91,068	24,555	15,162	44,112

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(2) 2003 PEP Actual Report

(3) In current dollars.

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Status of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Reference Number	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)	Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective Action Taken
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Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements:

2002-1	6/30/2002	Retroactive Pay Increases School Board employees were granted retroactive pay increases.	YES	
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Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards:

2002-1	6/30/2002	Retroactive Pay Increases School Board employees were granted retroactive pay increases.	YES	
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Section III - Management Letter:

2002-2	6/30/2002	Asset Disposals Approximately \$49,328 (net book value) of assets were disposed of during the year that were not declared surplus.	YES	
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LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Current Year Findings, Recommendations and Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Planned</u>	<u>Name(s) of Contact Person(s)</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
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Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements:

NONE

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards:

NONE

Section III - Management Letter:

NONE



STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Management of the Lafourche Parish Public School Board

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Lafourche Parish School Board and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist users in evaluating management's assertions about the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the Lafourche Parish School Board and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings relate to the accompanying schedules of supplemental information and are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

1. We selected a random sample of 25 transactions and reviewed supporting documentation to determine if the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
 - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
 - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
 - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
 - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
 - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
 - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

Noted no differences.

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Education Levels of Public School Staff (Schedule 2)

2. We reconciled the total number of full-time classroom teachers per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total number of full-time classroom teachers per this schedule and to school board supporting payroll records as of October 1st.

Noted no differences.

3. We reconciled the combined total of principals and assistant principals per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total of principals and assistant principals per this schedule.

Noted no differences.

4. We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October 1st and as reported on the schedule. We traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determine if the individual's education level was properly classified on the schedule.

Noted no differences.

Number and Type of Public Schools (Schedule 3)

5. We obtained a list of schools by type as reported on the schedule. We compared the list to the schools and grade levels as reported on the Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies (CFDA 84.010) application and/or the National School Lunch Program (CFDA 10.555) application.

Noted no differences.

Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers (Schedule 4)

6. We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October 1 and as reported on the schedule and traced the same sample used in procedure 4 to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's experience was properly classified on the schedule.

Noted no differences.



Public Staff Data (Schedule 5)

7. We obtained a list of all classroom teachers including their base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status as well as full-time equivalent as reported on the schedule and traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the schedule.

Noted no differences.

8. We recalculated the average salaries and full-time equivalents reported in the schedule.

Noted no differences.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 6)

9. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule and reconciled school type classifications to Schedule 3 data, as obtained in procedure 5. We then traced a random sample of 10 classes to the October 1st roll books for those classes and determined if the class was properly classified on the schedule.

Noted no differences.

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century (Schedule 7)

10. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Lafourche Parish School Board.

Noted no differences.

The Graduation Exit Exam for the 21st Century (Schedule 8)

11. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Lafourche Parish School Board.

Noted no differences.

The Iowa Tests (Schedule 9)

12. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Lafourche Parish School Board.

Noted no differences.



We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Lafourche Parish School Board, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Legislature, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Stagni & Company

Thibodaux, Louisiana
December 17, 2003



LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 1

GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND EXPENDITURES

General Fund Instructional Expenditures:

Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:

Classroom teacher salaries	\$39,233,448	
Other instructional staff salaries	5,115,250	
Employee benefits	9,928,314	
Purchased professional and technical services	929,703	
Instructional materials and supplies	3,673,882	
Instructional equipment	147,298	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities	\$59,027,895	

Other Instructional Activities 474,334

Pupil Support Activities 4,597,838
 Less Equipment for Pupil Support Activities
 Net Pupil Support Activities 4,597,838

Instructional staff services 5,307,718
 Less Equipment for Instructional staff services (8,020)
 Net Instructional staff services 5,299,698

Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures: \$69,399,765

Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures \$752,937

CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES

Local taxation sources:

Constitutional ad valorem tax	\$1,472,972
Renewable ad valorem tax	8,421,802
Debt Service ad valorem tax	6,446,595
Up to 1% of collections by the sheriff on taxes other than school taxes	489,974
Sales and use taxes	18,868,897
Total local taxation revenue	\$35,700,240

Local earnings on investment in real Property:

Earnings on 16th section property	\$1,480,750
Earnings from other real property	
Total local earnings on investment in real property	\$1,480,750

State revenue in lieu of taxes:

Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax	\$143,528
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes	256,497
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion	
Other Revenue in lieu of taxes	
Total state revenue in lieu of taxes	\$400,025

Non-public Textbook Revenue \$73,875

Non-public Transportation Revenue \$212,462

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Tphibodaux, Louisiana

Educational Levels of Public School Staff
As of October 1, 2002

Schedule 2

Category	Full-time Classroom Teachers				Principals and Assistant Principals			
	Certified		Uncertified		Certified		Uncertified	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than a Bachelor's Degree	3	0%						
Bachelor's Degree	951	83%	16	94%				
Master's Degree	114	10%	1	6%	8	13%		
Master's Degree +30	78	7%			54	87%		
Specialist in Education	2	0%						
Ph. D. or Ed. D.	2	0%						
Total	1,150	100%	17	100%	62	100%		

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Number and Type of Public Schools
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 3

Type	Number
Elementary	17
Middle/Jr. High	7
Secondary	3
Combination	1
Total	28

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers
As of October 1, 2002

Schedule 4

Type	0-1 Yr.	2-3 Yrs.	4-10 Yrs.	11-14 Yrs.	15-19 Yrs.	20-24 Yrs.	25+ Yrs.	Number
Assistant Principals			9	5	5	8	8	35
Principals			2	1	2	6	16	27
Classroom teachers	176	161	337	121	97	96	179	1,167
Total	176	161	348	127	104	110	203	1,229

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 Thibodaux, Louisiana

Public School Staff Data
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 5

-	- All Classroom Teachers	Classroom Teachers Excluding ROTC and Rehired Retirees
Average Classroom Teacher's Salary Including Extra Compensation	\$35,309	\$35,301
Average Classroom Teacher's Salary Excluding Extra Compensation	\$35,059	\$35,048
Number of Teacher Full-time Equivalent (FTEs) used in Computation of Average Salaries	1,177	1,131

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Class Size Characteristics
As of October 1, 2002

Schedule 6

Category	Class Size Range									
	1-20		21-26		27-33		34 or more		Total	
	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number
Elementary	25.2%	820	11.2%	364	0.2%	8			36.6%	1,192
Elementary Activity Classes	1.1%	36	0.9%	30	0.1%	2	0.1%	2	2.2%	70
Middle/Jr. High	5.8%	190	15.5%	503	6.4%	208			27.7%	901
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	0.5%	17	1.6%	51	2.2%	71	0.8%	25	5.0%	164
High	8.2%	267	6.5%	213	7.4%	240			22.1%	720
High Activity Classes	4.1%	134	0.8%	26	1.0%	33	0.5%	15	6.4%	208
Combination										
Combination Activity Classes										
Total	45.0%	1,464	36.5%	1,187	17.3%	562	1.3%	42	100%	3,255

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Louisiana Educational Assessment program (LEAP) for the 21st Century
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 7

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics						Science						Social Studies					
	2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001	
Students	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade 4																								
Advanced	1	10	3	40	1	10	2	29	2	28	1	20	1	14	3	38	1	15	1	16	1	8	1	7
Proficient	11	139	16	211	13	178	12	153	9	128	10	139	11	139	9	127	10	138	10	131	6	75	8	106
Basic	41	534	34	462	41	549	40	515	35	467	40	538	41	524	44	592	40	527	46	594	45	607	45	593
Approaching Basic	28	364	32	428	27	363	25	319	27	371	22	294	36	469	31	420	35	467	26	339	28	375	24	319
Unsatisfactory	19	242	15	209	18	236	21	273	26	356	26	345	11	139	13	176	14	184	16	204	21	286	23	307
Total	100	1,289	100	1,350	100	1,336	100	1,289	100	1,350	100	1,336	100	1,285	100	1,353	100	1,331	100	1,284	100	1,351	100	1,332

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics						Science						Social Studies					
	2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001	
Students	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade 8																								
Advanced	0	4	1	13	0	3	2	23	1	10	1	18	1	8	1	14	0	3	0	1	1	7	0	2
Proficient	12	145	15	170	13	161	4	49	3	35	3	42	10	123	14	160	9	109	6	70	7	79	9	113
Basic	37	451	32	371	38	474	38	489	33	411	39	518	34	405	38	431	37	455	41	491	45	508	40	490
Approaching Basic	34	419	39	452	33	416	25	328	29	355	24	326	36	438	30	341	33	403	29	354	26	297	26	322
Unsatisfactory	17	204	13	156	16	196	31	401	35	428	33	439	19	234	17	193	21	261	24	290	22	249	25	303
Total	100	1,223	100	1,162	100	1,250	100	1,290	100	1,239	100	1,343	100	1,208	100	1,139	100	1,231	100	1,206	100	1,140	100	1,230

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Thibodaux, Louisiana

The Graduation Exit Examination for the 21st Century (GEE21)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 8

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001	
Students	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Grade 10												
Advanced	1%	6	1%	8	0%	3	4%	46	5%	50	2%	15
Proficient	10%	95	13%	131	9%	79	13%	142	10%	112	10%	82
Basic	42%	413	43%	428	45%	387	33%	373	31%	336	37%	318
Approaching Basic	25%	251	26%	255	26%	223	22%	246	18%	197	15%	127
Unsatisfactory	23%	229	17%	172	20%	169	29%	322	36%	397	37%	319
Total	100%	994	100%	994	100%	861	100%	1,129	100%	1,092	100%	861

District Achievement Level Results	Science						Social Studies					
	2003		2002		2001		2003		2002		2001	
Students	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Grade 11												
Advanced	2%	18	2%	13			1%	9	0%	2		
Proficient	9%	89	12%	99			7%	68	5%	44		
Basic	42%	417	32%	270			43%	429	35%	300		
Approaching Basic	27%	266	23%	191			25%	250	28%	233		
Unsatisfactory	21%	205	32%	275			24%	237	32%	268		
Total	100%	995	100%	848			100%	993	100%	847		

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The Iowa Tests
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Schedule 9

Type	Composite		
	2003	2002	2001
Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)			
Grade 3	54	53	52
Grade 4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	52	51	48
Grade 6	40	49	48
Grade 7	46	48	46
Test of Educational Development (ITED)			
Grade 9	40	46	51
Total			