

Marion School District No. 3
Regulatory Basis Financial Statements
and Other Reports
June 30, 2006

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The School Board
Marion School District No. 3
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Marion School District No. 3 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared the financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Arkansas Code, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determined, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2006, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2006 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets (Schedule 1), Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule 2), as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations*, Federal Award Programs – Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 3) and Supplemental Data Sheet (Schedule 4) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. The Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule 2), Federal Award Programs – Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 3) and Supplemental Data Sheet (Schedule 4) have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Capital Assets (Schedule 1) has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Jpekem, Howell & Associates, PLLC

West Memphis, Arkansas
November 18, 2006

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

The School Board
Marion School District No. 3
Marion, Arkansas

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Marion School District No. 3, (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2006. 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. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Arkansas Code, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determined, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements and not to provide an opinion 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. A material weakness is a reportable 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 misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the regulatory basis 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and District management, state executive and oversight management, federal regulatory and oversight bodies, the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

Jackson, Howell & Associates, PLLC

West Memphis, Arkansas
November 18, 2006

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

The School Board
Marion School District No. 3
Marion, Arkansas

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Marion School District No. 3 (the "District") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of Federal Award Programs – Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance 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 reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and District management, state executive and oversight management, federal regulatory and oversight bodies, the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

West Memphis, Arkansas
November 18, 2006

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
ARKANSAS STATE REQUIREMENTS**

The School Board
Marion School District No. 3
Marion, Arkansas

We have audited the basic financial statements of Marion School District No. 3 for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2006. Our audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*; and, accordingly, included such tests as of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In the course of our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe there has been any lack of substantial compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-1-101 and certain other financial laws or regulations designated by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Jackson, Howell & Associates, PLLC

West Memphis, Arkansas
November 18, 2006

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Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
BALANCE SHEET – REGULATORY BASIS
June 30, 2006

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			Fiduciary Type Funds
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 2,911,336	\$914,376	\$2,619,236	\$ 26,973
Investments	<u>1,702,505</u>	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$4,613,841</u>	<u>\$914,376</u>	<u>\$2,619,236</u>	<u>\$ 26,973</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 120,598	\$ 7,527	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred tax collections	520,084	-	-	-
Due to student groups	-	-	-	<u>26,973</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>640,682</u>	<u>7,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,973</u>
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved:				
Capital projects	-	-	2,619,236	-
Federal expenditures	-	906,849	-	-
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	<u>3,973,159</u>	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>3,973,159</u>	<u>906,849</u>	<u>2,619,236</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$4,613,841</u>	<u>\$914,376</u>	<u>\$2,619,236</u>	<u>\$ 26,973</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Exhibit B

	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 5,622,487	\$ -	\$ -
Property tax relief trust distribution	256,324	-	-
State assistance	18,458,674	13,386	459,377
Federal assistance	-	2,707,775	-
Activity revenues	734,909	-	-
Meal sales	-	667,662	-
Investment income	194,194	-	51,358
Other revenue	<u>477,572</u>	<u>245,325</u>	<u>260,660</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>25,744,160</u>	<u>3,634,148</u>	<u>771,395</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	12,162,106	81,006	-
Special education	2,224,458	401,442	-
Workforce education	922,107	-	-
Compensatory education	76,342	474,690	-
Other instructional programs	305,127	-	-
Student support services	1,180,474	251,395	-
Instructional staff support	913,346	369,988	-
General administration support services	951,710	75,696	-
School administration support services	1,706,317	-	-
Business support services	166,058	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,108,201	-	-
Student transportation services	1,342,238	37,259	-
Central support services	525,463	-	-
Other support services	70,913	-	-
Food service operations	495	1,537,555	-
Community services	17,249	11,883	-
Non-programmed costs	-	71,874	-
Activity expenditures	597,768	-	-
Capital outlay	326,247	(4,000)	3,337,400
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	-	1,105,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	<u>532,398</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>25,596,619</u>	<u>3,308,788</u>	<u>4,974,798</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)			
EXPENDITURES	<u>147,541</u>	<u>325,360</u>	<u>(4,203,403)</u>

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Exhibit B

	<u>Major</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Other Aggregate</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	1,452,232	1,453,496	1,909,698
Transfer out	(3,363,194)	(1,452,232)	-
Proceeds from sale of bonds	-	-	2,741,847
Proceeds from lease arrangement	<u>633,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,277,296)</u>	<u>1,264</u>	<u>4,651,545</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,129,755)	326,624	448,142
FUND BALANCES – JULY 1	<u>5,102,914</u>	<u>580,225</u>	<u>2,171,094</u>
FUND BALANCES – JUNE 30	<u>\$3,973,159</u>	<u>\$906,849</u>	<u>\$2,619,236</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE
FUNDS – REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General		Exhibit C
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 6,693,923	\$ 5,622,487	\$ (1,071,436)
Property tax relief distribution	200,000	256,324	56,324
State assistance	18,347,372	18,458,674	111,302
Federal assistance	-	-	-
Activity revenue	-	734,909	734,909
Meal sales	-	-	-
Investment income	50,000	194,194	144,194
Other revenues	<u>501,700</u>	<u>477,572</u>	<u>(24,128)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>25,792,995</u>	<u>25,744,160</u>	<u>(48,835)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	11,983,898	12,162,106	(178,208)
Special education	2,197,884	2,224,458	(26,574)
Workforce education	921,349	922,107	(758)
Compensatory education	59,726	76,342	(16,616)
Other instructional programs	288,239	305,127	(16,888)
Student support services	1,080,348	1,180,474	(100,126)
Instructional staff support services	950,331	913,346	36,985
General administration support services	861,167	951,710	(90,543)
School administration support services	1,724,340	1,706,317	18,023
Business support services	152,307	166,058	(13,751)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,898,038	2,108,201	789,837
Student transportation services	1,369,344	1,342,238	27,106
Central supplies services	525,425	525,463	(38)
Other support services	47,317	70,913	(23,596)
Food services operations	32,904	495	32,409
Community services	20,335	17,249	3,086
Other non-instructional	-	-	-
Non-programmed costs	-	-	-
Activity expenditures	-	597,768	(597,768)
Capital outlay	810,000	326,247	483,753
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>25,922,952</u>	<u>25,596,619</u>	<u>326,333</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)			
EXPENDITURES	<u>(129,957)</u>	<u>147,541</u>	<u>277,498</u>

Special Revenue

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-
-	13,386	13,386
1,731,970	2,707,775	975,805
-	-	-
-	667,662	667,662
-	-	-
-	245,325	245,325
<u>1,731,970</u>	<u>3,634,148</u>	<u>1,902,178</u>
50,830	81,006	(30,176)
527,104	401,442	125,662
-	-	-
514,561	474,690	39,871
-	-	-
315,846	251,395	64,451
353,586	369,988	(16,402)
99,500	75,696	23,804
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
41,197	37,259	3,938
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	1,537,555	(1,537,555)
14,295	11,883	2,412
-	-	-
-	71,874	(71,874)
-	-	-
-	(4,000)	4,000
-	-	-
-	-	-
<u>1,916,919</u>	<u>3,308,788</u>	<u>(1,391,869)</u>
<u>(184,949)</u>	<u>325,360</u>	<u>510,309</u>

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE
FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Exhibit C		
	General		Variance
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	13,303,782	1,452,232	(11,851,550)
Transfers out	(14,913,782)	(3,363,194)	11,550,588
Proceeds from lease arrangement	<u>-</u>	<u>633,666</u>	<u>633,666</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,610,000)</u>	<u>(1,277,296)</u>	<u>332,704</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,739,957)	(1,129,755)	610,202
FUND BALANCES – JULY 1	<u>4,611,310</u>	<u>5,102,914</u>	<u>491,604</u>
FUND BALANCES – JUNE 30	<u>\$2,871,353</u>	<u>\$3,973,159</u>	<u>\$1,101,806</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Special Revenue

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
-	1,453,496	1,453,496
-	1,452,232	(1,452,232)
<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
-	1,264	1,264
(184,949)	326,624	511,573
<hr/> 307,105	<hr/> 580,225	<hr/> 273,120
<u>\$ 122,156</u>	<u>\$ 906,849</u>	<u>\$ 784,693</u>

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2006

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The District is a political subdivision of the Arkansas Department of Education, governed by an elected seven-member school board. The statements reflect all funds and accounts directly under the control of the District. Using the criteria of financial accountability, there are no component units that are or should be included in the District's reporting entity.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individuals, private organizations, or other governments or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Other governmental funds consist of the following:

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Project Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds or in trust funds for individuals, private organizations, or other governments).

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

Agency Funds – Agency Funds are used to report resources held for the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equals liabilities).

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
June 30, 2006

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Arkansas Code Annotated 10-4-412(c), as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
June 30, 2006

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at fair value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life in Years</u>
Buildings	50
Vehicles	8
Equipment	5 - 25

F. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied in November based on the assessed value of taxable property as of January 1 of that year. The tax records are opened and taxes are billed in March of the year following the levy. Taxes not received by October 10 of the year following the levy are considered delinquent and are subject to penalties.

Property taxes are accrued or deferred, as applicable, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), which were effective beginning with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Arkansas law defines revenue receipts of a school district and includes forty percent (40%) of the proceeds of local taxes which are not pledged to secure bonded indebtedness or forty percent (40%) of the revenue from the uniform rate of tax whichever is greater collected in the succeeding calendar year, commonly known as 40% pullback, within that definition. The ADE has determined that school districts must utilize the 40% pullback amount, as calculated by the ADE and reflected on the respective county's abstract of assessments, in recording property tax revenue as follows:

- If amount of 40% pullback collected by June 30th is less than the calculated 40% pullback amount, the difference must be accrued;
- If the amount of 40% pullback collected by June 30th is more than the calculated 40% pullback amount, the excess must be recorded as deferred taxes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
June 30, 2006

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

G. Fund Balance Designations

1. Reserved fund balance – represents that portion of the fund balance which is not appropriate for expenditure or is legally segregated for a specific future use.
2. Undesignated fund balance – indicates that portion of the fund balance not reserved or designated. The undesignated fund balance in the General Fund includes restricted state money received that has not been spent by year end.

H. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The District does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education’s regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the school districts employ the cash basis method.

The District budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Collateralized		
Collateral held by the pledging bank or pledging bank’s trust department in the District’s name	<u>7,974,426</u>	<u>10,353,820</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$8,174,426</u>	<u>\$10,553,820</u>

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$1,702,505 reported as investments.

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June 30, 2006

3: COMMITMENTS

A. The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2006:

Long-term debt issued and outstanding

The District is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Amount Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Maturities to June 30, 2006</u>
04/01/1999	06/01/2009	3.40 - 3.75	\$2,275,925	\$ 1,030,000	\$1,245,925
09/01/2003	02/01/2012	1.40 - 3.60	2,895,000	1,945,000	950,000
05/01/2003	02/01/2017	3.00 - 3.90	5,648,625	5,045,000	603,625
06/01/1999	02/01/2017	3.75 - 4.50	2,559,400	1,680,000	879,400
05/01/2001	02/01/2017	4.00 - 4.80	592,695	455,000	137,695
11/01/2004	02/01/2017	1.70 - 3.50	3,590,000	3,110,000	480,000
03/25/2003	03/25/2008	4.80	468,000	-	468,000
05/01/2006	02/01/2007	4.00 - 4.25	2,770,000	2,770,000	-
05/01/2006	03/15/2012	4.65	633,666	633,666	-
Totals			<u>\$21,433,311</u>	<u>\$16,668,666</u>	<u>\$4,764,645</u>

Change in Long-term debt

	<u>Balance June 30, 2005</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2006</u>
Bonds payable	\$14,370,000	\$2,770,000	\$1,105,000	\$16,035,000
Capital leases	187,200	633,666	187,200	633,666
Totals	<u>\$14,557,200</u>	<u>\$3,403,666</u>	<u>\$1,292,200</u>	<u>\$16,668,666</u>

Total long-term debt principal and interest payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$ 1,419,577	\$588,440	\$2,008,017
2008	1,432,210	548,912	1,981,122
2009	1,478,307	501,138	1,979,445
2010	1,529,430	450,351	1,979,781
2011	1,585,580	387,580	1,973,150
2012-2016	7,683,562	1,070,310	8,753,872
2017-2021	1,540,000	36,379	1,576,379
Totals	<u>\$16,668,666</u>	<u>\$3,583,099</u>	<u>\$20,251,765</u>

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June 30, 2006

3: COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

B. The District issued \$17,320,000 of Construction Bonds on November 15, 2006, for the construction of a new Junior High School and a multi-purpose gymnasium. Interest on the bonds is payable on February 1 and August 1 at rates ranging from 4.00 to 4.50, commencing February 1, 2007. The date of final maturity is February 1, 2036.

4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The financial statements reflect the following interfund transfers from the general fund:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food service (Special Revenue)	\$1,453,496
Debt service (Other Aggregate)	1,609,698
Capital projects (Other Aggregate)	<u>300,000</u>
	<u>\$3,363,194</u>

5: RETIREMENT PLANS

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees, except certain nonteachers hired prior to July 1, 1989. ATRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-666-2877.

Funding Policy. ATRS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 6% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current employer rate is 14%. The District's contributions to ATRS for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$2,177,564, \$2,018,099 and \$1,364,002, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
June 30, 2006

5: RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers certain nonteaching Arkansas public school employees hired before July 1, 1989. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information to PERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-682-7377.

Funding Policy. PERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 6% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current statutory employer rate is 4% of annual covered payroll. The District's contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$8,080, \$8,029 and \$8,428, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Schedule 1				
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Reclass-</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>June 30, 2005</u>			<u>fications</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Nondepreciable capital assets:					
Land	\$ 757,154	\$1,193,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,950,722
Construction in progress	<u>2,492,211</u>	<u>1,041,560</u>	-	-	<u>3,533,771</u>
Total nondepreciable capital assets	<u>3,249,365</u>	<u>2,235,128</u>	-	-	<u>5,484,493</u>
Depreciable capital assets:					
Buildings	21,015,022	873,121	778,569	-	21,109,574
Improvements	1,256,030	436,187	-	-	1,692,217
Machinery and equipment	<u>6,519,094</u>	<u>537,680</u>	<u>132,585</u>	-	<u>6,924,189</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>28,790,146</u>	<u>1,846,988</u>	<u>911,154</u>	-	<u>29,725,980</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	5,848,519	416,454	655,641	-	5,609,332
Improvements	715,337	65,050	-	-	780,387
Machinery and equipment	<u>4,033,421</u>	<u>551,225</u>	<u>117,814</u>	-	<u>4,466,832</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>10,597,277</u>	<u>1,032,729</u>	<u>773,455</u>	-	<u>10,856,551</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>18,192,869</u>	<u>841,259</u>	<u>137,699</u>	-	<u>18,869,429</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$21,442,234</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,049,387</u></u>	<u><u>\$137,699</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$24,353,922</u></u>

**Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Schedule 2

<u>Program</u>	<u>Federal Agency Pass-through Entity</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
E.S.E.A Title I, Part A Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	AR Department of Education	84.010	\$544,731
E.S.E.A Title I, Part C Migrant Education	AR Department of Education	84.011	22,591
E.S.E.A Title I, Part D Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children	AR Department of Education	84.013	15,806
E.S.E.A Title VI, Part B Education of All Handicapped Children	AR Department of Education	84.027	748,748
Carl Perkins – Basic Entitlement	AR Department of Workforce Education	84.048	41,719
E.S.E.A Title IV – Safe and Drug Free School	AR Department of Education	84.186a	20,999
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	AR Department of Education	84.196	39,085
E.S.E.A Title V, Part A – Innovative Education Program Strategies	AR Department of Education	84.298	14,093
Title II, Part D Curriculum Instruction Improvement	AR Department of Education	84.318	11,779
Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	AR Department of Education	84.367	177,255
Hurricane Education Recovery	AR Department of Education	84.938C	37,231

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 2

<u>Program</u>	<u>Federal Agency Pass-through Entity</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>
	<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Food Distribution	AR Department of Human Service	10.550	82,386
Children Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	AR Department of Education	10.553	225,190
National School Lunch Program	AR Department of Education	10.555	<u>654,992</u>
 TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			 <u>\$2,636,605</u>

Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 2

1. This schedule includes the federal awards of Marion School District No. 3 and is presented on the regulatory basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.
2. Medicaid reimbursements are defined as contracts for services and not federal awards; therefore such reimbursements, which totaled \$83,169 for the year ending June 30, 2006, are not covered by the reporting requirements of OMB Circular A-133.
3. Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Marion School District No. 3
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 3

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

None

Section III – Federal Award Program Findings and Questioned Costs

None

Prior year findings and questioned costs:

None

November 18, 2006

**Marion School District No. 3
Crittenden County, Arkansas
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SHEET
June 30, 2006**

Schedule 4

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