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Financial Audit

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Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C

(A Discretely Presented Component Unit of the State of Michigan)

October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010

Released:
December 2010

A financial audit determines if the financial statements are fairly presented; considers internal control over financial reporting; and determines compliance with requirements material to the financial statements. This financial audit of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plans B and C was conducted as part of the constitutional responsibility of the Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements:

Auditor's Report Issued

We issued an unqualified opinion on the MET Plans B and C financial statements.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We did not report any findings related to internal control over financial reporting.

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**Noncompliance and Other Matters
Material to the Financial Statements**

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance or other matters applicable to the financial statements that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Background:

MET was created under Act 316, P.A. 1986, to operate a prepaid college tuition program that will provide a Michigan child's undergraduate tuition at any Michigan public university or community college. MET is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors that consists of the State Treasurer and 8 public members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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December 29, 2010

Mr. Robert J. Kleine, State Treasurer and Chair
Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors
and
Ms. Robin R. Lott, Executive Director
Michigan Education Trust
Richard H. Austin Building
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kleine and Ms. Lott:

This is our report on the financial audit of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plans B and C, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009.

This report contains our report summary, our independent auditor's report on the financial statements, the MET management's discussion and analysis, and the MET Plans B and C financial statements. This report also contains our independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters and a glossary of acronyms and terms.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during this audit.

AUDITOR GENERAL

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

Mr. Robert J. Kleine, State Treasurer and Chair
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and
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Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kleine and Ms. Lott:

We have audited the statement of net assets; the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets; and the statement of cash flows of the Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Michigan Education Trust'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 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 the 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 opinion.

As described in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Michigan or its component units, or the Michigan Education Trust Plan D, as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the fiscal years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2010 on our consideration of the Michigan Education Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis 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 required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

AUDITOR GENERAL

December 21, 2010

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This is a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plans B and C for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. MET is an Internal Revenue Code Section 529 qualified tuition program and is a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, administratively located within the Department of Treasury. MET's management is responsible for the financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and this discussion.

Using the Financial Report

This financial report includes the report of independent auditors, management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and notes to the financial statements.

The reporting standards in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, require a statement of net assets; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets; and a statement of cash flows. These financial statements are interrelated and represent the financial status of MET Plans B and C.

The statement of net assets includes the assets, liabilities, and net assets at the end of the fiscal year. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the fiscal year. The statement of cash flows presents information related to cash inflows and outflows summarized by operating and investing activities.

Financial Analysis of MET Plans B and C

The MET Board of Directors approves an annual budget and the investment portfolio allocation. The Bureau of Investments, Department of Treasury, under the direction of the MET Board of Directors, is responsible for short-term and long-term investment of MET funds. The MET portfolio for Plans B and C is invested 100% in fixed income investments.

MET funds are invested to coincide with the students' expected years of high school graduation. Once students activate their contracts, colleges and universities submit invoices to MET every semester for tuition and mandatory fees. In 2006, the MET Board approved an amendment allowing students 15 years from the expected year of

high school graduation to completely use MET contract benefits. Prior to that change, students had 9 years to use MET contract benefits.

Annually, the actuary determines the actuarial soundness of each MET plan. Key factors used in the soundness analysis are tuition increases (short-term and long-term), investment performance, and college selection by students and purchasers.

Comparison of Current Year and Prior Year Results

Condensed Financial Information From the Statement of Net Assets

As of September 30

(In Thousands)

	2010	2009	2008
Current assets	\$ 103,626	\$ 156,918	\$ 201,816
Noncurrent assets	138,751	142,442	164,292
Total assets	<u>\$ 242,377</u>	<u>\$ 299,360</u>	<u>\$ 366,108</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 77,008	\$ 95,008	\$ 100,012
Noncurrent liabilities	136,894	181,850	237,708
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 213,902</u>	<u>\$ 276,858</u>	<u>\$ 337,721</u>
Net assets - Restricted	<u>\$ 28,475</u>	<u>\$ 22,502</u>	<u>\$ 28,388</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 28,475</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,502</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,388</u></u>

The overall financial position of MET Plans B and C for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 is positive and shows net assets of \$28.5 million and \$22.5 million, respectively. The net assets increased by \$5.9 million in fiscal year 2009-10 as a result of a decrease in operating expenses, which was caused by a decrease in the tuition benefit expense (see Note 5). The net assets decreased by \$5.9 million in fiscal year 2008-09 primarily due to the operating loss of \$5.9 million. Interest and dividends income decreased in fiscal year 2008-09 due to MET's decision not to reinvest proceeds from the sale of long-term investments in the long-term portfolio, thus resulting in less interest and dividends income.

Current assets decreased by \$53.3 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$44.9 million in fiscal year 2008-09 primarily because of the decrease in cash and cash equivalents that were used to pay tuition benefit payments.

Noncurrent assets decreased by \$3.7 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$21.9 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The decreases were a result of the MET Plans B and C being closed to new contracts and the liquidation of investments to meet the increased tuition benefit payments.

Total liabilities decreased by \$62.9 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$60.9 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The tuition benefits payable decrease reflects the increase in tuition contract payments made to colleges.

Condensed Financial Information
From the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
Fiscal Years Ended September 30
(In Thousands)

	2010	2009	2008
Operating revenues			
Interest and dividends income	\$ 4,482	\$ 7,393	\$ 14,591
Net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments	3,777	7,749	3,334
Other miscellaneous income	29	39	56
Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 8,288</u>	<u>\$ 15,181</u>	<u>\$ 17,981</u>
Operating expenses			
Salaries and other administrative expenses	\$ 913	\$ 792	\$ 851
Tuition benefit expense	1,403	20,275	11,531
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 2,315</u>	<u>\$ 21,067</u>	<u>\$ 12,382</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 5,973</u>	<u>\$ (5,886)</u>	<u>\$ 5,599</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ 5,973	\$ (5,886)	\$ 5,599
Net assets - Beginning of fiscal year	<u>22,502</u>	<u>28,388</u>	<u>22,789</u>
Net assets - End of fiscal year	<u>\$ 28,475</u>	<u>\$ 22,502</u>	<u>\$ 28,388</u>

Interest and dividends income decreased by \$2.9 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$7.2 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The decreases were attributed to decreases in investments held during the fiscal year.

The fair value of investments increased by \$3.8 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and increased by \$7.7 million in fiscal year 2008-09 because of increases in investment fair values and gains and losses on sold investments. The actual investment rate of return was only 3.1% in fiscal year 2009-10 and 4.46% in fiscal year 2008-09.

Tuition benefit expense decreased by \$18.9 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and increased by \$8.7 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The decrease and increase in both fiscal years resulted from the change in the present value of the future tuition benefit obligation.

Condensed Financial Information
From the Statement of Cash Flows
Fiscal Years Ended September 30
(In Thousands)

	2010	2009	2008
Net cash provided (used) by:			
Operating activities	\$ (59,790)	\$ (75,260)	\$ (77,969)
Investing activities	5,391	29,599	199,675
Net cash provided (used) - All activities	\$ (54,399)	\$ (45,661)	\$ 121,706
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of fiscal year	147,437	193,099	71,392
Cash and cash equivalents - End of fiscal year	\$ 93,038	\$ 147,437	\$ 193,099

The **net cash used by operating activities** decreased by \$15.5 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$2.7 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The decreases in cash used by operating activities in both fiscal years was primarily the result of decreases in tuition contract payments to colleges and refund designees.

The **net cash provided by investing activities** decreased by \$24.2 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$170.1 million in fiscal year 2008-09. The decrease in cash provided by investing activities in fiscal year 2009-10 resulted because of the decreased amount of cash available for investing purposes. The decrease in cash

provided by investing activities in fiscal year 2008-09 resulted when some investments matured and the proceeds were used to reinvest those proceeds into investment securities which had not occurred in fiscal year 2007-08.

Overall, the **cash and cash equivalents at the end of the fiscal year** decreased by \$54.4 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and decreased by \$45.7 million in fiscal year 2008-09.

Factors Impacting Future Periods

It is expected that Michigan public universities will adopt higher tuition increases next year if State appropriated funds decrease.

MET Plans B and C reached the peak matriculation period during fiscal year 2005-06. During 2010, 4,063 students will be eligible to begin using MET contracts to attend college along with 8,688 students currently in the process of using MET contracts. After 2010, the number of students expected to enroll in college under MET Plans B and C will continue to decrease significantly because MET has fulfilled its contractual obligations for the majority of these contract holders and has not offered additional enrollments in these plans since 1990.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST PLANS B AND C

Statement of Net Assets

As of September 30

ASSETS	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 93,038,227	\$ 147,437,351
Amounts due from MET Program (Plan D)	2,704,865	3,386,117
Amounts due from primary government	4,878,778	4,843,910
Interest and dividends receivable	842,905	1,188,111
Amounts due from others	2,160,792	62,445
Total current assets	<u>\$ 103,625,567</u>	<u>\$ 156,917,934</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Investments (Note 3)	138,750,515	142,442,238
Total assets	<u>\$ 242,376,082</u>	<u>\$ 299,360,172</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Tuition benefits payable (Note 4)	\$ 77,000,000	\$ 95,000,000
Compensated absences	7,595	7,950
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 77,007,595</u>	<u>\$ 95,007,950</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Tuition benefits payable (Note 4)	136,748,311	181,698,790
Compensated absences	145,652	151,629
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 213,901,558</u>	<u>\$ 276,858,369</u>
 NET ASSETS		
Net assets - Restricted	<u>\$ 28,474,524</u>	<u>\$ 22,501,803</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 28,474,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,501,803</u></u>

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

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST PLANS B AND C
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	2010	2009
OPERATING REVENUES		
Interest and dividends income	\$ 4,481,649	\$ 7,393,424
Net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments	3,776,935	7,748,650
Other miscellaneous income	29,455	39,277
Total operating revenues	\$ 8,288,039	\$ 15,181,351
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and other administrative expenses	\$ 912,605	\$ 792,079
Tuition benefit expense (Note 5)	1,402,713	20,275,240
Total operating expenses	\$ 2,315,318	\$ 21,067,319
Operating income (loss)	\$ 5,972,721	\$ (5,885,968)
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ 5,972,721	\$ (5,885,968)
Net assets - Beginning of fiscal year	22,501,803	28,387,771
Net assets - End of fiscal year	\$ 28,474,524	\$ 22,501,803

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

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST PLANS B AND C
Statement of Cash Flows
Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	2010	2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividends received	\$ 4,744,063	\$ 9,719,068
Contract payments	(64,353,192)	(81,139,066)
Administrative and other expenses paid	(210,108)	(3,879,128)
Application and other fees collected	29,455	39,277
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (59,789,782)	\$ (75,259,849)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investment securities	\$ (45,897,259)	\$ (113,165,144)
Proceeds from sale and maturities of investment securities	51,287,917	142,763,688
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	\$ 5,390,658	\$ 29,598,544
Net cash provided (used) - All activities	\$ (54,399,124)	\$ (45,661,305)
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of fiscal year	147,437,351	193,098,656
Cash and cash equivalents - End of fiscal year	\$ 93,038,227	\$ 147,437,351
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 5,972,721	\$ (5,885,968)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Unrealized and realized (gains) losses	(3,776,935)	(7,748,650)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Amounts due from MET Program (Plan D)	681,252	(795,844)
Amounts due from others	62,445	
Amounts due from primary government	(34,868)	(2,292,815)
Amounts due from sale of investment	(82,792)	
Interest and dividends receivable	345,206	2,325,643
Undistributed charitable tuition		(4,784)
Compensated absences	(6,332)	6,395
Tuition benefits payable	(62,950,479)	(60,863,826)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (59,789,782)	\$ (75,259,849)

NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES

The sale of an investment at year-end resulted in \$2,078,000 in amounts due from others.

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 Basis of Presentation and Reporting Entity

a. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plans B and C have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units.

b. Reporting Entity

MET was created under Act 316, P.A. 1986 (Sections 390.1421 - 390.1444 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*), to operate a prepaid college tuition program. MET is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors that consists of 1 ex-officio member (the State Treasurer, acting as chairperson) and 8 public members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. MET is administratively located within the Department of Treasury. The State Treasurer, as MET's agent, may not commingle funds and must maintain a separate bank account for MET. MET is a proprietary component unit of the State of Michigan and is reported as such in the *State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The accompanying financial statements present only MET Plans B and C. Accordingly, they do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position and cash flows of the State of Michigan or its component units, or MET Plan D, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units.

Act 316, P.A. 1986, empowers MET, on behalf of itself and the State of Michigan, to enter into a contract with a purchaser which provides that, in return for a specified actuarially determined payment, MET will provide a Michigan child's undergraduate tuition at any Michigan public university or community college. The purchase amount is based on several factors, including tuition costs, anticipated investment earnings, anticipated tuition rate increases, and the type of contract purchased. MET offers a full benefits contract, a limited benefits contract, and a community college

contract. MET's property, income, and operations have been statutorily exempted from all taxation by the State and its political subdivisions. The Act and the contracts specifically provide that the State is not liable if MET becomes actuarially unsound. In that event, the contracts provide for refunds to participants.

As of September 30, 2010, there have been 18 enrollment periods over 17 years for MET. The 1988, 1989, and 1990 enrollments are known as Plans B and C. The 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 enrollments are known as Plan D. The Plan D enrollments are accounted for and reported separately from the Plans B and C enrollments. These financial statements report only Plans B and C enrollments. Separate financial statements and actuarial valuation of the Plan D enrollments are available from the MET office at P.O. Box 30198, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements contained in this report are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as provided by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows. Tuition benefit expense represents accretion of the tuition benefits obligation (see Note 4).

As allowed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, MET follows all GASB pronouncements and those Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedures that were issued on or before November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with a GASB pronouncement.

b. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

- (1) Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents reported on the statement of net assets include deposits with financial institutions and short-term investments with original maturities of less than three months used for cash management rather than investing activities.
- (2) Investments: MET's deposits and investments are held in a fiduciary capacity by the State Treasurer. Act 316, P.A. 1986, authorizes the MET Board of Directors to invest MET's assets in any instrument, obligation, security, or property that it considers to be appropriate. The Act also authorizes the pooling of MET's assets with assets of the State, such as the pension funds, for investment purposes. Investments are carried at fair value (see Note 3).
- (3) Liabilities: The actuarial present value of the future tuition benefits obligation is recorded as a current and noncurrent liability of MET (see Note 4).
- (4) Net Assets: MET's net assets represent the investment appreciation and the investment revenue in excess of the actuarial present value of the future tuition benefits obligation and expenses (see Note 4). Net assets are restricted because of the contractual obligations MET must adhere to on behalf of the purchasers and beneficiaries for which prepaid tuition was collected and invested. The enabling legislation for MET is Act 316, P.A. 1986. Section 17 of the Act indicates that the assets of the trust shall be preserved, invested, and expended solely pursuant to and for the purposes set forth in the Act and shall not be loaned or otherwise transferred or used by the State for any purpose other than the purposes of the Act.

Note 3 Deposits and Investments

a. General Information

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, policies and practices with respect to custodial credit risk, foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are discussed in the following paragraphs.

b. Deposits

(1) Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, MET will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. MET does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits.

At the end of fiscal year 2009-10, the carrying amount of MET's deposits for Plans B and C and the amount reflected in the accounts of the banks was \$23,794,678. At the end of fiscal year 2008-09, the carrying amount of MET's deposits for Plans B and C and the amount reflected in the accounts of the banks was \$7,120,771. The September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 balances were covered by federal depository insurance or collateral held with MET's agent in MET's name and, therefore, were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

(2) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk for deposits is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of a deposit. As of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, MET had no foreign deposits.

c. Investments

(1) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. MET does not have a policy to restrict interest rate risk for long-term investments.

The following table shows the fair value of investments for Plans B and C by investment type and in total (in millions) at September 30, 2010:

	Fair Value	Investment Maturities			
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	More Than 10 Years
Investments:					
Commercial paper	\$ 69.2	\$ 69.2	\$	\$	\$
U.S. agencies - sponsored	21.7		8.8	12.9	
Foreign government - backed	4.0		4.0		
Corporate bonds and notes	113.0	17.0	85.2	10.8	
Total investments	\$ 207.9	\$ 86.2	\$ 98.0	\$ 23.7	\$ 0
Less investments reported as "cash equivalents" on statement of net assets	(69.2)				
Total investments	\$ 138.7				
<u>As Reported on the Statement of Net Assets</u>					
Noncurrent restricted investments	\$ 138.7				
Total investments	\$ 138.7				

The following table shows the fair value of investments for Plans B and C by investment type and in total (in millions) at September 30, 2009:

	Fair Value	Investment Maturities			
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	More Than 10 Years
Investments:					
Commercial paper	\$ 140.3	\$ 140.3	\$	\$	\$
U.S. agencies - sponsored	38.1	13.1	16.3	8.6	
Corporate bonds and notes	104.4	7.5	76.3	20.5	
Total investments	<u>\$ 282.8</u>	<u>\$ 161.0</u>	<u>\$ 92.6</u>	<u>\$ 29.1</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Less investments reported as "cash equivalents" on statement of net assets					
	<u>140.3)</u>				
Total investments	<u>\$ 142.4</u>				
<u>As Reported on the Statement of Net Assets</u>					
Noncurrent restricted investments	<u>\$ 142.4</u>				
Total investments	<u>\$ 142.4</u>				

(2) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. MET limits investments in commercial paper, at the time of purchase, to the top two ratings issued by two national rating services: ratings of A-1 and A-2 from Standard & Poor's and ratings of P-1 and P-2 from Moody's Investors Service. MET's policy also limited investments in corporate bonds and mutual bond funds, at the time of purchase, to the top four ratings of the two rating services: ratings of AAA, AA, A, and BBB from Standard & Poor's and ratings of Aaa, Aa, A, and Baa from

Moody's Investors Service. As of September 30, 2010, the fair value (in millions) and credit quality ratings of investments were as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Credit Quality Rating	
		Standard & Poor's	Moody's Investors Service
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 15,701,410	AAA	Aaa
Federal National Mortgage Association	6,020,712	AAA	Aaa
KfW	4,021,200	AAA	Aaa
American Honda Finance Corp.	5,442,206	A+	A1
AT&T	3,056,955	A	A2
Avon Products, Inc.	2,695,200	A-	A2
Bank of America Corp.	4,271,476	A	A2
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	4,687,703	A	A2
Dell Inc.	2,602,968	A-	A2
Eaton Corp.	3,274,965	A-	A3
Estee Lauder Companies Inc.	3,430,305	A	A2
General Electric Capital Corp.	13,561,376	AA+	Aa2
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	3,404,634	A+	A1
John Deere Capital Corp.	3,002,655	A	A2
Oracle Corp.	1,722,022	A	A2
Pfizer Inc.	3,157,899	AA	A1
Procter & Gamble Company	3,275,709	AA-	Aa3
Seariver Maritime Financial Holdings, Inc.	25,778,655	AAA	Aaa
Shell International Finance B.V.	12,908,224	AA	Aa1
Target Corp.	2,921,711	A+	A2
TJX Companies, Inc.	2,768,660	A	A3
US Central Federal Credit Union	5,042,720	AAA	Aaa
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	2,676,655	AA	Aa2
Walt Disney Company	3,324,495	A	A2
Total fair value	<u>\$138,750,515</u>		

As of September 30, 2009, the fair value (in millions) and credit quality ratings of investments were as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Credit Quality Rating	
		Standard & Poor's	Moody's Investors Service
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 7,824,522	AAA	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	14,076,874	AAA	Aaa
Federal Farm Credit Banks	3,744,976	AAA	Aaa
Federal National Mortgage Association	3,015,534	AAA	Aaa
Israel Trust	9,401,299	AAA	Not rated
American Honda Finance Corp.	5,544,862	A+	A1
Avon Products, Inc.	2,480,895	A	A2
Bank of America Corp.	4,100,672	A	A2
BP Capital Markets	4,241,221	AA	Aa1
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	4,506,460	A	A2
Dell Inc.	2,590,482	A-	A2
Eaton Corp.	3,180,312	A-	A3
Estee Lauder Companies Inc.	3,144,000	A	A2
General Electric Capital Corp.	9,797,550	AA+	Aa2
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	3,221,640	A+	A1
John Deere Capital Corp.	3,045,819	A	A2
Oracle Corp.	1,577,978	A	A2
Pfizer Inc.	3,186,663	AAA	Aa2
Procter & Gamble Company	3,072,267	AA-	Aa3
Ralston Purina Co.	5,010,870	AA	Not rated
Seariver Maritime Financial Holdings, Inc.	25,069,203	AAA	Aaa
Shell International Finance B.V.	4,201,664	AA	Aa1
Target Corp.	2,706,627	A+	A2
Textron Financial Corp.	2,500,215	BB+	Baa3
TJX Companies, Inc.	2,582,873	A	A3
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	2,862,621	AA	Aa1
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	2,552,513	AA	Aa2
Walt Disney Company	3,201,627	A	A2
Total fair value	<u>\$142,442,238</u>		

(3) Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, MET will not be able to

recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. MET's investments are registered in its name and, therefore, are not subject to custodial credit risk. MET does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk.

(4) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of MET's investments with a single issuer. MET does not have a policy to limit the concentration of credit risk. At September 30, 2010, MET had the following investments that represented 5% or more of total investments:

Investment	Fair Value	Credit Quality Rating	
		Standard & Poor's	Moody's Investors Service
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 15,701,410	AAA	Aaa
Seariver Maritime Financial Holdings, Inc.	\$ 25,778,655	AAA	Aaa
General Electric Capital Corp.	\$ 13,561,376	AA+	Aa2
Shell International Finance B.V.	\$ 12,908,224	AA	Aa1

At September 30, 2009, MET had the following investments that represented 5% or more of total investments:

Investment	Fair Value	Credit Quality Rating	
		Standard & Poor's	Moody's Investors Service
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	\$14,076,874	AAA	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 7,824,522	AAA	Aaa
Seariver Maritime Financial Holdings, Inc.	\$25,069,203	AAA	Aaa
General Electric Capital Corp.	\$ 9,797,550	AA+	Aa2
Israel Trust	\$ 9,401,299	AAA	Not rated

(5) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk for investments is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. As of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, MET had no investments subject to foreign currency risk.

Note 4 Tuition Benefits Payable

The standardized measurement of the total benefits obligation of MET is the actuarial present value of the future tuition benefits obligation that will be paid in future years. The tuition benefits obligation is actuarially calculated by projecting the weighted average tuition cost, including mandatory fees, at the assumed annual rate of increase and then calculating the expected present value of the future distributions from the trust based on the investment income and discount rate assumptions. The following table shows the net value of total assets less compensated absences, the present value of total tuition benefits obligation, and the net assets of MET Plans B and C as of September 30:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Net value of assets less compensated absences	\$242,222,835	\$299,200,593
Present value of total tuition benefits obligation	<u>213,748,311</u>	<u>276,698,790</u>
Net value of assets in excess of tuition benefits obligation	<u>\$ 28,474,524</u>	<u>\$ 22,501,803</u>
 Net value of assets as a percentage of total tuition benefits obligation	 113.3%	 108.1%

The most important assumptions used in the actuarial valuations include the following:

- (1) The investment yield applied to expected future cash flows to determine present value was 2.20% as of September 30, 2010 and 2.20% as of September 30, 2009. This investment yield approximates the expected investment earnings over the lifetime of the present tuition benefit contracts. It is premised that expected benefit payments will be diversified in duration to allow MET to invest at the assumed investment yield of 2.20% and to also be able to liquidate its investments in order to meet future benefit payments while still earning the investment yield of 2.20%.
- (2) For fiscal year 2009-10, the projected tuition increase was 6.50% compounded annually for all future years. The MET Board of Directors considered the relationship of tuition increases to the consumer price index in determining the tuition increase assumption of 6.50%.

(3) There was no tax effect from federal income tax.

(4) MET will pay 110% of the MET weighted average tuition in benefits and refunds.

Presented below are the key assumptions used in the actuarial valuations for Plans B and C:

	Fiscal Years				
	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06
Tuition increase	6.50%	6.50%	7.30%	7.30%	7.30%
Tuition increase - long-term	6.50%	6.50%	7.30%	7.30%	7.30%
Present value discount rate	2.20%	2.20%	4.75%	4.75%	4.75%

The following summarizes the tuition benefits payable as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009:

Balance at October 1, 2008	\$337,562,616
Tuition benefit expense provision	20,275,240
Payments	(81,139,066)
Balance at September 30, 2009	<u>\$276,698,790</u>
Tuition benefit expense provision	1,402,713
Payments	(64,353,191)
Balance at September 30, 2010	<u><u>\$213,748,312</u></u>

The amounts due within one year for tuition benefits payable for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are \$77,000,000 and \$95,000,000, respectively. The actuarial assumptions described in this note have a significant impact on the tuition benefits liability. Actual results may differ from the assumptions utilized.

Note 5 Tuition Benefit Expense

Tuition benefit expense is recognized each year and reflects changes in the present value of the tuition benefits payable for increases or decreases in tuition payments compared to actuarial tuition assumptions. The actuarial assumptions adopted by the MET Board of Directors have a significant impact on the calculation of the tuition benefit expense.

Note 6 Tax Status

On November 8, 1994, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled that MET is an integral part of the State of Michigan; thus, the investment income realized by MET is not currently subject to federal income tax.

Distributions made in excess of contributions (whether to the refund designee or the beneficiary or to a college on behalf of the beneficiary) are taxable income to the refund designee or the beneficiary. After January 1, 2002, these excess distributions are no longer subject to federal income tax if used for qualified higher education expenses. The federal Pension Protection Act enacted in August 2006 provides permanent tax exemption for Internal Revenue Code Section 529 qualified tuition programs.

On August 20, 1996, the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (known as the "1996 Tax Act") was signed into law. The 1996 Tax Act included a provision adding a new section to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 defining "qualified tuition programs." A qualified tuition program is generally exempt from income tax but is subject to unrelated business income tax. MET has no unrelated business income.

In May 1997, MET submitted a request for ruling to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for verification that MET is in compliance with the 1996 Tax Act. On December 23, 1997, the IRS issued a favorable ruling, which confirms that MET meets the requirements for exemption from federal income tax as a state qualified tuition program described in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 7 Risk Management

MET participates in the State of Michigan's (primary government) risk management program. The State is self-insured for most general liability and property losses; portions of its employee insurance benefit and bonding programs; and automobile liability, workers' compensation, and unemployment claims. The State Sponsored Group Insurance Fund and Risk Management Fund (internal service funds) have been established by the State to account for these self-insured risk management programs. As a participant, MET recognizes expenses for payments made to the State in a manner similar to purchasing commercial insurance. Charges to finance the self-insured programs are based on estimates of amounts needed to pay prior and current

year claims as determined annually by the Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

Note 8 Pension Plans

MET employees are State classified employees who are covered by the State Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit or Defined Contribution Plans. Detail and data regarding the Plans' descriptions, accounting policies, vesting and eligibility requirements, actuarial cost methods and assumptions, funding status and requirements, and 10-year historical trend information are provided in the Plans' detailed financial reports. State statutes provide retired employees with other postemployment benefits, such as health, dental, vision, and life insurance coverage based on vesting and other requirements. The cost of retiree health care and other benefits is allocated by the Office of Retirement Services and funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

MET was billed and paid an average 33.3% and 30.6% of its payroll costs for pension charges and retiree postemployment benefits in fiscal years 2009-10 and 2008-09, respectively. The Plans' detailed financial statements can be obtained from the Office of Retirement Services, Department of Technology, Management & Budget, 7150 Harris Drive, P.O. Box 30171, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

Mr. Robert J. Kleine, State Treasurer and Chair
Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors
and
Ms. Robin R. Lott, Executive Director
Michigan Education Trust
Richard H. Austin Building
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kleine and Ms. Lott:

We have audited the statement of net assets; the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets; and the statement of cash flows of the Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Michigan Education Trust's internal control over financial reporting for Plans B and C as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Michigan Education Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Michigan Education Trust's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Michigan Education Trust's financial statements for Plans B and C 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 Governor, the Legislature, the Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors, management, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

AUDITOR GENERAL

December 21, 2010

GLOSSARY

Glossary of Acronyms and Terms

deficiency in internal control over financial reporting	The design or operation of a control that does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.
financial audit	An audit that is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial schedules and/or financial statements of an audited entity are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting.
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
internal control	A process, effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of the entity's objectives with regard to the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
IRS	Internal Revenue Service.
material misstatement	A misstatement in the financial schedules and/or financial statements that causes the schedules and/or statements to not present fairly the financial position or the changes in financial position or cash flows in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting.
material weakness in internal control over financial reporting	A deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial schedules and/or financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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significant deficiency
in internal control over
financial reporting

A deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

unqualified opinion

An auditor's opinion in which the auditor states that the financial schedules and/or financial statements presenting the basic financial information of the audited agency are fairly presented in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting.

