### **Financial Statements**

June 30, 2005 and 2004

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors

CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION

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West Hartford, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority ("Authority"), a component unit of the State of Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. The basic financial statements of the Authority as of June 30, 2004, were audited by other auditors whose report dated September 3, 2004 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

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 disclosure in the basic 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.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 9, 2005 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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.

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The accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis as listed in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Rocky Hill, Connecticut September 9, 2005

The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) is a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut (the "State"). CHESLA provides financial assistance in the form of education loans to students in or from the State, their parents or others responsible for the cost of their education and provides an alternative method to enable institutions of higher education in the State to assist qualified students to attend such institutions. CHESLA is authorized to issue tax-exempt bonds, the proceeds of which are used to fund education loans to applicants meeting certain eligibility requirements. The repayments of such loans service the debt on CHESLA bonds. CHELSA, in connection with the issuance of its bonds, has made certain covenants with respect to such loans, including a covenant to do or cause to be done all such acts and things necessary to receive and collect all revenues due with respect to such loans. CHESLA bonds are further secured by a special capital reserve fund.

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the State of Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority ("the Authority") activities and financial performance provide an introduction to the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 as compared to June 30, 2004. Following the MD&A are the basic financial statements of the Authority together with the notes thereto, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements.

### FINANCIAL POSITION SUMMARY

The Authority's fiscal year 2005 assets increased by \$16.5 million or 13.1% over fiscal year 2004 and liabilities increased by \$14.3 million or 11.9% over fiscal year 2004. Total assets exceeded liabilities by \$8.8 million in 2005 as compared to \$6.5 million for 2004, or a net increase of \$2.3 million.

## BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands)

	2005		 2004
ASSETS:  Current unrestricted assets Current restricted assets Total current assets:	\$	19,309 45,493 64,802	\$ 17,500 26,952 44,452
Non-current assets:  Restricted Investments  Loans receivable, net of current portion  Bond issuance costs, net  Total non-current assets  TOTAL ASSETS	<u> </u>	7,000 68,799 2,445 78,244 143,046	\$ 8,500 71,502 2,058 82,060 126,512
LIABILITIES: Current liabilities Long-term liabilities TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	6,899 127,396 134,295	\$ 6,089 113,896 119,985
NET ASSETS: Unrestricted TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	8,751 143,046	\$ 6,527 126,512

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is an overview of significant changes within the Balance Sheets during the past fiscal year:

### Assets

Current unrestricted assets increased by \$1.8 million or 10.3%. This was due primarily to the decrease of loan losses in 2005 and 2004.

Current restricted assets increased by \$18.5 million or 68.8%. This increase was primarily the result of an increase in investments of \$29.4 million due to the issuance of the 2005 bonds.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Non-current assets decreased by \$3.8 million or 4.6%. This was primarily due to:

- Loans receivable decreased by \$2.7 million as a result of the collection of principal on outstanding education loans
- Bond issuance costs increased by \$386,622 due to issuance cost related to 2005 Series A and B Bonds, net of amortization expense.

### Liabilities

Current liabilities increased by \$.8 million or 13.3% as compared to June 30, 2004, due primarily to the current payment obligations of the new 2005 Series A and B bonds.

Long-term liabilities increased by \$13.5 million or 11.8% as compared to June 30, 2004, due to the issuance of 2005 Series A and B Bonds, less scheduled principal reductions and mandatory redemptions on existing bonds payable.

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

A summary of operations and changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, and the amount and percentage of change in relation to prior fiscal year amount is as follows:

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (In Thousands) Fiscal Years Ending June 30,

	 2005	2004		
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 10,139 7,915	\$	9,099 7,790	
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 2,224	\$	1,309	

Operating revenues increased in fiscal year 2005 by \$1.04 million or 11.4% over fiscal year 2004, due primarily to the increase in interest earning assets and higher earnings on loans receivable.

Operating expenses also increased during fiscal year 2005 by \$125,000 or 1.6% compared to fiscal year 2004. This was primarily due to an increase in loan collection fees, a decrease in interest expense, and a decrease in the provision for loan losses.

### SUMMARY OF REVENUE

A summary of revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, and the amount and percentage of change in relation to prior fiscal year amounts is as follows:

	2005	Percent of Total	2004	Increase/ (decrease) from 2004	Percent Increase/ (decrease)
Operating: Interest income on loans receivable \$ Interest income on investments Administrative fees Other operating income Total operating revenues	7,986 1,455 698 - 10,139	78.8% 14.4% 6.9% <u>0.0%</u> 100.0%	\$ 7,178 1,236 631 54 9,099	\$ 808 219 67 (54) 1,040	11.3% 17.7% 10.6% -100.0% 11.4%
TOTAL REVENUES §	10,139	100.0%	\$ 9,099	\$ 1,040	<u>11.4%</u>

The following discusses the major changes in operating revenues of the Authority:

- Interest income on loans receivable, which represents interest income from educational loans, increased by 11.2% or \$807,391.
- Interest income on investments, increased by \$219,337 or 17.7% from fiscal year 2004. The increase is due to a higher amount of investments on hand during the year.
- Administrative fees increased by \$66,684 or 10.6%. These fees are based on Authority income from a percentage of originations and principal outstanding from the various bond deals.

### SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

A summary of expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, and the amount and percentage of change in relation to prior fiscal year amounts is as follows:

					Inc	crease/	Percent
			Percent		(de	crease)	Increase/
	······································	2005	of Total	 2004	froi	m 2004	(decrease)
Operating:							
Interest expense	\$	5,593	70.7%	\$ 6,032	\$	(439)	-7.3%
Administrative fees		698	8.8%	631		67	10.6%
Loan collection fees		756	9.6%	426		330	77.5%
General and administrative expenses		327	4.1%	313		14	4.5%
Amortization of bond issuance costs		340	4.3%	362		(22)	-6.1%
Professional fees		204	2.6%	172		32	18.6%
Provision for loan losses		(300)	-3.8%	(400)		100	-25.0%
Salaries		99	1.3%	99		-	0.0%
Trustee fees		44	0.6%	43		1	2.3%
Arbitrage rebate expense		154	<u>1.9%</u>	 112		42	<u>37.5%</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$</u>	7,915	100.0%	\$ 7,790	\$	125	1.6%

The Authority's expenses increased from fiscal year 2004 to 2005 by \$125,000 or 1.6% in total. Notable differences between the years include:

- Interest expense decreased by \$439,461 or 7.3% due to the replacement of higher interest debt with lower interest debt.
- Administrative fees increased by \$66,684 or 10.6% primarily due to higher activity in the current year in terms of education loans disbursed.
- Arbitrage rebate expense increased by \$42,415 due to the increase in the 2% yield liability as compared to June 30, 2004.
- Professional fees increased by \$31,888 due primarily to the services of a Financial Advisor due to a new bond series issued during the year.
- Provision for loan losses decreased by \$100,000 or 25% primarily due to historical collection results, CHESLA's reduction in write offs and its increase in recoveries in recent years which support a reduction in the overall allowance for loan losses.
- Loan collection fees increased largely due to the inclusion of the costs paid for deconversion and conversion related to the change in loan service providers during 2005.

### SUMMARY OF CASH FLOW ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the major sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents for the two most recent fiscal years. Cash equivalents are considered cash-on-hand, bank deposits and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

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		2005	2004	
Cash flows from operating activities Cash flows from investing activities Cash flows from non-capital financing activities	\$	2,616 (27,900) 14,161	\$	6,572 (2,312) 197
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(11,123)		4,457
Cash and cash equivalents:  Beginning of year		19,546	<u> </u>	15,089
End of year	<b></b>	8,423	Þ	<u> 19,546</u>

The Authority's available cash and cash equivalents decreased \$11.1 million from \$19.5 million at the end of fiscal year 2004 to \$8.4 million at the end of fiscal year 2005 due to:

- Cash flows from operating activities, which represent the net difference between cash received for loan payments and interest and loans disbursed to borrowers and cash paid to employees and vendors for goods and services. For fiscal year 2005, this net source of cash was \$4 million less than fiscal year 2004 and was mainly due to an increase in loan disbursements.
- Cash flows from investing activities, which represent the net difference between proceeds from maturing investments versus the purchase of investment securities. For fiscal year 2005, this net use of cash was \$25.6 million more than fiscal year 2004 and was mainly due to significant purchases of investments in the current year.
- Cash flows from non-capital financing activities, which represent the net difference between total proceeds from bond issuances, versus the costs of issuance and scheduled payments on bond principal. For fiscal year 2005, this net source of cash was \$14 million higher than fiscal year 2004 and was mainly due to the proceeds from the 2005 Series A and B bond issuances exceeding scheduled payments on bond principal.

### BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2005 and 2004

ASSETS	***************************************	2005		2004
CURRENT ASSETS				
Unrestricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,545,601	\$	1,809,257
Current portion of loans receivable,				
net of allowances for loan losses				
of \$2,300,000 in 2005 and \$2,600,000 in 2004		16,957,639		15,066,397
Interest receivable on investments		435,210		137,869
Interest receivable on loans receivable		370,818		486,263
Total unrestricted assets		19,309,268	***************************************	17,499,786
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Restricted assets:		C 979 00C		17 777 015
Cash and cash equivalents		6,878,006		17,737,215
Investments		38,613,093		9,212,834
Connecticut Higher Education Trust		2,085		2,715
Total restricted assets		45,493,184		26,952,764
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	and the second second	64,802,452		44,452,550
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<b>#</b> 000 000		0 500 000
Restricted investments		7,000,000		8,500,000
Loans receivable, net of current portion		68,798,981		71,501,591
Bond issuance costs, net of				
accumulated amortization of \$2,786,922		2 444 594		2.057.062
in 2005 and \$2,426,520 in 2004		2,444,584	***************************************	2,057,962
Total Non-Current Assets		78,243,565		82,059,553
		43,046,017	\$	126,512,103

LIABILITIES	2005		2005 200		
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Current portion of bonds payable	\$	5,225,280	\$	4,846,352	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		90,520		105,391	
Current portion of arbitrage rebate payable		154,183		29,667	
Accrued interest payable		1,023,187		692,549	
Current portion of deferred revenue		405,384	414,766		
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Total Current Liabilities		6,898,554	********	6,088,725	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Bonds payable, net of current portion		124,993,529		110,374,261	
Arbitrage rebate payable, net of current portion		130,736		1,216,224	
Deferred revenue, net of current portion		2,272,034		2,305,428	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		127,396,299		113,895,913	
Total Liabilities		134,294,853		119,984,638	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		8,751,164		6,527,465	
	\$	143,046,017	\$	126,512,103	

### STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
OPERATING REVENUES		
Interest income on investments Interest income on loans receivable	\$ 1,455,380 7,985,977	\$ 1,236,043 7,178,586
	, ,	630,900
Administrative fees Other operating income	697,588	53,550
Total operating revenues	10,138,945	9,099,079
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Interest expense	5,592,934	6,032,395
Administrative fees	697,588	630,900
Loan collection fees	755,965	426,269
General and administrative expenses	327,124	313,162
Amortization of bond issuance costs	340,657	361,301
Professional fees	204,088	172,200
Arbitrage rebate expense	154,183	111,768
Salaries	98,615	98,660
Trustee fees	44,092	42,948
Provision for loan losses	(300,000	(400,000)
Total operating expenses	7,915,246	7,789,603
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,223,699	1,309,476
NET ASSETS, beginning	6,527,465	5,217,989
NET ASSETS, ending	\$ 8,751,164	\$ 6,527,465

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received for the following:		
Loan payments	\$ 18,318,094	\$ 17,165,829
Interest collected on loans	8,101,422	7,430,386
Interest collected on investments	1,158,039	1,265,369
Other income	697,588	620,481
Total cash received	28,275,143	26,482,065
Cash paid for the following:		
Loans disbursed	(17,917,527)	(11,983,046)
Bond Interest	(5,445,055)	(6,133,503)
Other expenses	(2,296,544)	(1,793,248)
Total cash disbursed	(25,659,126)	(19,909,797)
Net Cash Provided by		
Operating Activities	2,616,017	6,572,268
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of restricted investments	(27,900,259)	(2,311,878)
Net Cash Used in		
Investing Activities	(27,900,259)	(2,311,878)
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CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING AC	TIMTIEC	
Issuance of bonds	37,355,000	18,195,414
Bond issuance costs	(1,368,623)	(853,375)
Payments on bond principal	(21,825,000)	(17,145,000)
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Not Cook Provided by		
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	14,161,377	197,039
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,122,865)	4,457,429
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning	19,546,472	15,089,043
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Ending	\$ 8,423,607	\$ 19,546,472

	 2005		2004
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			
TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING			
ACTIVITIES		_	
Change in net assets	\$ 2,223,699	\$	1,309,476
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash			
provided by operating activities:	240 65		261 201
Amortization of bond issuance costs	340,657		361,301
Amortization of deferred amount on refunding	111,220		20,224
Amortization of bond discount	5,795		9,149
Amortization of bond premium	(6,827)		(44,757)
Provision for loan losses	(300,000)		(400,000)
Change in assets and liabilities:	1 111 3/0		£ 100 703
Decrease in loans receivable	1,111,368		5,182,783
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable on investments	(297,341)		29,326 99,743
Decrease in interest receivable on loans receivable	115,445		58,869
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(14,889)		36,609 8,324
(Decrease) increase in arbitrage rebate payable	(960,972) 330,638		0,32 <del>4</del> (18,575)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable Decrease in deferred revenue	 (42,776)		(18,575) (43,595)
Net Cash Provided by			
Operating Activities	\$ 2,616,017	\$	6,572,268
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	1,545,601		1,809,257
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	6,878,006		17,737,215
·	\$ 8,423,607	\$	19,546,472
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Deferred amount on refunding recorded through reduction			
of bond issuance costs	\$ 	\$	74,417

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity – The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority ("Authority") is a body politic and corporate established in 1982 pursuant to Section 4 of Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority Act, Public Act 82-313 of the Connecticut General Assembly (the Act). For purposes of financial reporting, the Authority is a component unit of the State of Connecticut and the Authority's financial statements are included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Authority was established to assist students, their parents and institutions of higher education to finance the cost of higher education through its Bond funds.

The funds of the Authority are proprietary fund types. Proprietary funds are used to account for governmental activities that are similar to those found in the private sector where the determination of net income is necessary or useful for sound financial administration. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheet. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) used for proprietary funds are generally those applicable to businesses in the private sector. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, the Authority applies all GASB pronouncements and all Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements, Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Authority Operating Fund – The administrative functions of the Authority are accounted for in the Authority Operating Fund. Revenues in this fund consist of interest income and administrative fees.

Bond Funds – Under the Bond Funds, the Authority issues revenue bonds, the proceeds of which are used to provide loans directly to students or other borrowers to assist in the financing of higher education. Revenue in the Bond Funds is derived from interest earned on investments and loans receivable. The 2003 Bond Fund is governed by the 2003 Master Revenue Bond Resolution, pursuant to which the 2003 and 2005 Series A and B bonds were issued. The proceeds from the 2003 Series B bonds were used to refund the 1991 Series A bonds and the 2003 Series 1 bonds (see Note 4). The proceeds from the 2005 Series B bonds were used to refund the 1993 and 1994 Series A bonds (see Note 4). The 2003 Series 1 bonds were issued on May 15, 2003 to refund prior obligations of the Authority scheduled to be retired by special mandatory redemption on May 15, 2003. The Pre 2003 Bond Fund is governed by the 1990 Revenue Bond Resolution, as amended, supplemented and restated, pursuant to which all outstanding bonds were issued prior to the 2003 Series A and B bonds. In accordance with the bond resolutions, the Authority internally accounts for each bond issue, which includes individual funds as defined by each bond resolution, including but not limited to combinations of

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Bond Funds (Continued) -

some of the following: Loan Fund, Revenue Fund, Debt Service Reserve Fund and the Special Capital Reserve Fund.

Prior to 1988, these loans were provided for the purpose of assisting in the financing of attendance at eligible colleges and universities in Connecticut under the Family Education Loan Program (CTFELP). In 1988, the program was expanded to include loans to Connecticut residents attending institutions outside the state.

Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) — Under the CHET program, the Authority maintains trust accounts for students in the Authority's early college awareness program.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A material estimate that is particularly susceptible to significant change relates to the determination of the allowance for loan losses. In connection with the determination of the allowance for loan losses, management has used historical loss experience to make predictions about future losses. As the loan portfolio matures, the Authority adjusts its estimate of expected default rates used to estimate loan losses.

**Revenue Recognition** — Interest income on loans is recognized based on the rates applied to principal amounts outstanding. The accrual of interest income is generally discontinued when a loan is classified as non-performing (see Note 3). Loans are currently considered to be non-performing by management when the borrower has defaulted and not made payments for the most recent three months.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consisted of short-term investments in the State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund, which totaled \$7,947,798 and \$18,789,187 as of June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office. The fair value of the Authority's position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investments – In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, the Authority presents all investments at fair value, except for non-participating interest earning investment contracts, which are carried at amortized cost.

The Authority maintains guaranteed investment contracts with AIG Matched Funding Corporation, MBIA, Inc., FGIC Capital Market Services, IXIS Funding (formerly known as CDC Funding Corporation), Society Generale, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Westdeutsche Landesbank, and Rabobank International. Under these agreements, all investment transactions must be authorized investments, defined by the bond resolutions as including primarily securities issued or guaranteed by the United States Government, corporate debt obligations having a bond rating of "A" or higher, mortgage participation certificates issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and mortgage pass-through certificates issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association.

There were no significant investment losses for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004.

Loans Receivable and Allowance for Loan Losses – Interest on loans receivable is accrued and credited to operations based upon the principal amount outstanding. Loans are placed on non-accrual status when management believes principal or interest on such loans may not be collected in the normal course of business. The allowance for loan losses has been provided through charges against operations based on management's evaluation of the loan portfolio and maintained at a level believed adequate to absorb potential losses in the loan portfolio. Loans are typically written off against the allowance for loan losses (net of loan recoveries) in the period in which the loans become non-performing and no payments have been made for 12 consecutive months. However, a loan may be written off at any time management believes the repayment of such loan is doubtful. Collection of loans previously written-off are pursued until management believes that further recoveries are doubtful.

Restricted Assets – Under provisions of the bond resolutions, certain assets are restricted for the repayment of bond principal and interest, for the issuance of student loans, and anticipated operating costs.

Bond Issuance Costs - Bond issuance costs are amortized over the term of the related bonds.

Arbitrage Rebates – Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), the Authority is required to rebate to the federal government certain excess earnings on investments from funds obtained with its tax-exempt bonds, as defined by the Code. The Authority is also presently required to reduce the yield on loans made with the proceeds of certain of its tax-exempt bonds. The Authority accrues or adjusts for this liability as incurred.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**Deferred Revenue** – The Authority charges a 3 percent reserve fee on loans governed by the 2003 Master Revenue Bond Resolution and a 2 percent reserve fee on loans governed by the 1990 Revenue Bond Resolution. The fee, net of origination costs, is deferred and recognized over the life to the loan.

Income Taxes - The Authority is exempt from state and federal income taxes.

### NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash Deposits – Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments, and Repurchase Agreements, requires governmental organizations to categorize their cash deposits into three levels of risk. Category 1 includes amounts, which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or by its agent in the Authority's name. Category 2 includes amounts, which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Authority. Category 3 includes amounts, which are uninsured and uncollateralized, including any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the name of the Authority.

For purposes of this disclosure, cash deposits include bank deposits and exclude cash equivalents (see Note 1). As of June 30, 2005 and 2004, the carrying amount of the Authority's unrestricted and restricted cash deposits totaled \$457,969 and \$757,285, respectively. As of June 30, 2005, the bank balance totaled \$184,872, which was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Category 1).

Investments – In accordance with the provisions of Statement No. 3 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Authority's investments, including cash equivalents, must be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered in the Authority's name or are held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments, which are held by a counter party's trust department or by its agent in the Authority's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered securities, which are held by a counter party, its trust department or by its agent, but not held in the Authority's name.

### NOTE 2 – CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Authority's investments consist of guaranteed investment contracts, which are not required to be classified under GASB Statement No. 3 because they are direct contractual investments, and are not securities. The State of Connecticut Short-Term Investments Funds, which are presented as cash equivalents, are pooled investments and are not required to be classified under GASB Statement No. 3.

### **NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE**

Under the Bond Fund Program, the Authority makes loans to individuals from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority. Loans receivable by outstanding bond series as of June 30, 2005 are as follows:

Bond Series	Number	Balance		Interest Rate (%)
1993A	474	\$	1,216,246	8.40
1994A	1,275		5,717,880	8.25
1996A	1,390		8,701,186	8.10
1998A&B	1,167		9,176,950	7.50
1999A	663		6,568,067	7.50
1999B	295		2,307,604	7.50
2000A	1,015		10,347,798	7.25
2000B	383		3,534,137	7.25
2001A*	1,570		15,360,382	6.7 & 9.7
2003A	1,073		13,632,625	4.99
2003B**	1,418		9,700,444	4.99 & 9.2
	10,723		86,263,319	
Add: Non-performing loans Less: Allowance for loan losses		***************************************	1,793,301 (2,300,000)	
		\$	85,756,620	

- \* Includes loans issued under the 1990 Series A bonds which were refunded by the 2001 Series A bonds.
- \*\* Includes loans issued under the 1991 Series A bonds which were refunded by the 2003 Series B bonds.

Outstanding loans receivable bear interest at rates ranging from 4.99% to 9.7%.

The Authority currently defines non-performing loans as those on which the borrower has defaulted and not made payments for the most recent three months. As of June 30, 2005 and 2004, non-performing loans totaled \$1,793,301 and \$1,247,853, respectively, for which interest income of approximately \$134,200 and \$102,900 respectively, was not accrued.

### NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE (Continued)

The Authority has a policy to write-off uncollectible loans against the allowance for loan losses when certain criteria are met (see Note 1). In connection with this policy, the Authority wrote-off loans receivable of \$285,392 and \$364,337 for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, which had been previously provided for through the allowance for loan losses. The Authority recovered \$392,583 and \$425,929 in fiscal 2005 and 2004, respectively, in loans receivable and other credits written-off in previous years.

### **NOTE 4 – BONDS PAYABLE**

The following is a summary of changes in bonds payable for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004.

Balance at June 30, 2003			Increases		Decreased		Balance at ine 30, 2004			
Bonds payable - principal	\$ 114,260,000	\$ 31,035,997		\$	30,075,384	\$	115,220,613			
	Balance at						Balance at	A	mount Due	
	June 30, 2004		Increases		Decreased	Jı	ine 30, 2005	Within One Year		
Bonds payable										
- principal	\$ 115,115,000	\$	37,355,000	\$	21,825,000	\$	130,645,000	\$	5,295,000	
Discount	(272,393)		(331,030)		(5,795)		(597,628)		(19,870)	
Premium	499,349	99,236			6,825		591,760		38,170	
Deferred amount										
on refunding	(121,343)	*********	(338,978)	_	(39,998)		(420,323)		(88,020)	
	\$ 115,220,613	\$	36,784,228	\$	21,786,032	\$	130,218,809	\$	5,225,280	

The bonds of the Authority bear interest at rates, varying between 1.7% and 6.4%. Future amounts needed to pay principal and interest on bonds outstanding at June 30, 2005 is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	***********	Principal	Interest				
2006	\$	5,295,000	\$	6,043,591			
2007		6,860,000		5,565,930			
2008		7,815,000		5,277,659			
2009		6,615,000		4,980,849			
2010		7,865,000		4,671,326			
2011-2015		55,410,000		15,791,543			
2016-2020		33,785,000		4,946,381			
2021-2025		7,000,000		291,688			
	\$	130,645,000	\$	47,568,967			

NOTE 4 – BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)

Outstanding principal of each bond issue at June 30, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	Original Amount	Outstanding June 30, 2005	Outstanding June 30, 2004
1993 Series A, 4.4%-5.875%, due serially November 15, 1997 to November 15, 2013 1994 Series A, 4.9%-6.4%,	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,510,000
due serially November 15, 1998 to November 15, 2014 1996 Series A, 4.75%-5.875%,	25,000,000	~	8,230,000
due serially from November 15, 2001 to November 15, 2017 1998 Series A, 4.10%-5.15%,	25,000,000	9,820,000	12,035,000
due serially from November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2016 1998 Series B, 4%-4.875%,	15,000,000	5,615,000	7,880,000
due serially from November 15, 2001 to November 15, 2010 1999 Series A, 4.7%-6%,	3,560,000	2,935,000	2,935,000
due serially from November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2017 1999 Series B, 4.5%-6%,	12,500,000	5,440,000	7,300,000
due serially from November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2012 2000 Series A, 4.625%-5.5%,	4,390,000	3,995,000	3,995,000
due serially from November 15, 2008 to November 15, 2020 2000 Series B, 4.75%-5.2%,	16,410,000	10,000,000	12,095,000
due serially from November 15, 2001 to November 15, 2012 2001 Series A, 4.25%-5.25%,	5,975,000	3,845,000	4,645,000
due serially from November 15, 2010 to November 15, 2021 2003 Series A, 1.7%-4.5%,	25,000,000	22,575,000	22,575,000
due serially from November 15, 2004 to November 15, 2020 2003 Series B, 2%-5%,	18,000,000	17,000,000	18,000,000
due serially from November 15, 2004 to November 15, 2017 2005 Series A, 2.5%-4.375%	12,915,000	12,065,000	12,915,000
due serially from November 15, 2005 to November 15, 2021 2005 Series B, 4%	31,455,000	31,455,000	-
due serially from November 15, 2008 to 2010	5,900,000 \$ 132,545,000	5,900,000 \$ 130,645,000	<u>-</u> \$ 115,115,000
			***************************************

### **NOTE 4 – BONDS PAYABLE** (Continued)

Each Series A bond is subject to a special mandatory redemption in whole or in part from excess loan payments. During the year ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, the Authority redeemed bonds in the following amounts:

	2005		2004			
1991 Series A	\$	- \$	1,800,000			
1993 Series A	235,0	000	580,000			
1994 Series A	765,0	000	1,900,000			
1996 Series A	1,555,6	000	2,300,000			
1998 Series A	1,990,0	000	2,610,000			
1999 Series A	1,670,0	000	2,140,000			
2000 Series A	2,095,0	000	1,685,000			
2001 Series A			1,045,000			
	\$ 8,310,	000 \$	14,060,000			

Debt Refunding — During the year ended June 30, 2004, the Authority issued \$12,915,000 of 2003 Series B bonds with an average interest rate of approximately 3.85% to refund \$4,915,000 of 1991 Series A bonds with a stated interest rate of 7.2% and \$8,000,000 of Series 1 bonds which were a short-term interim refinancing of various bonds with rates ranging from 5.625% to 8.40%. The primary purpose of the refunding was to refinance current obligations of the Authority on a long-term basis. The refunding increased the Authority's total debt service payments over the next 10 years by approximately \$2,250,000 and resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments of the old and new bonds) of approximately \$909,000. The reacquisition price exceeded the carrying amount of the old bonds by \$141,567. This amount is being netted against the new bonds and amortized over the life of the refunded 1991 Series A bonds, which is shorter than the remaining life of the new bonds issued.

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the Authority issued \$5,900,000 of 2005 Series B bonds with an average interest rate of approximately 4% and utilized \$2,670,000 of proceeds from previous bond offerings to refund \$2,020,000 of 1993 Series A bonds and \$6,650,000 of 1994 Series A bonds with an average interest rate of approximately 6.06%. The primary purpose of the refunding was to refinance current obligations of the Authority on a long-term basis. The refunding decreased the Authority's total debt service payments over the next 10 years by approximately \$2,770,000 and resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments of the old and new bonds) of approximately \$2,424,010. The reacquisition price exceeded the carrying amount of the old bonds by \$338,978. This amount is being netted against the new bonds and amortized over the life of the 2005 Series B bonds, which is shorter than the remaining life of the refunded bonds.

### NOTE 5 – STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT

Deficiencies, if any, in the Debt Service Reserve Fund balances within the Bond Funds will be funded from the amount on deposit in the applicable Special Capital Reserve Fund. Both the Debt Service Reserve Fund and the Special Capital Reserve Fund are components of restricted investments. In accordance with the Act, the State must deposit with the Trustee monies necessary to restore the Special Capital Reserve Fund requirement (i.e., an amount equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest becoming due by reason of maturity in any one succeeding calendar year or some lesser amount specified by the Authority in its resolution authorizing the issuance of any such bonds.) As of June 30, 2005 and 2004, the State has not made nor was it required to make any such deposit.

### NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Authority shares rental space, office supplies, office equipment and utilities with and shares the services of the Vice President of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC). Currently, the executive director of CHESLA serves as Vice President of CCIC. Fees charged to the Authority by CCIC for providing administrative services were \$102,000 for each of the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004. In addition, the Authority reimbursed CCIC directly for actual general and administrative expenses incurred.

### NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Authority has a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (the Plan). Under the provisions of the Plan, the Authority will make annual contributions directly to the individual retirement accounts (IRA) of all eligible employees, equal to eight percent of the employee's salary. Employees have the right to withdraw amounts from the IRA in accordance with the terms and conditions of the IRA. In 2005 and 2004, the Authority made contributions of \$8,231 and \$7,890, respectively, to the Plan.

### NOTE 8 - DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The Board of Directors has designated \$1,000,000 of its unrestricted net assets to be used to maintain future operations required to monitor the loan portfolio should the Authority cease to issue new loans.

### **NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees, or acts of God. The Authority purchases commercial insurance to mitigate loss from these risks. Neither the Authority nor its insurers have settled any claims that have exceeded insurance coverage in the last three years. There was no reduction in insurance coverage from that of the prior year.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors of the CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY

West Hartford, Connecticut

Our report on our audits of the financial statements of Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority for the year ended June 30, 2005 appears on page 1. This audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information contained on pages 24 to 26 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combined financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2004 was audited by other auditors, whose report dated September 3, 2004 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

Rocky Hill, Connecticut September 9, 2005

# 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

To the Board of Directors of the CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY West Hartford, Connecticut

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (Authority), a component unit of the State of Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2005. 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 Comproller General of the United States.

### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic 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 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 basic 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 Authority's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of basic 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*.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors and management of the Authority and the State of Connecticut Office of the Comptroller and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rocky Hill, Connecticut September 9, 2005

# CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30, 2005 AND 2004

# CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY CONBINING BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2005 AND 2004

	1.5	IOIAL	\$ 4,846,352 105,391 29,667 692,549	6,088,725	110,374,261 1,216,224 2,305,428	113,895,913	119,984,638	6,527,465	\$ 126,512,103
2004	ONDS	2003	\$ 1,851,352 17,505 - 143,267 875,385 38,030	2,925,539	29,169,261 269,54 <u>6</u>	29,438,807	32,364,346	(450,726)	\$ 31,913,620
JUNE 30, 2004	BOND FUNDS	PRE 2003	\$ 2,995,000 85,171 29,667 549,282 (774,876) 376,736	3,260,980	81,205,000 1,216,224 2,035,882	84,457,106	87,718,086	3,908,941	\$ 91,627,027
	AUTHORITY OPERATING	FUND	2,715	(97,794)	1 1 1	1	(97,794)	3,069,250	\$ 2,971,456
		TOTAL	\$ 5,225,280 90,520 154,183 1,023,187	6,898,554	124,993,529 130,736 2,272,034	127,396,299	134,294,853	8,751,164	\$ 143,046,017
3, 2005	NDS	2003	\$ 3,125,280 19,645 593,403 4,077,469 52,547	7,868,344	62,868,529	63,361,137	71,229,481	(742,475)	\$ 70,487,006
JUNE 30, 2005	BOND FUNDS	PRE 2003	\$ 2,100,000 18,871 154,183 429,784 (3,822,984) 352,837	(767,309)	62,125,000 130,736 1,779,426	64,035,162	63,267,853	6,469,708	\$ 69,737,561
	AUTHORITY OPERATING	FUND	\$ 52,004	(202,481)	1 1 1		(202,481)	3,023,931	\$ 2,821,450
		LIABILITIES	CURRENT LIABILITIES  Current portion of bonds payable Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Current portion of arbitrage rebate payable Accrued interest payable Due to/(from) other funds Current portion of deferred revenue	Total current liabilities	LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  Bonds payable, net of current portion Arbitrage rebate payable, net of current portion Deferred revenue, net of current portion	Total long-term liabilities	Total liabilities	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	

# CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2005 AND 2004

desetting amount of		TOTAL	1,236,043 7,178,586 630,900 53,550	9,099,079		6,032,395	630,900	426,269	313,162	361,301	172,200	111,768	099*86	42,948	(400,000)	7,789,603	1,309,476	5,217,989	\$ 6,527,465
.004	4DS	2003	340,950 S 883,565 - 53,550	1,278,065		1,085,640	91,577	80,222	7,275	64,077	1	1	,	•	400,000	1,728,791	(450,726)	1	(450,726)
JUNE 30, 2004	BOND FUNDS	PRE 2003	873,084 S 6,295,021	7,168,105		4,946,755	539,323	346,047	43,039	102,443		111,768	1	42,948	(800,000)	5,332,323	1,835,782	2,073,159	\$ 3,908,941 \$
	AUTHORITY OPERATING	FUND	\$ 22,009 \$	652,909		r	ı	•	262,848	194,781	172,200	ı	099'86	1		728,489	(75,580)	3,144,830	\$ 3,069,250
		TOTAL	\$ 1,455,380 7,985,977 697,588	10,138,945		5,592,934	697,588	755,965	327,124	340,657	204,088	154,183	98,615	44,092	(300,000)	7,915,246	2,223,699	6,527,465	\$ 8,751,164
2005	BOND FUNDS	2003	\$ 644,816 1,517,814	2,162,630		1,603,406	214,282	164,082	2,186	62,423	1	•	•	8,000	400,000	2,454,379	(291,749)	(450,726)	\$ (742,475)
JUNE 30, 2005		PRE 2003	\$ 772,059 6,468,163	7,240,222		3,989,528	483,306	591,883	67,968	56,495	1	154,183	•	36,092	(700,000)	4,679,455	2,560,767	3,908,941	\$ 6,469,708
	AUTHORITY	FUND	\$ 38,505	736,093		1	•	·	256,970	221,739	204,088	ı	98,615	,	*	781,412	(45,319)	3,069,250	\$ 3,023,931
		•	OPERATING REVENUES Interest income on investments Interest income on loans receivable Administrative fees Other operating income		Total operating revenues	OPERATING EXPENSES Interest expense	Administrative fees	Loan collection fees	General and administrative expenses	Amortization of bond issuance costs	Professional fees	Arbitrage rebate expense	Salanes	Trustee fees	Provision for loan losses	Total operating expenses	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS, beginning	NET ASSETS, ending