

DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL BOND FUND INC
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INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-5877

DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10166
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 922-6000

Date of fiscal year end: 11/30/03

Date of reporting period: 11/30/03

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Dreyfus
Strategic Municipal
Bond Fund, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT November 30, 2003

DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, INC.

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THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU.

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The Fund

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. covers the 12-month period from December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, James Welch.

Recent reports of marked improvement in the growth of U.S. Gross Domestic Product suggest to us that the economy has started to turn the corner. Tax cuts and low mortgage rates have put cash in consumers' pockets, and corporations have begun to increase spending and investment. As a result, after several years of falling interest rates and rising bond prices, the municipal bond market recently has become more volatile. As might be expected in a strengthening economy, securities that are more sensitive to their issuers' credit quality generally have outperformed those that tend to respond more to changes in interest rates.

Of course, we have seen upturns before, only to be disappointed when growth proved unsustainable over the longer term. However, based on recent data, we are cautiously optimistic about the current economic environment. As always, we urge you to speak regularly with your financial advisor, who may be in the best position to suggest the Dreyfus funds designed to meet your current needs, future goals and attitudes toward risk.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen E. Canter

Stephen E. Canter
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation

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December 15, 2003

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

James Welch, Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. perform during the period?

For the 12-month period ended November 30, 2003, the fund achieved a total return of 11.49%. (1) During the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.6034 per share, which is equal to a distribution rate of 6.85%. (2)

The fund's return was enhanced during the first half of the reporting period by declining interest rates. This was accomplished by our leveraging strategy, which enabled the fund to lock in at low, prevailing interest rates for up to one year on some of the fund's auction-rate preferred securities. During the second half of the reporting period, the fund's move toward greater diversification and a shorter average effective maturity helped it avoid the full extent of the heightened bond market volatility.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent believed by Dreyfus to be consistent with the preservation of capital. In pursuing this goal, the fund invests at least 80% of its assets in municipal bonds. Under normal market conditions, the weighted average maturity of the fund's portfolio is expected to exceed 10 years. Municipal bonds are classified as general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and notes. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal bonds considered investment grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus.

We look for bonds that we believe can provide high current income. We strive to find such opportunities through analysis of individual bonds' structures. Within the context of our bond structure analyses, we pay particularly close attention to each bond's maturity and early redemption features.

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Over time, many of the fund's older, higher-yielding bonds have matured or were redeemed by their issuers. We have generally attempted to replace those bonds with new securities that offered currently higher than average income payments. We have also sought to upgrade the fund with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually look to sell bonds that are close to their optimal redemption date or maturity. In addition, we conduct credit analysis of our holdings in an attempt to avoid potential defaults on interest and principal payments.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

By the time the reporting period began, persistent economic weakness had already led to low interest rates and a sustained rally among high-quality bonds, including most tax-exempt securities. Despite signs of stronger economic growth, interest rates continued to fall in the winter of 2002 and spring of 2003 as investors looked forward to another interest-rate reduction from the Federal

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Reserve Board (the "Fed"). At its meeting in late June, the Fed lowered the federal funds rate to 1%, its lowest level since 1958.

However, municipal bond prices fell sharply in July and early August as new evidence of economic strength emerged and investors turned their attention to the risk of higher interest rates, leading to a surge of selling pressure. Although the bond market subsequently regained much of its lost value in September and October, it failed to recover fully by the reporting period's end.

In this more volatile environment, we moved toward a more diversified portfolio, including a reduction in the fund's holdings of lower-rated, corporate-backed bonds and an increase in higher-quality municipal securities. When making new purchases, we generally focused on bonds in the intermediate-term range selling at slight premiums to their face values. Such bonds historically have retained more of their value during market declines, and the summer of 2003 was no exception. During

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this time we also reduced the fund's average effective maturity to approximately 21 years, which limited the effects of heightened market volatility in the summer and fall.

In addition, the fund benefited from timely sales and purchases of bonds backed by proceeds from the states' settlement of litigation with the nation's tobacco companies. Tobacco bonds were hurt early in the spring after an adverse legal ruling against one of the largest U.S. tobacco companies. We subsequently purchased a number of these bonds at what we considered to be attractive prices, and the fund enjoyed attractive total returns during the reporting period as the legal issues were resolved and prices of tobacco bonds rebounded.

Finally, the fund's leveraging strategy continued to benefit from historically low borrowing rates. In November, we extended the term of one of the fund's issues of auction-rate preferred securities to one year, effectively locking in low borrowing rates through most of 2004.

What is the fund's current strategy?

We have maintained the fund's focus on premium-coupon bonds in the intermediate-term range. Because yield differences in this range currently are relatively steep, we believe that they can be potentially beneficial over time as they move closer to their final maturities. In our judgment, these are prudent strategies while investors continue to adjust to a stronger economic environment.

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(1) TOTAL RETURN INCLUDES REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND ANY CAPITAL GAINS PAID, BASED UPON NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND SOME INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT) FOR CERTAIN INVESTORS. CAPITAL GAINS, IF ANY, ARE FULLY TAXABLE.

(2) DISTRIBUTION RATE PER SHARE IS BASED UPON DIVIDENDS PER SHARE PAID FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME DURING THE PERIOD, DIVIDED BY THE MARKET PRICE PER SHARE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.

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SELECTED INFORMATION

November 30, 2003 (Unaudited)

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| Market Price per share November 30, 2003 | \$8.81 |
| Shares Outstanding November 30, 2003 | 48,107,332 |
| New York Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol | DSM |

MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

| | Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2003 | | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | QUARTER ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2003 | QUARTER ENDED MAY 31, 2003 | QUARTER ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003 |
| High | \$8.35 | \$9.10 | \$9.21 |
| Low | 7.68 | 8.19 | 8.09 |
| Close | 8.29 | 9.06 | 8.62 |

PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Market Price*

November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations)
through November 30, 2003

December 1, 1993 through November 30, 2003

December 1, 1998 through November 30, 2003

December 1, 2002 through November 30, 2003

March 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

June 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

September 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

| | |
|--|--------|
| November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations) | \$9.32 |
| November 30, 2002 | 8.56 |
| February 28, 2003 | 8.84 |
| May 31, 2003 | 9.06 |
| August 31, 2003 | 8.54 |
| November 30, 2003 | 8.90 |

PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Net Asset Value*

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November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations)
through November 30, 2003

December 1, 1993 through November 30, 2003

December 1, 1998 through November 30, 2003

December 1, 2002 through November 30, 2003

March 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

June 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

September 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003

(*)WITH DIVIDENDS REINVESTED.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

November 30, 2003

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--141.0%

ALASKA--4.4%

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation:

6.25%, 6/1/2035

6.05%, 6/1/2039 (Insured; MBIA)

ARIZONA--3.4%

Apache County Industrial Development Authority, PCR

(Tuscon Electric Power Co.) 5.85%, 3/1/2028

Maricopa County Pollution Control Corporation, PCR

(El Paso Electric Co.) 6.25%, 5/1/2037

Maricopa County Unified School District

(No.48 Scottsdale)

5%, 7/1/2014 (Insured; FSA)

ARKANSAS--2.4%

Arkansas Development Finance Authority, SFMR

6.25%, 1/1/2032

Little Rock School District

5.25%, 2/1/2030 (Insured; FSA)

CALIFORNIA--7.0%

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5,9

11,9

3,9

4,0

6,0

4,6

5,0

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| California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue 6%, 5/1/2015 | 12,5 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue: (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center) 6.25%, 12/1/2034 | 3,7 |
| (Stanford Hospital and Clinics) 5%, 11/15/2023 | 1,9 |
| California Pollution Control Financing Authority, PCR (Southern California Edison Company) 7%, 2/28/2008 | 5,0 |
| Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Revenue (Power Systems) 5%, 7/1/2024 | 4,7 |
| COLORADO--2.1% | |
| Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue (American Housing Foundation 1, Inc.) 8.50%, 12/1/2031 | 2,0 |
| Denver City and County, Special Facilities Airport Revenue (United Air Lines) 6.875%, 10/1/2032 | 2,7 |
| Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Revenue (First Tier Subordinated) 7.125%, 6/15/2041 | 5,5 |
| CONNECTICUT--3.1% | |
| Connecticut Development Authority, PCR (Connecticut Light and Power) 5.95%, 9/1/2028 | 6,0 |
| Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (American Refunding-Fuel Company) 6.45%, 11/15/2022 | 4,9 |

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

CONNECTICUT (CONTINUED)

Mohegan Tribe Indians Gaming Authority
Public Improvement-Priority Distribution

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| 5.25%, 1/1/2033 | 2,0 |
| DELAWARE--1.0% | |
| Delaware Health Facilities Authority, Revenue | |
| (Beebe Medical Center) 6.80%, 6/1/2024 | 3,9 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--1.3% | |
| Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, | |
| Special Facilities Revenue (Caterair International Corp.) | |
| 10.125%, 9/1/2011 | 5,8 |
| FLORIDA--3.2% | |
| Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Revenue | |
| (Seminole Ridge Apartments) | |
| 6%, 4/1/2041 (Collateralized; GNMA) | 6,4 |
| Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue: | |
| (Adventist Health System) 6.25%, 11/15/2024 | 3,0 |
| (Orlando Regional Healthcare System) 6%, 10/1/2026 | 3,5 |
| GEORGIA--3.8% | |
| Georgia Road and Thruway Authority, Revenue | |
| 5.25%, 10/1/2012 | 8,1 |
| Private Colleges and Universities Facilities | |
| Authority, Revenue (Clark Atlanta University) | |
| 8.25%, 1/1/2015 | 4,1 |
| Savannah Economic Development Authority, | |
| Environmental Improvement Revenue | |
| (International Paper Company) 6.20%, 8/1/2027 | 2,6 |
| IDAHO--.4% | |
| Idaho Housing & Finance Association, SFMR | |
| 6.35%, 1/1/2030 (Collateralized; FNMA) | 1,7 |
| ILLINOIS--5.5% | |
| Chicago O'Hare International Airport | |
| General Airport Revenue | |
| (3rd Lien B-2 XLCA) 6%, 1/1/2029 | 5,0 |

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Illinois Development Finance Authority

SWDR (Waste Management Inc.) 5.05%, 1/1/2010 1,0

Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue:

(Advocate Network Health Care) 6.125%, 11/15/2022 5,0

(OSF Healthcare Systems) 6.25%, 11/15/2029 10,9

INDIANA--1.8%

Burns Harbor Industrial Solid Waste Disposal Facilities,

Revenue (Bethlehem Steel Corp.) 8%, 4/1/2024 6,0

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LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) Pr Amo

INDIANA (CONTINUED)

Franklin Township School Building Corporation

6.125%, 1/15/2022 (Prerefunded 7/15/2010) 6,0

KENTUCKY--2.4%

Kenton County Airport Board

Airport Revenue (Special Facilities-Delta Airlines)

7.125%, 2/1/2021 4,0

Kentucky Property and Buildings
Commission Revenues

5.125%, 10/1/2019 (Insured; MBIA) 5,7

LOUISIANA--2.3%

Parish of De Soto, Environmental Improvement

Revenue (International Paper Co.)

6.55%, 4/1/2019 2,9

West Feliciana Parish, PCR:

(Entergy Gulf States) 6.60%, 9/1/2028 3,7

(Utility-Entergy Gulf States) 7%, 11/1/2015 3,0

MARYLAND--4.0%

Baltimore County, PCR (Bethlehem Steel Corp.)

7.50%, 6/1/2015 5,0

Maryland Economic Development Corporation,

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| Student Housing Revenue (University of Maryland) | | |
| 5.75%, 10/1/2033 | | 3,2 |
| Maryland Industrial Development Financing | | |
| Authority, EDR (Medical Waste Associates | | |
| Limited Partnership) 8.75%, 11/15/2010 | | 3,7 |
| Maryland State and Local Facilities Loan | | |
| 5%, 8/1/2017 | | 10,0 |
| MASSACHUSETTS--1.4% | | |
| Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities | | |
| Authority, Revenue: | | |
| (Beth Israel) 10.653%, | | |
| 7/1/2025 (Insured; AMBAC) | | 3,2 |
| (Civic Investments) 9%, 12/15/2015 | | 2,0 |
| Pittsfield, SWDR (Vicon Recovery Associates) | | |
| 7.95%, 11/1/2004 | | 3 |
| MICHIGAN--2.3% | | |
| Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR | | |
| (Genesys Health System Obligated Group) | | |
| 8.125%, 10/1/2021 (Prerefunded 10/1/2005) | | 5,0 |
| Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR | | |
| (Genesee Power Station) 7.50%, 1/1/2021 | | 4,1 |
| STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| ----- | | |
| MISSISSIPPI--.7% | | |
| Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, PCR | | |
| (Systems Energy Resources, Inc.) 5.90%, 5/1/2022 | | 3,1 |
| MISSOURI--.6% | | |
| Saint Louis Industrial Development Authority | | |
| (Saint Louis Convention) 7.25%, 12/15/2035 | | 2,6 |

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NEBRASKA--.9%

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, SFMR

10.706%, 3/1/2026

3,0

NEVADA--3.4%

Clark County, IDR

(Southwest Gas Corporation) 6.50%, 12/1/2033

5,0

Washoe County (Reno-Sparks Convention)

6.40%, 7/1/2029

(Insured; FSA, Prerefunded 1/1/2010)

8,0

NEW HAMPSHIRE--3.6%

New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, PCR

(Public Service Co.):

6%, Series D 5/1/2021 (Insured; MBIA)

2,6

6%, Series E 5/1/2021 (Insured; MBIA)

6,0

New Hampshire Industrial Development Authority, PCR

(Connecticut Light) 5.90%, 11/1/2016

5,4

NEW JERSEY--5.2%

New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Special Facilities Revenue (Continental Airlines, Inc.):

6.25%, 9/15/2019

3,6

7.20%, 11/15/2030

7,0

New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue

Higher Education Capital Improvement

5.25%, 9/1/2019 (Insured; AMBAC)

3,0

Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation

7%, 6/1/2041

9,0

NEW YORK--6.8%

New York City 5.75%, 8/1/2014

5,0

New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Revenue

(Future Tax Secured) 5.375%, 11/15/2021

5,0

New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue:

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City University Systems

(Consolidated 4th General) 5.50%, 7/1/2017

3,0

Judicial Facility Lease

(Suffolk County) 9.50%, 4/15/2014

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(Marymount Manhattan College) 6.25%, 7/1/2029

4,0

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LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Consolidated

5%, 9/1/2025

5,0

Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Revenue

5.125%, 11/15/2029

4,5

NORTH CAROLINA--.7%

North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency,

Power Systems Revenue 6.70%, 1/1/2019

2,5

OHIO--6.4%

Cuyahoga County, HR (Metrohealth Systems)

6.15%, 2/15/2029

10,0

Cuyahoga County Hospital Facilities, Revenue

(UHHS/CSAHS Cuyahoga Inc. &

CSAHS/UHHS Canton Inc.) 7.50%, 1/1/2030

3,5

Mahoning County Hospital Facilities, Revenue

(Forum Health Obligation Group)

6%, 11/15/2032

4,0

Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, PCR

(Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.)

6.10%, 8/1/2020

2,4

Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Mortgage Revenue

10.738%, 3/1/2029 (Collateralized; GNMA)

1,9

Ohio Water Development Authority, PCR

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| (Cleveland Electric) 6.10%, 8/1/2020 | 4,0 |
| OKLAHOMA--3.6% | |
| Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue | |
| (St. John Health System) 6%, 2/15/2029 | 9,0 |
| Oklahoma Industries Authority, Health System | |
| Revenue (Obligation Group) | |
| 5.75%, 8/15/2029 (Insured; MBIA) | 5,0 |
| OREGON--1.4% | |
| Umatilla County Hospital Facility Authority, Revenue | |
| (Catholic Health Initiatives) | |
| 5.50%, 3/1/2022 | 2,5 |
| Western Generation Agency | |
| Cogeneration Project Revenue | |
| (Wauna Cogeneration) 7.40%, 1/1/2016 | 3,2 |
| PENNSYLVANIA--1.4% | |
| Allegheny County Port Authority, Special Transportation | |
| Revenue 6.125%, 3/1/2029 | |
| (Insured; MBIA, Prerefunded 3/1/2009) | 4,7 |

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) Pr
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PENNSYLVANIA (CONTINUED)

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| Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, | |
| Multi-Family Development Revenue | |
| 8.25%, 12/15/2019 | 2 |

RHODE ISLAND--1.6%

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| Rhode Island Health & Educational Building | |
| Corporation Higher Educational Facilities | |
| (University of Rhode Island) | |
| 5.875%, 9/15/2029 (Insured; MBIA) | 5,9 |

SOUTH CAROLINA--8.3%

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Berkeley County School District

Installment Purchase Revenue

(Securing Assets For Education)
5%, 12/1/2028

5,0

Greenville County School District

Installment Purchase Revenue

(Building Equity Sooner Tomorrow)
5.50%, 12/1/2028

10,0

Greenville Hospital System, Hospital Facilities Revenue

5.50%, 5/1/2026 (Insured; AMBAC)

7,0

Richland County, Environmental Improvement Revenue

(International Paper Company) 6.10%, 4/1/2023

6,5

South Carolina Medical Facilities, Hospital Facilities

Revenue 6%, 7/1/2019 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009)

5,0

TENNESSEE--5.4%

Johnson City Health and Educational Facilities Board, HR

(1st Mortgage-Mountain State Health):

7.50%, 7/1/2025

2,0

7.50%, 7/1/2033

3,0

Memphis Center City Revenue Finance Corp.

Sports Facility Revenue

(Memphis Redbirds) 6.50%, 9/1/2028

6,0

Memphis Electric Systems Revenue

5%, 12/1/2012 (Insured; MBIA)

5,0

Tennessee Housing Development Agency

(Homeownership Program):

6%, 1/1/2028

3,2

6.40%, 7/1/2031

2,4

TEXAS--20.1%

Brazos River Authority, PCR

(TXU Energy Company LLC) 6.75%, 4/1/2038

2,0

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| LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | Pr Amo |
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| TEXAS (CONTINUED) | |
| Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, Revenue | |
| 5.50%, 11/1/2021 (Insured; FSA) | 7,0 |
| Gregg County Health Facilities Development | |
| Corporation, HR (Good Shepherd Medical Center) | |
| 6.375%, 10/1/2025 | 2,5 |
| Harris County Health Facilities Development | |
| Corporation, HR (Memorial Hermann Healthcare) | |
| 6.375%, 6/1/2029 | 7,0 |
| Katy Independent School District 6.125%, 2/15/2032 | 11,3 |
| Sabine River Authority, PCR (TXU Electric): | |
| 6.45%, 6/1/2021 | 2,9 |
| 5.50%, 5/1/2022 | 5,0 |
| Springhill Courtland Heights Public Facility Corp. MFHR | |
| 5.85%, 12/1/2028 | 6,0 |
| Texas: | |
| (Veterans) 6%, 12/1/2030 | 3,9 |
| (Veterans Housing Assistance Program) | |
| 6.10%, 6/1/2031 | 8,5 |
| Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, | |
| Collateralized Home Mortgage Revenue | |
| 12.522%, 7/2/2024 | 3,9 |
| Tomball Hospital Authority, Revenue: | |
| 6.125%, 7/1/2023 | 3,6 |
| (Tomball Regional Hospital) 6%, 7/1/2025 | 4,6 |
| Tyler Health Facilities Development Corporation, HR | |
| (East Texas Medical Center Regional | |
| Health Care System) 6.75%, 11/1/2025 | 5,8 |
| Texas Turnpike Authority, | |
| Central Texas Turnpike System Revenue | |

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| | |
|--|-----------|
| 5.25%, 8/15/2042 (Insured; AMBAC) | 6,8 |
| UTAH--1.0% | |
| Carbon County, SWDR (Sunnyside Cogeneration) | |
| 7.10%, 8/15/2023 | 4,3 |
| VIRGINIA--5.5% | |
| Henrico County Economic Development Authority, Revenue (Bon Secours Health System) | |
| 5.60%, 11/15/2030 (Insured; FSA) | 3,1 |
| Henrico County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue (Bon Secours Health System) | |
| 10.610%, 8/23/2027 | 7,5 |
| STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | |
| LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | Pr Amo |
| ----- | |
| VIRGINIA (CONTINUED) | |
| Peninsula Ports Authority | |
| Coal Terminal Revenue | |
| (Dominion Terminal Associates) 6%, 4/1/2033 | 1,3 |
| Virginia Housing Development Authority | |
| Rental Housing 6.20%, 8/1/2024 | 8,5 |
| WASHINGTON--3.4% | |
| Energy Northwest, Revenue | |
| (Wind Project) 6%, 7/1/2023 | 3,6 |
| Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue (Whitman College) 5.875%, 10/1/2029 | 10,0 |
| WISCONSIN--5.7% | |
| Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corp. | |
| Tobacco Settlement Revenue: | |
| 7%, 6/1/2028 | 13,5 |
| 6.375%, 6/1/2032 | 2,6 |

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Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities

Authority, Revenue (Aurora Health Care)

6.40%, 4/15/2033

4,5

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development

Authority Homeownership Revenue

11.251%, 7/1/2025

3,4

WYOMING--3.5%

Sweetwater County, SWDR (FMC Corp.):

7%, 6/1/2024

1,8

6.90%, 9/1/2024

2,4

Wyoming Student Loan Corporation,

Student Loan Revenue:

6.20%, 6/1/2024

5,0

6.25%, 6/1/2029

5,0

TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

(cost \$591,207,635)

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SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--2.2%

Pr
Amo

LOUISIANA--.4%

East Baton Rouge Parish, PCR, VRDN

(Exxon Project) 1.05%

1,9

NEW YORK--1.5%

New York City, VRDN

(Insured; FSA) 1.08%

6,5

TEXAS--.3%

Lower Neches Valley Authority, IDC

Exempt Facilities Revenue, VRDN

(ExxonMobil Project) 1.05%

1,4

TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

(cost \$9,800,000)

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TOTAL INVESTMENTS (cost \$601,007,635)

CASH AND RECEIVABLES (NET)

PREFERRED STOCK, AT REDEMPTION VALUE

NET ASSETS

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Summary of Abbreviations

| | |
|-------|--|
| AMBAC | American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation |
| EDR | Economic Development Revenue |
| FNMA | Federal National Mortgage Association |
| FSA | Financial Security Assurance |
| GNMA | Government National Mortgage Association |
| HR | Hospital Revenue |
| IDC | Industrial Development Corporation |
| IDR | Industrial Development Revenue |
| MBIA | Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Insurance Corporation |
| MFHR | Multi-Family Housing Revenue |
| PCR | Pollution Control Revenue |
| SFMR | Single Family Mortgage Revenue |
| SWDR | Solid Waste Disposal Revenue |
| VRDN | Variable Rate Demand Notes |

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

| Fitch | or | Moody's | or | Standard & Poor's |
|-------|----|---------|----|-------------------|
| AAA | | Aaa | | AAA |
| AA | | Aa | | AA |
| A | | A | | A |

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| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BBB | Baa | BBB |
| BB | Ba | BB |
| B | B | B |
| CC | Ca | CC |
| F | MIG1/P1 | SP1/A1 |
| Not Rated(f) | Not Rated(f) | Not Rated(f) |

(A) NON-INCOME PRODUCING SECURITY, INTEREST PAYMENTS IN DEFAULT.

(B) BONDS WHICH ARE PREREFUNDED ARE COLLATERALIZED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES WHICH ARE HELD IN ESCROW AND ARE USED TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE MUNICIPAL ISSUE AND TO RETIRE THE BONDS IN FULL AT THE EARLIEST REFUNDING DATE.

(C) INVERSE FLOATER SECURITY--THE INTEREST RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PERIODICALLY.

(D) SECURITIES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. THESE SECURITIES MAY BE RESOLD IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION, NORMALLY TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. AT NOVEMBER 30, 2003, THESE SECURITIES AMOUNTED TO \$9,415,678 OR 2.2% OF NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS.

(E) SECURITIES PAYABLE ON DEMAND. VARIABLE INTEREST RATE--SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE.

(F) SECURITIES WHICH, WHILE NOT RATED BY FITCH, MOODY'S AND STANDARD & POOR'S, HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE INVESTMENT ADVISOR TO BE OF COMPARABLE QUALITY TO THOSE RATED SECURITIES IN WHICH THE FUND MAY INVEST.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

November 30, 2003

| | Cost | Value |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ----- | | |
| ASSETS (\$): | | |
| Investments in securities--See Statement of Investments | 601,007,635 | 613,507,998 |
| Interest receivable | | 10,234,545 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 360,836 |
| | | 624,103,379 |
| ----- | | |

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LIABILITIES (\$):

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates | 376,723 |
| Cash overdraft due to Custodian | 1,573,493 |
| Payable for investment securities purchased | 7,542,979 |
| Dividends payable to Preferred shareholders | 92,405 |
| Commissions payable | 40,957 |
| Accrued expenses | 175,805 |
| | 9,802,362 |

AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK, Series A, B and C, par value

| | |
|--|-------------|
| \$.001 per share (7,440 shares issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation value)--Note 1 | 186,000,000 |
|--|-------------|

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$) 428,301,017

COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS (\$):

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (48,107,332 shares issued and outstanding) | 48,107 |
| Paid-in capital | 434,962,068 |
| Accumulated undistributed investment income--net | 5,467,776 |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments | (24,677,297) |
| Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 12,500,363 |

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$) 428,301,017

COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING

| | |
|--|------------|
| (110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized) | 48,107,332 |
|--|------------|

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (\$) 8.90

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended November 30, 2003

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INVESTMENT INCOME (\$):

INTEREST INCOME 36,294,089

EXPENSES:

Management fee--Note 3(a) 3,034,059

Administration fee--Note 3(a) 1,517,030

Commission fees--Note 1 489,881

Professional fees 86,780

Shareholders' reports 62,716

Shareholder servicing costs 48,259

Registration fees 45,253

Directors' fees and expenses--Note 3(b) 43,194

Custodian fees 5,556

Miscellaneous 39,942

TOTAL EXPENSES 5,372,670

INVESTMENT INCOME--NET 30,921,419

 REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS--NOTE 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments (5,523,575)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments 22,529,434

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS 17,005,859

DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK (2,664,167)

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS 45,263,111

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended November 30,

 2003

2002

OPERATIONS (\$):

Investment income--net 30,921,419 33,831,139

Net realized gain (loss) on investments (5,523,575) (9,058,484)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)
 on investments 22,529,434 (3,417,992)

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| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (2,664,167) | (3,420,665) |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | 45,263,111 | 17,933,998 |

DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS FROM (\$):

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| INVESTMENT INCOME--NET | (29,005,474) | (26,911,287) |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|

CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$):

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| DIVIDENDS REINVESTED--NOTE 1(C) | 674,711 | 337,170 |
| TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 16,932,348 | (8,640,119) |

NET ASSETS (\$):

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beginning of Period | 411,368,669 | 420,008,788 |
| END OF PERIOD | 428,301,017 | 411,368,669 |
| Undistributed investment income--net | 5,467,776 | 6,286,357 |

CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (COMMON SHARES):

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| INCREASE IN COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING AS A RESULT OF DIVIDENDS REINVESTED | 75,996 | 39,069 |
|--|--------|--------|

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements and market price data for the fund's shares.

| | Year En | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|----|
| | 2003 | 2002 (a) | 20 |
| PER SHARE DATA (\$): | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | 8.56 | 8.75 | 8. |
| Investment Operations: | | | |
| Investment income--net | .64 (b) | .70 (b) | . |
| Net realized and unrealized | | | |

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| | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| gain (loss) on investments | .36 | (.26) | . |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock from net investment income | (.06) | (.07) | (. |
| Total from Investment Operations | .94 | .37 | . |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | |
| Dividends from investment income--net | (.60) | (.56) | (. |
| Capital Stock transactions--net effect of Preferred Stock Offering | -- | -- | |
| Net asset value, end of period | 8.90 | 8.56 | 8. |
| Market value, end of period | 8.81 | 7.88 | 8. |
| ----- | | | |
| TOTAL RETURN (%) (D) | 19.89 | (.36) | 10. |

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| | Year End | | |
|---|----------|----------|-------|
| | 2003 | 2002 (a) | 20 |
| ----- | | | |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (%): | | | |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Shareholders(e,f) | 1.28 | 1.28 | 1. |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Shareholders(e,f) | 7.35 | 8.10 | 8. |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | 77.92 | 44.71 | 13. |
| Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period | 330 | 321 | 3 |
| ----- | | | |
| Net Assets, net of Preferred Stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 428,301 | 411,369 | 420,0 |
| Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 186,000 | 186,000 | 186,0 |

(A) AS REQUIRED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2001, THE FUND HAS ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE AICPA AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND BEGAN AMORTIZING DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR DEBT SECURITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002 WAS TO INCREASE NET INVESTMENT INCOME PER SHARE AND DECREASE NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS BY LESS THAN \$.01 AND INCREASE THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS FROM 8.08% TO 8.10%. PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2001 HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN PRESENTATION.

(B) BASED ON AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING AT EACH MONTH END.

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(C) AMOUNT REPRESENTS LESS THAN \$.01 PER SHARE.

(D) CALCULATED BASED ON MARKET VALUE.

(E) DOES NOT REFLECT THE EFFECT OF DIVIDENDS TO PREFERRED STOCK SHAREHOLDERS.

(F) THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS WERE .86% AND 5.10%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003, .89% AND 5.61%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002, .89% AND 5.64%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2001, .92% AND 5.64%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2000 AND .84% AND 6.13%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1999.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1--Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent believed by the fund's investment adviser to be consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation ("Dreyfus") serves as the fund's investment adviser and administrator. Dreyfus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation ("Mellon"). Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company (the "Custodian") acts as the fund's custodian. The Custodian is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon. PFPC Global Fund Services ("PFPC"), a subsidiary of PNC Bank ("PNC"), serves as the fund's transfer agent, dividend-paying agent, registrar and plan agent. The fund's Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DSM.

The fund has outstanding 2,480 shares of Series A, Series B and Series C for a total of 7,440 shares of Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions. Deutsche Bank, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS placed by the broker-dealer in an auction.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value.

The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has desig-

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nated Robin A. Pringle and John E. Zuccotti to represent holders of APS on the fund's Board of Directors.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which may require the use of

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management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(A) PORTFOLIO VALUATION: Investments in municipal debt securities (excluding options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities) are valued on the last business day of each week and month by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities) . Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal securities and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on the last business day of each week and month.

(B) SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of discount and premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

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(C) DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK (" COMMON SHAREHOLDER(S)"): Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid at least annually. To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain.

For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) as defined in the dividend reinvestment plan.

On November 26, 2003, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend to Common Shareholders of \$.051 per share from investment income-net, payable on December 26, 2003 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 11, 2003.

(D) DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS OF APS: For APS, dividends are currently reset annually for Series A and B and every 7 days for series C. The dividend rates in effect at November 30, 2003 were as follows: Series A --1.55%, Series B--1.25% and Series C--.95%.

(E) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

At November 30, 2003, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were

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as follows: undistributed tax exempt income \$5,652,357, accumulated capital losses \$24,677,297 and unrealized appreciation \$12,596,664.

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The accumulated capital loss carryover is available to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to November 30, 2003. If not applied, \$3,964,163 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2007, \$5,542,712 expires in fiscal 2008, \$442,201 expires in fiscal 2009, \$9,253,314 expires in fiscal 2010 and \$5,474,907 expires in fiscal 2011.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended November 30, 2003 and November 30, 2002, respectively, were as follows: tax exempt income of \$31,669,641 and \$30,331,952.

During the period ended November 30, 2003, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, the fund decreased accumulated undistributed investment income-net by \$70,359, increased net realized gain (loss) on investments by \$9,360,898 and decreased paid-in capital by \$9,290,539. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

NOTE 2--Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended November 30, 2003, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

NOTE 3--Investment Advisory Fee, Administration Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(A) The fee payable by the fund, pursuant to the provisions of an Investment Advisory Agreement with Dreyfus, is payable monthly based on an annual rate of .50 of 1% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets. The fund also has an Administration Agreement with Dreyfus, a Custody Agreement with the Custodian and a Transfer Agency and Registrar Agreement with PFPC. The fund pays in the aggregate for administration, custody and transfer agency services a

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monthly fee based on an annual rate of .25 of 1% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets; out-of-pocket transfer agency and custody expenses are paid separately by the fund.

(B) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Effective January 27, 2003, annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets. Prior to January 27, 2003, each director who is not an "affiliated person" as defined in the Act, received from the fund an annual fee of \$2,500 and an attendance fee of \$500 per meeting for services to the fund. The Chairman of the Board received an additional 25% of such compensation and continues to do so under the new compensation structure.

NOTE 4--Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended November 30, 2003, amounted to \$472,508,605 and \$461,019,789, respectively.

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At November 30, 2003, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$600,911,334; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$12,596,664, consisting of \$32,614,082 gross unrealized appreciation and \$20,017,418 gross unrealized depreciation.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Shareholders and Board of Directors Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., including the statement of investments, as of November 30, 2003, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the years indicated therein. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included verification by examination of securities held by the custodian as of November 30, 2003 and confirmation of securities not held by the custodian by correspondence with others. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. at November 30, 2003, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the indicated years, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York
January 21, 2004

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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund hereby designates all the dividends paid from investment income-net during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2003 as "exempt-interest dividends" (not generally subject to regular federal income tax).

As required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their portion of the fund's taxable ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions paid for the 2003 calendar year on Form 1099-DIV which will be mailed by January 31, 2004.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

Under the fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), a holder of Common Stock ("Common Shareholder") who has fund shares registered in his name will have all dividends and distributions reinvested automatically by PFPC Global Fund Services, as Plan agent (the "Agent"), in additional shares of the fund at the lower of prevailing market price or net asset value (but not less than 95% of market value at the time of valuation) unless such Common Shareholder elects to receive cash as provided below. If market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value, shares will be issued at net asset value. If net asset value exceeds market price or if a dividend or other distribution payable only in cash is declared, the Agent, as agent for the Plan participants, will buy fund shares in the open market. A Plan participant is not relieved of any income tax that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

A Common Shareholder who owns fund shares registered in the name of his broker/dealer or other nominee (i.e., in "street name") may not participate in the Plan, but may elect to have cash dividends and distributions reinvested by his broker/dealer or other nominee in additional shares of the fund if such service is provided by the broker/dealer or other nominee; otherwise such dividends and distributions will be treated like any other cash dividend or distribution.

A Common Shareholder who has fund shares registered in his name may elect to withdraw from the Plan at any time for a \$5.00 fee and thereby elect to receive cash in lieu of shares of the fund. Changes in elections must be by direct mail to PFPC Global Fund Services, Attention: Closed-End funds, Post Office Box 8030, Boston, Massachusetts 02266, or by telephone at 1-800-331-1710, and should include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the Agent's records. Elections received by the Agent will be effective only if received prior to the record date for any distribution.

The Agent maintains all Common Shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in the account. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

Agent in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each such participant's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

The fund pays the Agent's fee for reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Plan participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or distributions.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to Plan participants at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Agent on at least 90 days' written notice to Plan participants.

MANAGED DIVIDEND POLICY

The fund's dividend policy is to distribute substantially all of its net

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investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more consistent yield to the current trading price of shares of Common Stock of the fund, the fund may at times pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the fund during such month. The fund's current accumulated but undistributed net investment income, if any, is disclosed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, which comprises part of the Financial Information included in this report.

BENEFITS AND RISKS OF LEVERAGING

The fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. These objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the fund issues Preferred Stock, which pays dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests

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the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments is paid to Common Shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the fund's Common Stock. In order to benefit Common Shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped: that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Shareholders. If either of these conditions change, then the risk of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

During the period ended November 30, 2003, shareholders approved changes in the fund's fundamental investment policies to permit the fund to engage in swap transactions and to permit the fund to invest in other investment companies. Otherwise, during the period, there were: (i) no material changes in the fund's investment objectives or policies, (ii) no changes in the fund's charter or by-laws that would delay or prevent a change of control of the fund, (iii) no material changes in the principal risk factors associated with investment in the fund, and (iv) no changes in the person primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

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PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

At the annual shareholders' meeting held on May 16, 2003, the Fund's Common Stockholders and Auction Preferred Stockholders voted together as a single class with respect to each of the three proposals below as follows:

For

- 1. To elect three Class I Directors:(+)

Joseph S. DiMartino

23,656,525

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| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| William Hodding Carter, III | 23,656,525 |
| Richard C. Leone | 23,656,525 |

| | ----- Share ----- For | ----- Against ----- |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2. To approve a change to the fundamental investment policies and investment restrictions of the Fund to permit the Fund to engage in swap transactions | 18,325,117 | 1,646,963 |
| 3. To approve a change to the fundamental investment policies and investment restrictions of the fund to expand the Fund's ability to invest in other investment companies | 18,266,712 | 1,780,756 |

((+)) THE TERMS OF THESE CLASS I DIRECTORS EXPIRE IN 2006.

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BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION (Unaudited)

JOSEPH S. DIMARTINO (60)

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (1995) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2006

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* Corporate Director and Trustee

OTHER BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

* The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Director

* Levcor International, Inc., an apparel fabric processor, Director

* Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, Director

* The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, Director

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 191

DAVID W. BURKE (67)

BOARD MEMBER (1994) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2005

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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* Corporate Director and Trustee.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

* John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Director

* U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Director

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 87

WILLIAM HODDING CARTER, III (68)

BOARD MEMBER (1988) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2006

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* President and Chief Executive Officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (1998-present)

* President and Chairman of MainStreet TV (1985-1998)

* Knight Professor in Journalism at the University of Maryland (1995-1998)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

* Independent Sector, Director

* The Century Foundation, Director

* The Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, Director

* Foundation of the Mid-South, Director

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 7

EHUD HOUMINER (63)

BOARD MEMBER (1996) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2004

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* Executive-in-Residence at the Columbia Business School, Columbia University

* Principal of Lear, Yavitz and Associates, a management consulting firm, from 1996 through 2001

OTHER BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

* Avnet Inc., an electronics distributor, Director

* International Advisory Board to the MBA Program School of Management, Ben Gurion University, Chairman

* Explore Charter School, Brooklyn, NY, Chairman

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 25

BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

RICHARD C. LEONE (63)

BOARD MEMBER (1976) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2006

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* President of The Century Foundation (formerly, The Twentieth Century Fund, Inc.), a tax exempt research foundation engaged in the study of economic, foreign policy and domestic issues

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 7

HANS C. MAUTNER (66)

BOARD MEMBER (1978) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2005

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* President--International Division and an Advisory Director of Simon Property Group, a real estate investment company (1998-present)

* Director and Vice Chairman of Simon Property Group (1998-2003)

* Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Simon Global Limited (1999-present)

* Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee of Corporate Property Investors, which merged into Simon Property Group in 1998 (1972-1998)

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 7

ROBIN A. PRINGLE (40)

BOARD MEMBER (1995) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2004

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* Senior Vice President of Mentor/National Mentoring Partnership, a national non-profit organization that is leading the movement to connect America's young people with caring adult mentors

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 7

JOHN E. ZUCCOTTI (66)

BOARD MEMBER (1984) CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN 2005

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

* Chairman of Brookfield Financial Properties, Inc.

NO. OF PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH BOARD MEMBER SERVES: 7

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THE ADDRESS OF EACH BOARD MEMBER IS C/O THE DREYFUS CORPORATION, 200 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10166.

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OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

STEPHEN E. CANTER, PRESIDENT SINCE MARCH 2000.

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Dreyfus, and an officer of 95 investment companies (comprised of 186 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. Mr. Canter also is a Board member and, where applicable, an Executive Committee Member of the other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of Dreyfus. He is 58 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since May 1995.

STEPHEN R. BYERS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SINCE NOVEMBER 2002.

Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chairman and a Director of Dreyfus, and an officer of 95 investment companies (comprised of 186 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. Mr. Byers also is an officer, director or an Executive Committee Member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of Dreyfus. He is 50 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since January 2000. Prior to joining Dreyfus, he served as an Executive Vice President-Capital Markets, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Gruntal & Co., L.L.C.

A. PAUL DISDIER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SINCE MARCH 2000.

Executive Vice President of the Fund, Director of Dreyfus Municipal Securities, and an officer of 3 other investment companies (comprised of 3 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1988.

MARK N. JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT SINCE MARCH 2000.

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 202 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 57 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 1977

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, SECRETARY SINCE MARCH 2000.

Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 37 investment companies (comprised of 46 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1991.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SINCE MARCH 2000.

Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 93 investment companies (comprised of 195 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1991.

STEVEN F. NEWMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SINCE MARCH 2000.

Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Dreyfus, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 202 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 54 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since July 1980.

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OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

JAMES WINDELS, TREASURER SINCE NOVEMBER 2001.

Director - Mutual Fund Accounting of Dreyfus, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 202 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 45 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1985.

GREGORY S. GRUBER, ASSISTANT TREASURER SINCE MARCH 2000.

Senior Accounting Manager - Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 29 investment companies (comprised of 58 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since August 1981.

KENNETH J. SANDGREN, ASSISTANT TREASURER SINCE NOVEMBER 2001.

Mutual Funds Tax Director of Dreyfus, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 202 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 1993.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COMPLIANCE OFFICER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2002.

Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 91 investment companies (comprised of 197 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 33 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998. Prior to joining the Distributor, he was a Vice President of Compliance Data Center, Inc.

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.
200 Park Avenue
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DIRECTORS

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David W. Burke
William Hodding Carter, III
Ehud Houminer
Richard C. Leone
Hans C. Mautner
Robin A. Pringle ((+))
John E. Zuccotti ((+))

((+)) AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK DIRECTORS

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Stephen E. Canter

Executive Vice Presidents

Stephen R. Byers

A. Paul Disdier

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Gregory S. Gruber
Kenneth J. Sandgren
Compliance Officer
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James Welch
Monica S. Wieboldt
Bill Vasiliou

INVESTMENT ADVISER AND ADMINISTRATOR

The Dreyfus Corporation

CUSTODIAN

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company

COUNSEL

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

TRANSFER AGENT, DIVIDEND-PAYING AGENT, REGISTRAR AND DISBURSING AGENT

PFPC Global Fund Services (Common Stock)
Deutsche Bank (Auction Preferred Stock)

AUCTION AGENT

Deutsche Bank (Auction Preferred Stock)

STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

NYSE Symbol: DSM

INITIAL SEC EFFECTIVE DATE

11/22/89

THE NET ASSET VALUE APPEARS IN THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS: BARRON'S, CLOSED-END BOND FUNDS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "MUNICIPAL BOND FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY; WALL STREET JOURNAL, MUTUAL FUNDS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "CLOSED-END FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY; NEW YORK TIMES, BUSINESS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "CLOSED-END BOND FUNDS--MUNICIPAL BOND FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23(C) OF THE INVESTMENT

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COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, THAT THE FUND MAY PURCHASE SHARES OF ITS COMMON STOCK IN THE OPEN MARKET WHEN IT CAN DO SO AT PRICES BELOW THE THEN CURRENT NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE.

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For More Information

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The Registrant's Board has determined that Joseph S. DiMartino, a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Joseph S. DiMartino is "independent" as defined by the SEC for purposes of audit committee financial expert determinations.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

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Not applicable.

ITEM 8. [RESERVED]

ITEM 9. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes to the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recently ended fiscal half-year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 10. EXHIBITS.

(a)(1) Code of ethics referred to in Item 2.

(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

By: /S/STEPHEN E. CANTER
Stephen E. Canter
President

Date: January 23, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /S/STEPHEN E. CANTER
Stephen E. Canter
Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

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By: /S/JAMES WINDELS
James Windels
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

(a) (1) Code of ethics referred to in Item 2.

(a) (2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.CERT)

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.906CERT)

Exhibit (a) (1) Exhibit (a) (1)

THE DREYFUS FAMILY OF FUNDS CODE OF ETHICS FOR PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE AND SENIOR FINANCIAL OFFICERS

1. Covered Officers/Purpose of the Code

This code of ethics (the "Code") for the investment companies within the complex (each, a "Fund") applies to each Fund's Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer or Controller, or other persons performing similar functions, each of whom is listed on Exhibit A (the "Covered Officers"), for the purpose of promoting:

- o honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- o full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Fund files with, or submits to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and in other public communications made by the Fund;
- o compliance with applicable laws and governmental rules and regulations;
- o the prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the Code; and
- o accountability for adherence to the Code.

Each Covered Officer should adhere to a high standard of business ethics and should be sensitive to situations that may give rise to actual as well as apparent conflicts of interest.

2. Covered Officers Should Handle Ethically Actual and Apparent Conflicts of Interest

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OVERVIEW. A "conflict of interest" occurs when a Covered Officer's private interest interferes with the interests of, or his service to, the Fund. For example, a conflict of interest would arise if a Covered Officer, or a member of his family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his position with the Fund.

Certain conflicts of interest arise out of the relationships between Covered Officers and the Fund and already are subject to conflict of interest provisions in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Advisers Act"). For example, Covered Officers may not individually engage in certain transactions (such as the purchase or sale of securities or other property) with the Fund because of their status as "affiliated persons" of the Fund. The compliance programs and procedures of the Fund and the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser") are designed to prevent, or identify and correct, violations of these provisions. The Code does not, and is not intended to, repeat or replace these programs and procedures, and the circumstances they cover fall outside of the parameters of the Code.

Although typically not presenting an opportunity for improper personal benefit, conflicts arise from, or as a result of, the contractual relationship between the Fund and the Adviser of which the Covered Officers are also officers or employees. As a result, the Code recognizes that the Covered Officers, in the ordinary course of their duties (whether formally for the Fund or for the Adviser, or for both), will be involved in establishing policies and implementing decisions that will have different effects on the Adviser and the Fund. The participation of the Covered Officers in such activities is inherent in the contractual relationship between the Fund and the Adviser and is consistent with the performance by the Covered Officers of their duties as officers of the Fund and, if addressed in conformity with the provisions of the Investment Company Act and the Investment Advisers Act, will be deemed to have been handled ethically. In addition, it is recognized by the Fund's Board that the Covered Officers also may be officers or employees of one or more other investment companies covered by this or other codes of ethics.

Other conflicts of interest are covered by the Code, even if such conflicts of interest are not subject to provisions in the Investment Company Act and the Investment Advisers Act. Covered Officers should keep in mind that the Code cannot enumerate every possible scenario. The overarching principle of the Code is that the personal interest of a Covered Officer should not be placed improperly before the interest of the Fund.

Each Covered Officer must:

- o not use his personal influence or personal relationships improperly to influence investment decisions or financial reporting by the Fund whereby the Covered Officer would benefit personally to the detriment of the Fund;
- o not cause the Fund to take action, or fail to take action, for the individual personal benefit of the Covered Officer rather than the benefit of the Fund; and
- o not retaliate against any employee or Covered Officer for reports of potential violations that are made in good faith.

3. Disclosure and Compliance

- o Each Covered Officer should familiarize himself with the disclosure requirements generally applicable to the Fund within his area of responsibility;

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- o each Covered Officer should not knowingly misrepresent, or cause others to misrepresent, facts about the Fund to others, whether within or outside the Fund, including to the Fund's Board members and auditors, and to governmental regulators and self-regulatory organizations; and
- o each Covered Officer should, to the extent appropriate within his area of responsibility, consult with other officers and employees of the Fund and the Adviser with the goal of promoting full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in the reports and documents the Fund files with, or submits to, the SEC and in other public communications made by the Fund; and
- o it is the responsibility of each Covered Officer to promote compliance with the standards and restrictions imposed by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

4. Reporting and Accountability

Each Covered Officer must:

- o upon adoption of the Code (or thereafter, as applicable, upon becoming a Covered Officer), affirm in writing to the Board that he has received, read, and understands the Code;
- o annually thereafter affirm to the Board that he has complied with the requirements of the Code; and
- o notify the Adviser's General Counsel (the "General Counsel") promptly if he knows of any violation of the Code. Failure to do so is itself a violation of the Code.

The General Counsel is responsible for applying the Code to specific situations in which questions are presented under it and has the authority to interpret the Code in any particular situation. However, waivers sought by any Covered Officer will be considered by the Fund's Board.

The Fund will follow these procedures in investigating and enforcing the Code:

- o the General Counsel will take all appropriate action to investigate any potential violations reported to him;
- o if, after such investigation, the General Counsel believes that no violation has occurred, the General Counsel is not required to take any further action;
- o any matter that the General Counsel believes is a violation will be reported to the Board;
- o if the Board concurs that a violation has occurred, it will consider appropriate action, which may include: review of, and appropriate modifications to, applicable policies and procedures; notification to appropriate personnel of the Adviser or its board; or dismissal of the Covered Officer;
- o the Board will be responsible for granting waivers, as appropriate; and
- o any waivers of or amendments to the Code, to the extent required, will be disclosed as provided by SEC rules.

5. Other Policies and Procedures

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The Code shall be the sole code of ethics adopted by the Fund for purposes of Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and forms applicable to registered investment companies thereunder. The Fund's, its principal underwriter's and the Adviser's codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act and the Adviser's additional policies and procedures, including its Code of Conduct, are separate requirements applying to the Covered Officers and others, and are not part of the Code.

6. Amendments

The Code may not be amended except in written form which is specifically approved or ratified by a majority vote of the Fund's Board, including a majority of independent Board members.

7. Confidentiality

All reports and records prepared or maintained pursuant to the Code will be considered confidential and shall be maintained and protected accordingly. Except as otherwise required by law or the Code, such matters shall not be disclosed to anyone other than the appropriate Funds and their counsel, the appropriate Boards (or Committees) and their counsel and the Adviser.

8. Internal Use

The Code is intended solely for the internal use by the Fund and does not constitute an admission, by or on behalf of the Fund, as to any fact, circumstance, or legal conclusion.

Dated as of: JULY 1, 2003

EXHIBIT A

Persons Covered by the Code of Ethics

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Stephen E. Canter | President | (Principal Executive Officer) |
| James Windels | Treasurer | (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) |

[EX-99.CERT]
Exhibit (a) (2)

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stephen E. Canter, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-CSR of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.;

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2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows (if the financial statements are required to include a statement of cash flows) of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report based on such evaluation; and

(c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /S/STEPHEN E. CANTER

Stephen E. Canter
Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATIONS

I, James Windels, certify that:

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1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-CSR of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows (if the financial statements are required to include a statement of cash flows) of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report based on such evaluation; and

(c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /S/JAMES WINDELS
James Windels
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

[EX-99.906CERT]
Exhibit (b)

SECTION 906 CERTIFICATIONS

In connection with this report on Form N-CSR for the Registrant as furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as applicable; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant.

By: /S/STEPHEN E. CANTER

Stephen E. Canter
Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

By: /S/JAMES WINDELS
James Windels
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 23, 2004

THIS CERTIFICATE IS FURNISHED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FORM N-CSR AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED "FILED" FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 18 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, OR OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE LIABILITY OF THAT SECTION, AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO ANY FILING UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.