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Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of reporting period: 11/30/07

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT November 30, 2007

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this annual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., covering the 12-month period from December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007.

Volatility has returned to the municipal bond market. The past few months have been filled with greater swings in security valuations than we we seen in several years, as the economic cycle matured and a credit crisis spread from the sub-prime mortgage sector of the taxable bond market to other areas of the financial markets, including municipal bonds. A high degree of leverage within parts of the financial system made these price fluctuations more intense than they otherwise might have been. While we saw few changes in the underlying credit fundamentals of municipal bonds, the tax-exempt market nonetheless suffered bouts of difficult liquidity.

In our view, these developments signaled a shift to a new phase of the credit cycle in which the price of risk has increased. Although the housing downturn and sub-prime turmoil may persist, fiscal conditions so far have remained sound for most municipal bond issuers, and lower short-term interest rates from the Federal Reserve Board may help forestall a technical recession. Turning points such as this one may be a good time to review your portfolio with your financial advisor, who can help you consider whether to reposition your investments in this changing market environment.

For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as market perspectives, we have provided a Discussion of Fund Performance given by the fund Performance given by the fund some Manager.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Thomas F. Eggers Chief Executive Officer The Dreyfus Corporation December 17, 2007

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period of December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007, as provided by James Welch, Portfolio Manager

Fund and Market Performance Overview

The municipal bond market encountered heightened volatility during the summer and fall of 2007 as turmoil spread from sub-prime mortgages to other areas of the financial markets. The fund performance was driven primarily by its income-oriented holdings, which were relatively hard-hit during the downturn but produced competitive levels of tax-exempt income.

For the 12-month period ended November 30, 2007, Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund achieved a total return of $\Box 1.17\%$ on a net-asset-value basis. Over the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.50 per share, which reflects a distribution rate of 6.45% .2

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 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.

The fund also issues auction rate preferred stock and invests the proceeds in a manner consistent with its investment objective. This has the effect of [] leveraging[] the portfolio, which can increase the fund[]s performance potential as well as, depending on market conditions, enhance net asset value losses during times of higher market risk.

Over time, many of the fund \square solder, higher-yielding bonds have matured or were redeemed by their issuers. We have attempted to replace those

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (continued)

bonds with investments consistent with the fund \square s investment policies. 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 the fund \square s holdings in an attempt to avoid potential defaults on interest and principal payments.

Sub-Prime Mortgage Woes Weighed on Municipal Bonds

The first half of the reporting period was characterized by a moderate slowdown in U.S. economic growth, generally mild inflationary pressures and stable short-term interest rates. While these factors helped support municipal bond prices, narrow yield differences along the market smaturity range reduced the effectiveness of our leveraging strategy, leading us to reduce the fund smonthly dividend payout in May.

Market conditions changed dramatically over the reporting period second half, when municipal bonds were shaken by an intensifying credit crisis. Delinquencies and defaults among lower-quality borrowers led to sharp declines in securities backed by sub-prime mortgages, many of which were held by highly leveraged hedge funds. These investors were forced to sell unrelated securities to meet margin calls and redemption requests.

Consequently, municipal bonds with no direct exposure to the troubled sub-prime mortgage market were adversely affected as selling pressures generally caused bond prices to fall.

Subsequently, the tax-exempt bond market rebounded, to some extent, as investors recognized that fundamentals remained sound for most municipal issuers and the Federal Reserve Board (the <code>[Fed]</code>) attempted to promote market liquidity by reducing short-term interest rates. However, investors had reassessed their attitudes toward risk, and lower-rated, higher-yielding securities did not bounce back as strongly as higher-rated bonds. In addition, a robust new issuance calendar toward the end of the reporting period put further downward pressure on prices of some municipal bonds. As a result, municipal bond prices ended the reporting period slightly lower than where they began.

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Income-Oriented Bonds Were Hard-Hit During the Downturn

Although the fund is income returns were relatively robust, its total return suffered in this environment. The fund is holdings of bonds backed by state settlements of litigation with U.S. tobacco companies were particularly hard-hit, as several states securitized their settlements and added to the supply of such bonds. The fund is holdings of corporate-backed municipal bonds lagged market averages in the flight to quality during and after the credit crisis. Lastly, the fund also was punished for its focus on securities with maturities at the longer end of the spectrum, which was more severely affected by market volatility.

On a more positive note, despite supply-and-demand factors that typically affect municipal bonds toward year-end, reductions in short-term interest rates by the Fed later in the reporting period caused yield differences to widen along the market smaturity spectrum, and the fund solver duration helped to enhance the effectiveness of the fund selveraging strategy.

Positioned for a Changing Economic Environment

The U.S. economy appears to have slowed as a result of declining housing markets, making further interest-rate reductions from the Fed more likely. Should the Fed cut rates further, we may find new opportunities for income and total return as yield differences widen along the market is maturity range. In the meantime, we intend to maintain our focus on producing competitive levels of tax-exempt income.

December 17, 2007

- 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. Return figure provided reflects the absorption of certain expenses by The Dreyfus Corporation pursuant to an undertaking in effect through October 31, 2008. Had these expenses not been absorbed, the fund sreturn would have been lower.
- 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, adjusted for any capital gain distributions.

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SELECTED INFORMATION

November 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Market Price per share November 30, 2007 Shares Outstanding November 30, 2007 \$7.77 48,495,729

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MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2007

Quarter Ended February 28, 2007		Quarter Ended May 31, 2007	Quarter Ended August 31, 2007	Quarter Ended November 30, 2007	
High	\$9.58	 \$9.61	\$9.10	\$8.86	
Low	9.13	9.07	7.81	7.63	
Close	9.40	9.12	8.54	7.77	
PERCENTA	AGE GAIN (LOSS) bas	ed on change in Market Prid	ce*		
	2, 1989 (commencement	of operations)			
-	ember 30, 2007			162.39%	
	, 1997 through November			40.45	
	, 2002 through November			36.30	
	, 2006 through November			(11.43)	
March 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007				(13.70)	
June 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007				(12.31)	
September 1	., 2007 through Novembe	r 30, 2007		(7.64)	
NET ASSE	T VALUE PER SHARE				
November 2	2, 1989 (commencement	of operations)	\$9.32		
November 3	0, 2006		9.21		
February 28,	2007		9.15		
May 31, 200	7		9.00		
August 31, 2	007		8.61		
November 3	0, 2007		8.60		
PERCENTA	AGE GAIN based on ch	ange in Net Asset Value*			
November 2	2, 1989 (commencement	of operations)			
through Nov	ember 30, 2007			211.47%	
December 1	, 1997 through November	30, 2007		73.96	
December 1	, 2002 through November	30, 2007		38.80	
December 1	, 2006 through November	30, 2007		(1.17)	
March 1, 200	7 through November 30,	2007		(1.92)	

June 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007

September 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007

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(1.69)

1.34

 $^{^{}st}$ With dividends reinvested.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

November 30, 2007

Long-Term Municipal Investments□146.7%	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
				<u> </u>
Alaska∏3.9%				
Alaska Housing Finance				
Corporation, General Mortgage				
Revenue (Insured; MBIA)	6.05	6/1/39	11,915,000	12,108,976
Alaska Housing Finance				
Corporation, Single-Family				
Residential Mortgage Revenue				
(Veterans Mortgage Program)	6.25	6/1/35	4,180,000	4,309,914
Arizona ☐ 1.5%				
Apache County Industrial				
Development Authority, PCR				
(Tucson Electric Power Company				
Project)	5.85	3/1/28	2,220,000	2,220,000
Pima County Industrial Development				
Authority, Education Revenue				
(American Charter Schools				
Foundation Project)	5.50	7/1/26	4,000,000	3,924,520
Arkansas□.6%				
Arkansas Development Finance				
Authority, SFMR (Mortgage				
Backed Securities Program)				
(Collateralized: FNMA and GNMA)	6.25	1/1/32	2,500,000	2,556,675
California 19.0%				
California,				
GO (Various Purpose)	5.50	4/1/14	4,605,000 ^a	5,161,606
California,				
GO (Various Purpose)	5.25	11/1/27	4,240,000	4,463,109
California Department of Veteran				
Affairs, Home Purchase Revenue	5.20	12/1/28	2,950,000	2,951,357
California Educational Facilities				
Authority, Revenue (University				
of Southern California)	4.50	10/1/33	10,000,000	9,829,900
California Enterprise Development				
Authority, Sewage Facilities				
Revenue (Anheuser-Busch				
Project)	5.30	9/1/47	1,000,000	991,060
California Health Facilities				
Financing Authority, Revenue				
(Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)	6.25	12/1/09	3,750,000 ^a	3,998,962
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California (continued) California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue
California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue
(Cuttor Health)
(Sutter Health) 5.25 11/15/46 7,800,000 7,956,702
Silicon Valley Tobacco
Securitization Authority,
Tobacco Settlement
Asset-Backed Bonds (Santa
Clara County Tobacco
Securitization Corporation) 0.00 6/1/36 15,290,000 2,208,488
Colorado ☐ 4.1%
Colorado Health Facilities
Authority, Revenue (American
Baptist Homes of the Midwest
Obligated Group) 5.90 8/1/37 2,500,000 2,401,825
Colorado Health Facilities
Authority, Revenue (American
Housing Foundation I, Inc.
Project) 8.50 12/1/31 1,970,000 2,046,988
Colorado Housing Finance Authority
(Single Family Program)
(Collateralized; FHA) 6.60 8/1/32 1,755,000 1,867,794
Denver City and County,
Special Facilities Airport
Revenue (United Air Lines
Project) 5.75 10/1/32 3,000,000 2,760,480
Northwest Parkway Public Highway
Authority, Revenue 7.13 6/15/11 7,000,000 ^a 7,852,040
Connecticut ☐3.7%
Connecticut Development Authority,
PCR (Connecticut Light and
Power Company Project) 5.95 9/1/28 9,000,000 9,221,760
Connecticut Resources Recovery
Authority, Special Obligation
Revenue (American REF-FUEL
Company of Southeastern
Connecticut Project) 6.45 11/15/22 4,985,000 4,986,844
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
Connecticut Gaming Authority,
Priority Distribution Payment
Public Improvement Revenue 6.25 1/1/31 1,000,000 1,036,660

Long-Term Municipal	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal	
Investments (continued)			Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
District of Columbia ☐ 2.6%				
District of Columbia Tobacco				
Settlement Financing				
Corporation, Tobacco				
Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	0.00	6/15/46	104,040,000	7,296,325
Metropolitan Washington Airports				
Authority, Special Facility				
Revenue (Caterair				
International Corporation)	10.13	9/1/11	3,500,000	3,503,920
Florida □5.6%				
Escambia County,				
EIR (International Paper				
Company Project)	5.00	8/1/26	1,825,000	1,694,056
Florida Housing Finance				
Corporation, Housing Revenue				
(Seminole Ridge Apartments)				
(Collateralized; GNMA)	6.00	4/1/41	6,415,000	6,571,847
Highlands County Health Facilities				
Authority, HR (Adventist				
Health System/Sunbelt				
Obligated Group)	5.25	11/15/36	5,000,000	5,056,850
Jacksonville Economic Development				
Commission, Health Care				
Facilities Revenue (Florida				
Proton Therapy Institute				
Project)	6.25	9/1/27	2,595,000	2,649,754
Orange County Health Facilities				
Authority, HR (Orlando				
Regional Healthcare System)	6.00	10/1/09	70,000 ^a	73,874
Orange County Health Facilities				
Authority, HR (Orlando				
Regional Healthcare System)	6.00	10/1/26	3,675,000	3,788,631
Orange County Health Facilities				
Authority, Revenue (Adventist				
Health System)	6.25	11/15/12	3,000,000 ^a	3,384,870
Georgia □2.5%		•		
Atlanta,				
Airport Revenue (Insured; FSA)	5.25	1/1/25	3,000,000	3,092,400
Augusta,			•	
Airport Revenue	5.45	1/1/31	2,500,000	2,400,050
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
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Georgia (continued)				
Georgia Housing and Finance				
Authority, SFMR	5.60	12/1/32	2,180,000	2,321,024
Savannah Economic Development				
Authority, EIR (International				
Paper Company Project)	6.20	8/1/27	2,670,000	2,753,304
ldaho[].1%				
Idaho Housing and Finance				
Association, SFMR				
(Collateralized; FNMA)	6.35	1/1/30	320,000	326,630
Illinois □7.8 %				
Chicago,				
SFMR (Collateralized: FHLMC,				
FNMA and GNMA)	6.25	10/1/32	1,665,000	1,701,896
Chicago O∏Hare International				
Airport, General Airport Third				
Lien Revenue (Insured; XLCA)	6.00	1/1/29	5,000,000	5,356,750
Chicago O∏Hare International				
Airport, Special Facility				
Revenue (American Airlines,				
Inc. Project)	5.50	12/1/30	4,000,000	3,528,080
Illinois Educational Facilities Authority,				
Revenue (Northwestern University)	5.00	12/1/38	5,000,000	5,139,500
Illinois Health Facilities				
Authority, Revenue (Advocate				
Health Care Network)	6.13	11/15/10	5,000,000 ^a	5,398,600
Illinois Health Facilities Authority,				
Revenue (OSF Healthcare System)	6.25	11/15/09	10,900,000	