EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(AUDITED)

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017

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Governing Board
Educational Service Center of Lorain County
1885 Lake Avenue
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Educational Service Center of Lorain County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Auditor of State

January 8, 2017

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LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

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Independent Auditor's Report

Educational Service Center of Lorain County
Lorain County
1885 Lake Avenue
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To the Governing Board:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, Lorain County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, Lorain County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis* and schedules of net pension liability and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget Basis (Non-GAAP) and Actual for the General fund and IDEA fund presents additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards also presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedules are management's responsibility, and derive from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected these schedules to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling these schedules directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, these schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 29, 2017, on our consideration of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Julian & Grube, Inc.
November 29, 2017

The discussion and analysis of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's (the Educational Service Center) financial performance provides an overall review of the Educational Service Center's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Educational Service Center's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to those respective statements to enhance their understanding of the Educational Service Center's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased by $ 71,822.
- Revenues for governmental activities totaled $ 11,009,237 in 2017, compared to $ 10,506,999 in 2016. Of the 2017 total revenue, 10.2 percent consisted of general revenues while program revenues accounted for the balance of 89.8 percent.
- Program expenses totaled $ 10,937,415 for 2017, an increase of $ 179,683 compared to 2016. In 2017, instructional expenses made up 26.5 percent of program expenses while support services accounted for 72.7 percent and other expenses rounded out the remaining 0.8 percent.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes pertaining to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Educational Service Center as a financial whole, or an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole Educational Service Center, presenting both an aggregate and longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements explain how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Educational Service Center's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, the general fund by far is the most significant fund.

Reporting the Service Center as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains all the funds used by the Educational Service Center to provide programs and activities, the view of the Educational Service Center as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2017?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answers this question. These statements include all Non-Fiduciary assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Educational Service Center's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Educational Service Center as a whole, the financial position of the Educational Service Center has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not.

The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* are represented by one type of activity, Governmental Activities. The Educational Service Center's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, and operation of non-instructional services.

Reporting the Educational Service Center's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the Educational Service Center's major funds begins on page 13. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Educational Service Center's major funds. The Educational Service Center uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Educational Service Center's most significant funds. The Educational Service Center's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the IDEA fund.

Governmental Funds

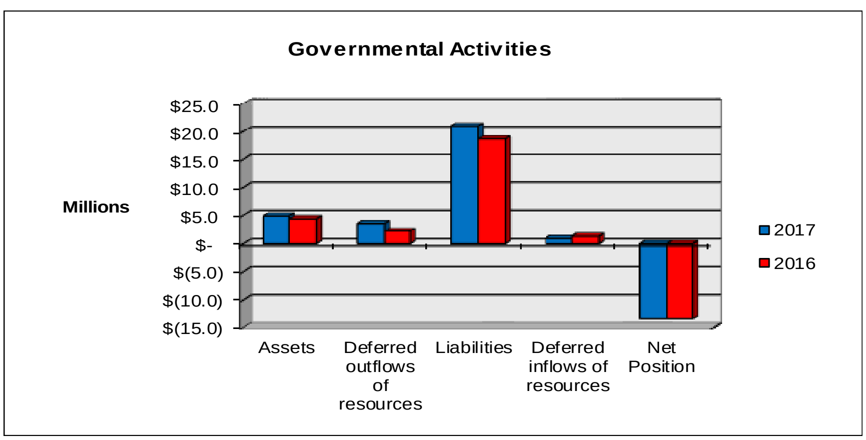
Most of the Educational Service Center's activities are reported as governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting*, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Educational Service Center's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

The Educational Service Center as a Whole

You may recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the Educational Service Center as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Educational Service Center's net position for 2017 compared to 2016:

Table 1
Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current and other assets	$ 4,124,221	$ 3,581,020
Capital assets, net	837,158	870,816
Total assets	4,961,379	4,451,836
Deferred outflows of resoures - pension	3,579,996	2,200,442
Liabilities		
Current liabilities and other liabilities	1,103,581	1,061,125
Long term liabilities		
Due within one year	200,203	174,881
Due in more than one year	19,655,963	17,512,692
Total liabilities	20,959,747	18,748,698
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	955,556	1,349,330
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	835,558	858,017
Restricted	49,086	96,856
Unrestricted	(14,258,572)	(14,400,623)
Total net position	$ (13,373,928)	$ (13,445,750)



The net pension liability is the largest single liability reported by the Educational Service Center at June 30, 2017 and is reported pursuant to GASB 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions-an Amendment of GASB 27." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the Educational Service Center's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension, as required by GASB 68.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the Educational Service Center's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the Educational Service Center is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

At year-end, capital assets represented 16.9 percent of total assets. Capital assets include land, building and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and vehicles. Net investment in capital assets was $835,558 at June 30, 2017. These capital assets are used to provide services to students and are not available for future spending.

A portion of the Educational Service Center's net position, $ 49,086 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The government-wide unrestricted net position was a deficit of $14,258,572 in fiscal year 2017, which is primarily caused by the net pension liability

Total assets increased by $ 509,543, with the most significant increase in equity in pooled cash and investments of $ 605,460 which was offset by decreases of $ 95,917 in due from other governments and capital assets. Both are the result of the Educational Service Center's effort to collect receivables. Liabilities increased by $ 2,211,049, with current liabilities increasing by $ 42,456 and long term liabilities increasing by $ 2,168,593, which is primarily due to an increase in net pension liability.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, Table 2 gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2017 and 2016.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2017	2016
Revenues		
Program revenue		
Charges for services and sales	$ 7,908,396	$ 7,264,840
Operating grants, interest and contributions	1,980,695	2,121,125
Total program revenue	9,889,091	9,385,965
General revenue		
Grants and entitlements not restricted for specific purposes	1,075,088	1,014,434
Investment earnings	18,482	14,664
Miscellaneous	26,576	91,936
Total general revenues	1,120,146	1,121,034
Total revenues	11,009,237	10,506,999
Program expenses		
Instruction		
Regular	995,369	928,363
Special	1,906,041	1,896,504
Supporting services		
Pupil	1,979,629	1,794,627
Instructional staff	4,245,612	4,376,584
Board of education	30,304	30,346
Administration	689,491	682,995
Fiscal services	439,454	395,265
Business	224,160	208,935
Operation and maintenance	281,321	289,556
Central services	64,682	47,749
Operation of non-instructional services	64,592	89,680
Extracurricular activities	16,660	14,800
Interest	100	2,328
Total program expenses	10,937,415	10,757,732
Change in net position	$ 71,822	$ (250,733)

Charges for services and sales increased by $ 643,556 due primarily to an increase in services provided to member districts. Operating grants, interest and contributions decreased by $ 140,430 and grants and entitlements not restricted for specific purposes increased by $ 60,654 during 2017 due to receipt of miscellaneous grants. The increase in program expenses is the result of an increase in salaries, health insurance benefits and pension expense.

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities shows the total net cost of program services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services for governmental activities and the net cost of those services. The Net Cost of Services 2017 tells the reader what services are self-supporting and those that are supported by unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
Net Costs of Services

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Governmental activities				
Instruction				
Regular	$ 995,369	$ 928,363	$ 86,075	$ 30,435
Special	1,906,041	1,896,504	174,431	39,012
Supporting services				
Pupil	1,979,629	1,794,627	187,471	74,051
Instructional staff	4,245,612	4,376,584	230,578	135,432
Board of education	30,304	30,346	(30,304)	(30,346)
Administration	689,491	682,995	(689,491)	(669,995)
Fiscal services	439,454	395,265	(439,454)	(395,265)
Business	224,160	208,935	(224,160)	(208,935)
Operation and maintenance	281,321	289,556	(281,321)	(289,556)
Central services	64,682	47,749	(64,682)	(47,749)
Operation of non-instructional services	64,592	89,680	19,293	(6,723)
Extracurricular activities	16,660	14,800	(16,660)	200
Interest	100	2,328	(100)	(2,328)
Totals	$ 10,937,415	$ 10,757,732	$ (1,048,324)	$ (1,371,767)

The Educational Service Center's Funds

Information regarding the Educational Service Center's major funds can be found starting on page 13. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of $ 11,023,086 and expenditures and other financing uses totaled $ 10,539,365. The most significant fund, the General Fund had a fund balance increase of $ 514,480. General Fund total revenues increased $ 683,349, a result of increased services provided to the member districts. General Fund expenditures increased $ 347,678 which was a result of increased staffing to support the increase in services provided.

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the Educational Service Center had $ 837,158 invested in land, building and improvements, vehicles and furniture and fixtures, net of accumulated depreciation. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2017 values compared to 2016.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

	2017	2016
Land	$ 227,600	$ 227,600
Building and improvements	562,593	586,623
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	46,755	55,123
Vehicles	210	1,470
Total capital assets	$ 837,158	$ 870,816

All capital assets are reported at historical cost. For more information on capital assets refer to Note 9 of the basic financial statements.

Current Financial Related Activities

The Educational Service Center is financially sound. The Board and administration closely monitors its revenue and expenditures in accordance with board policy. The Educational Service Center is committed to serving its client's districts and will continue to do so. While many outside factors can affect the economy, the Educational Service Center is committed to providing the best services possible and to be fiscally responsible now and in the future.

Changes made with HB64 has reduced the state subsidy per pupil amount to the rate of $ 27 per pupil. This has required the ESC to rely, more than ever before, on district invoicing for services provided. The categories of revenues and expenses are subject to interpretation and reclassification. Regardless, the bottom line is the same.

Contacting the Educational Service Center's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Educational Service Center's finances and to show the Educational Service center's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Jill Orseno, Treasurer, at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, 1885 Lake Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035 or calling 440-324-5777 ext. 1125.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	$ 3,490,417
Due from other governments	633,804
Capital assets	
Nondepreciable capital assets	227,600
Depreciable capital assets, net	609,558
Total assets	4,961,379
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension	3,579,996
Total deferred outflows of resources	3,579,996
Liabilities	
Accounts and contracts payable	51,443
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	902,961
Due to other governments	149,177
Long term liabilities	
Due within one year	200,203
Due in more than one year	
Other amounts due in more than one year	611,374
Net pension liability	19,044,589
Total liabilities	20,959,747
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension	955,556
Total deferred inflows of resources	955,556
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	835,558
Restricted for	
Federal and state grants	15,369
Other purposes	33,717
Unrestricted	(14,258,572)
Total net position	$ (13,373,928)

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants Interest and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental activities				
Instruction				
Regular	$ 995,369	$ 999,862	$ 81,582	$ 86,075
Special	1,906,041	1,778,170	302,302	174,431
Supporting services				
Pupil	1,979,629	2,167,100	-	187,471
Instructional staff	4,245,612	2,947,379	1,528,811	230,578
Board of education	30,304	-	-	(30,304)
Administration	689,491	-	-	(689,491)
Fiscal services	439,454	-	-	(439,454)
Business	224,160	-	-	(224,160)
Operation and maintenance	281,321	-	-	(281,321)
Central services	64,682	-	-	(64,682)
Operation of non-instructional services	64,592	15,885	68,000	19,293
Extracurricular activities	16,660	-	-	(16,660)
Interest	100	-	-	(100)
Totals	$ 10,937,415	$ 7,908,396	$ 1,980,695	(1,048,324)

General revenues	
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific purposes	1,075,088
Investment earnings	18,482
Miscellaneous	26,576
Total general revenues	1,120,146
Change in net position	71,822
Net position at beginning of year	(13,445,750)
Net position at end of year	$ (13,373,928)

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	IDEA Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	$ 3,350,741	$ 73,566	$ 66,110	$ 3,490,417
Due from other governments	450,890	141,728	41,186	633,804
Interfund receivable	150,122	-	-	150,122
Total assets	$ 3,951,753	$ 215,294	$ 107,296	$ 4,274,343
Liabilities				
Accounts and contracts payable	$ 37,932	$ 12,809	$ 702	$ 51,443
Accrued wages and benefits	851,018	25,372	26,571	902,961
Due to other governments	140,428	3,517	5,232	149,177
Interfund payable	-	129,985	20,137	150,122
Compensated absences payable	22,804	-	-	22,804
Total liabilities	1,052,182	171,683	52,642	1,276,507
Deferred inflows of resources				
Unavailable resources	1,663	-	-	1,663
Fund balances				
Restricted	-	43,611	57,626	101,237
Assigned	467,057	-	-	467,057
Unassigned (deficit)	2,430,851	-	(2,972)	2,427,879
Total fund balances	2,897,908	43,611	54,654	2,996,173
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 3,951,753	$ 215,294	$ 107,296	$ 4,274,343

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2017

Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total governmental funds balances		$ 2,996,173
Capital assets used in governmental activites are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.		837,158
Other long term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.		
Intergovernmental revenue		1,663
Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Compensated absences	(787,173)	
Capital lease payable	(1,600)	
		(788,773)
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore the liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Deferred outflow of resources - pension	3,579,996	
Net pension liability	(19,044,589)	
Deferred inflow of resources - pension	(955,556)	
		(16,420,149)
Net position of governmental activities		$ (13,373,928)

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	IDEA Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Tuition and fees	$ 5,810,948	$ -	$ -	$ 5,810,948
Interest	18,482	-	-	18,482
Intergovernmental	1,149,800	1,193,968	712,015	3,055,783
Charges for services	2,095,785	-	-	2,095,785
Other	7,766	-	18,810	26,576
Total revenues	9,082,781	1,193,968	730,825	11,007,574
Expenditures				
Current				
Instruction				
Regular	887,693	-	81,594	969,287
Special	1,565,753	21,489	260,943	1,848,185
Supporting services				
Pupil	1,915,528	-	2,151	1,917,679
Instructional staff	2,597,177	1,141,925	321,513	4,060,615
Board of education	29,837	-	-	29,837
Administration	618,348	-	35,872	654,220
Fiscal services	375,228	36,989	6,326	418,543
Business	217,567	-	-	217,567
Operation and maintenance	315,729	-	-	315,729
Operation of non-instructional	18,150	-	45,326	63,476
Extracurricular activities	-	-	16,660	16,660
Capital outlay	756	-	-	756
Debt service				
Principal	11,199	-	-	11,199
Interest	100	-	-	100
Total expenditures	8,553,065	1,200,403	770,385	10,523,853
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over(under) expenditures	529,716	(6,435)	(39,560)	483,721
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers-in	138	-	15,374	15,512
Transfers-out	(15,374)	-	(138)	(15,512)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(15,236)	-	15,236	-
Net change in fund balances	514,480	(6,435)	(24,324)	483,721
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,383,428	50,046	78,978	2,512,452
Fund balances, end of year	$ 2,897,908	$ 43,611	$ 54,654	$ 2,996,173

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds		$ 483,721
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. How ever, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by w hich depreciation exceeded capital outly in the current period.		
Capital outlay	2,715	
Depreciation expense	(36,373)	
		(33,658)
Revenues (intergovernmental) in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		1,663
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; how ever, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflow s of resources.		920,636
Except for amounts reported as deferred outflow s/inflow s of resources, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		(1,290,259)
The issuance of debt (capital lease proceeds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, w hile the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, how ever, has any effect on net position.		11,199
Some expenses (compensated absences) reported in the statement of activities, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		(21,480)
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 71,822

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2017

		Agency Funds
Assets		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	$	40,622
Cash and investments in segragated accounts		15,351,526
Total assets	$	15,392,148
Liabilities		
Due to others	$	15,392,148
Total liabilities	$	15,392,148

See the accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

On June 13, 1914, the Educational Service Center of Lorain County (the Educational Service Center) was formed. The Educational Service Center supplies supervisory, administrative, fiscal, and other needed services to school districts and other agencies in the greater Lorain County area.

The Educational Service Center operates under a locally elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by state or federal agencies. The Board controls the Educational Service Center's facility and staff who provide services to 40,575 students in local, city and exempted village school districts in Lorain County.

REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, the reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the Educational Service Center are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate for the Educational Service Center. For the Educational Service Center, this includes all the agencies and departments that provide the following services: general operations and related special education, supervisory, administrative and fiscal activities of the Educational Service Center.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Educational Service Center is financially accountable. The Educational Service Center is financially accountable for an organization if the Educational Service Center appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Educational Service Center is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Educational Service Center is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Educational Service Center is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or if the Educational Service Center is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Educational Service Center in that the Educational Service Center approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The Educational Service Center has no component units.

The Educational Service Center is associated with certain organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations. These organizations are presented in Note 8 to the basic financial statements. These organizations are Connect and Lake Erie Regional Council of Governments (LERC).

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. These policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America (GAAP) for local governmental units prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources. Explanation of the Educational Service Center’s more significant policies follow.

The Educational Service Center’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements
The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Educational Service Center as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Educational Service Center at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Educational Service Center's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Educational Service Center, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Educational Service Center.

Fund Financial Statements
During the fiscal year, the Educational Service Center segregates transactions related to certain Educational Service Center functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Educational Service Center at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Educational Service Center uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Educational Service Center functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the Educational Service Center are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds
Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets and deferred outflows of resources are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following is the Educational Service Center's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Educational Service Center and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

IDEA Fund – The IDEA Fund is used to account for federal special education grants restricted for a particular purpose

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. FUND ACCOUNTING (continued)

The other governmental funds of the Educational Service Center account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

Fiduciary Fund Type
Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Educational Service Center under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Educational Service Center's own programs. The Educational Service Center has no trust funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Educational Service Center's agency fund accounts for the LERC activities.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS

Government-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the Educational Service Center are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows of resources and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions
Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Educational Service Center, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Educational Service Center receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Educational Service Center must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Educational Service Center on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: grants, investment earnings, tuition, customer services and charges for services, rentals and fees.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Educational Service Center, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 18.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the Educational Service Center, deferred inflows of resources includes pension and unavailable revenue. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the Educational Service Center, unavailable revenue includes intergovernmental grants, and miscellaneous revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. For 2017, the Educational Service Center reported $ 1,663 in unavailable revenue. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Note 18)

Expenditures/Expenses

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

To improve cash management, all cash received by the Educational Service Center is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this account or temporarily used to purchase short term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Educational Service Center records. Each fund's interest in the pooled bank account is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments" on the combined balance sheet.

During fiscal year 2017, investments were limited to certificates of deposit, STAR Ohio (State Treasurer's Investment Pool), treasury notes, and federal agency securities. Additional investments included commercial paper, money markets, and agency discount notes, of which the Educational Service Center is a fiscal agent. Except for investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are reported at cost or amortized cost.

The Educational Service Center invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal year 2017. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does adopt Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The Educational Service Center measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For the fiscal year 2017, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding $ 25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to $ 50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the $ 50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Under existing Ohio statutes, the Governing Board may, by resolution, identify the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. During fiscal year 2017, the General Fund received $ 18,482 in interest income of which $ 1,018 was assigned from other funds.

The Educational Service Center is fiscal agent for LERC. The Educational Service Center has segregated LERC's funds into separate bank accounts for individual investment accounts held separate from the Educational Service Center's central bank account. These interest bearing depository accounts are presented on the statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities as "Cash and Investments in Segregated Accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the Educational Service Center's treasury.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2017, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year which services are consumed. At June 30, 2017, the Educational Service Center did not have any prepaids.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS

The Educational Service Center's only capital assets are general capital assets. General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported on the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Educational Service Center's capitalization threshold is $ 2,400. The Educational Service Center does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset	Estimated Useful Life
Vehicles	5 years
Buildings and improvements	5 - 30 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 - 10 years

I. INTERFUND BALANCES

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the Educational Service Center will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. The liability is based on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will be paid as a termination benefit.

For governmental funds, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirement. These amounts are reported in the account "Compensated Absences Payable" in the funds from which the employees will be paid.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

K. ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

L. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditure/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

M. PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net positon have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

N. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Educational Service Center or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments. The government-wide statement of net position reports $ 49,086 as restricted, none of which is restricted by enabling legislation.

The Educational Service Center applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

O. FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Educational Service Center is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Governing Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Governing Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Educational Service Center has no committed fund balances.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Educational Service Center for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Governing Board.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Educational Service Center applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

P. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Q. EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL ITEMS

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Educational Service Center and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during 2017.

NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

A. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2017, the Educational Service Center implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, “Tax Abatement Disclosures,” GASB Statement No. 78, “Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans,” GASB Statement No. 80, “Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14,” and GASB Statement No. 82, “Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73.

GASB Statement No. 77, “Tax Abatement Disclosures.” The objective of this Statement is to provide financial statement users with essential information about the nature and magnitude of the reduction in tax revenues through tax abatement programs. The implementation of GASB 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Educational Service Center.

GASB Statement No 78, “Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans.” The objective of this Statement is to address a practice issue regarding the scope and applicability of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This issue is associated with pensions provided through certain multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans and to state or local governmental employers whose employees are provided with such pensions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Educational Service Center.

GASB Statement No. 80, “Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14.” This Statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The implementation of GASB No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Educational Service Center.

GASB Statement No. 82 improves consistency in the application of pension accounting. These changes were incorporated in the Educational Service Center’s fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

NOTE 3 - DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

At June 30, 2017, the following non-major funds had deficit fund balances; the Alternative School Fund of $ 12, the Title I Fund of $ 2,421 and the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Fund of $ 539. The General Fund is liable for any deficit in this fund and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balance resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 – FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Educational Service Center is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balance	General Fund	IDEA Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Restricted for				
Other grants	$ -	$ -	$ 33,717	$ 33,717
Public preschool	-	-	1,175	1,175
Miscellaneous State Grants	-	-	4,276	4,276
IDEA preschool	-	-	4,092	4,092
TeachOhio	-	-	14,366	14,366
IDEA	-	43,611	-	43,611
Total restricted	-	43,611	57,626	101,237
Assigned for				
Subsequent year appropriations	377,334	-	-	377,334
Early learning center	11,400	-	-	11,400
Other purpose	78,323	-	-	78,323
Total assigned	467,057	-	-	467,057
Unassigned (deficit)	2,430,851	-	(2,972)	2,427,879
Total all fund balances	$ 2,897,908	$ 43,611	$ 54,654	$ 2,996,173

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Educational Service Center into three categories:

Category 1 consists of "active" moneys, those moneys are required to be kept in a cash" or "near-cash" status for immediate use by the Educational Service Center. Such moneys must be maintained either as cash in the Educational Service Center treasury, in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

A. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (continued)

Category 2 consists of "inactive" moneys, those moneys not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive moneys must be deposited or invested as certificates of deposit maturing no later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or as savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Category 3 consists of "interim" moneys, those moneys which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts (including passbook accounts).

Protection of the Educational Service Center's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public moneys deposited with the institution.

Interim monies are to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or other obligations or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily; and that the term of the agreement does not exceed 30 days;

4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;

5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio; (STAR Ohio).

7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time; and

8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

A. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Educational Service Center, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

B. DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Educational Service Center's deposits may not be returned. The Educational Service Center does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Educational Service Center's deposits was $ 12,022,956 and the bank balance was $ 12,059,078. Of the bank balance, $ 8,267,369 was covered by federal depository insurance and $ 3,791,709 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department not in the Educational Service Center's name.

C. INVESTMENTS

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Educational Service Center will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Educational Service Center does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2017, the Educational Service Center had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	1 Year or less	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Star Ohio (amortized cost)	$ 2,191,131	$ 2,191,131	$ -	$ -	$ -
Commericial paper	1,172,436	1,172,436	-	-	-
US Treasury	114,784	114,784	-	-	-
FHLB	1,355,000	1,100,000	205,000	-	50,000
FHLM	708,317	209,391	35,000	463,926	-
FNMA	924,343	200,000	139,343	255,000	330,000
FFCB	200,000	200,000	-	-	-
Money Market	10,689	10,689	-	-	-
Agency Discount Note	182,909	182,909	-	-	-
	$ 6,859,609	$ 5,381,340	$ 379,343	$ 718,926	$ 380,000

The Educational Service Center categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the assets. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Educational Service Center's investments are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs). As discussed in Note 1F, investments in Star Ohio are reported at its share price. The above table identifies the recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017.

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

D. INTEREST RATE RISK

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses from rising interest rates and according to state law, the Educational Service Center's investment policy limits investment maturities to five years or less.

E. CREDIT RISK

The Educational Service Center follows the Ohio Revised Code that limits its investment choices. The Educational Service Center has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The Educational Service Center's investments, except for STAR Ohio, commercial paper and agency discount notes, were rated AAA and Aaa/AA+ by Standard & Poor's or Moody's Investor Services. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio a rating of AAAm, while commercial paper and agency discount notes are assigned a rating of A-1 and A-1+.

F. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Educational Service Center's places no limit on the amount that may be invested to any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of total of each investment type held by the Educational Service Center at June 30, 2017:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Percent of Total
Star Ohio	$ 2,191,131	31.94%
Commercial paper	1,172,436	17.09%
US Treasury	114,784	1.67%
FHLB	1,355,000	19.75%
FHLMC	708,317	10.33%
FNMA	924,343	13.47%
FFCB	200,000	2.92%
Money Market	10,689	0.16%
Agency Discount Notes	182,909	2.67%
	$ 6,859,609	100.00%

NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017, consisted of accounts (charges for services and tuition) and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible within one year and in full due to the stable condition of State programs and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds and all receivables will be collected within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amount
Governmental activities:	
Major funds	
General fund	$ 450,890
IDEA	141,728
Non-major funds	
Alternative education	1,304
Early childhood education	4,867
Miscellaneous state grants	8,619
Title I	18,190
Preschool disabilities	6,527
Limited english proficiency	1,679
Total due from other governments	$ 633,804

NOTE 7 - STATE FUNDING

The Educational Service Center receives about 11% of its funding from the Ohio Department of Education. The state provides a subsidy in a per pupil amount at the rate of $ 27 per pupil. In addition, the Educational Service Center receives $ 6.50 per pupil as a local deduction from districts aligned with the Educational Service Center.

NOTE 8 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. CONNECT

The North Coast Council became known as Connect effective April 1, 2016. The new governing Board of Directors, the Educational Service Centers of Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina County and the Ohio Schools Council, have accepted the ownership, responsibility and liability of Connect in order to provide exemplary service to member districts. The Superintendent/Executive Director of the three ESCs and Ohio Schools Council shall serve on Connect’s Board of Directors. The purpose of Connect is applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions for member districts. Fiscal information for Connect is available from the Treasurer of the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (fiscal agent), located at 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard, Independence, Ohio 44131. In fiscal year 2017, the Educational Service Center paid $ 20,065 to Connect.

NOTE 8 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

B. LAKE ERIE REGIONAL COUNCIL (LERC)

The Lake Erie Regional Council (LERC) is a jointly governed organization comprised of ten school districts. The jointly governed organization currently exist for the purpose of health insurance for its participating districts and the Educational Service Center. Payments are made monthly for premiums by the ten member districts as established and approved by the Board of Directors. LERC is governed by a board of directors which consists of a superintendent, treasurer or designated representative from each participating school district and the Educational Service Center. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district and the Educational Service Center is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County at 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, Ohio.

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity during fiscal year 2017 is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance June 30, 2016	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2017
Nondepreciable capital assets				
Land	$ 227,600	$ -	$ -	$ 227,600
Depreciable capital assets				
Buildings and improvements	1,132,792	-	-	1,132,792
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	656,031	2,715	(24,006)	634,740
Vehicles	6,300	-	-	6,300
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,795,123	2,715	(24,006)	1,773,832
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(546,169)	(24,030)	-	(570,199)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(600,908)	(11,083)	24,006	(587,985)
Vehicles	(4,830)	(1,260)	-	(6,090)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,151,907)	(36,373)	24,006	(1,164,274)
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	643,216	(33,658)	-	609,558
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 870,816	$ (33,658)	$ -	$ 837,158

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction		
Regular	$	306
Supporting services		
Pupils		340
Instructional staff		9,864
Administration		1,260
Business		6,308
Operations and maintenance		18,295
Total depreciation expense	$	36,373

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Educational Service Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Educational Service Center contracted with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for general liability insurance. Owned vehicles are covered by Liberty Mutual and have a $ 250 deductible for comprehensive and a $ 250 deductible for collision. The vehicle liability insurance is on an occurrence basis with a $ 1,000,000 combined single limit. Claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year. Professional liability is protected by Liberty Mutual with a $ 1,000,000 annual aggregate/$ 1,000,000 single occurrence limit and a $ 5,000 deductible.

For fiscal year 2017, the Educational Service Center participated in the Sheakley Workers' Compensation Group rating Program. The program is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the program. Each participant pays its rate. Participation in the program is limited to members that can meet the program's selection criteria. The members apply for participation each year. Sheakley Co. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the program. Each year the Educational Service Center pays an enrollment fee to the program to cover the costs of administration.

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to 30 days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation (to a maximum of 40 days) is paid to employees upon termination of employment. Not all employees earn vacation time. All employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 240 days. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum accumulation of 120 days, and one-third of accumulated sick leave beyond 120 days, to a maximum accumulation of 210 days. Maximum payment may not exceed 60 days.

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

B. LIFE INSURANCE

The Educational Service Center provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Ohio Educational Life Insurance Trust in an amount equal to one half times the employee's salary rounded to the nearest $ 500.

NOTE 12 – CAPITAL LEASES

The District has entered into two lease agreements as lessee for financing office equipment. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of their future minimum lease payments as of the inception date.

The assets acquired through the capital lease are as follows:

	Cost	Depreciation	Net
Office equipment	$ 41,268	$ 18,178	$ 23,090

The future minimum lease obligation and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2017 were as follows:

	Year ending June 30,	Equipment
	2018	$ 1,626
Total minimum lease payments		1,626
Less amount representing interest		26
Net present value of minimum lease payments		$ 1,600

NOTE 13 - OPERATING LEASES

The Educational Service Center is obligated under certain leases accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights or lease obligations. During 2017, expenditures for the operating leases totaled $ 8,140.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2017.

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2018	$ 13,656
2019	13,656
2020	12,570
2021	4,175
2020	666
	$ 44,723

NOTE 14 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in long-term obligations during fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2016	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2017	Amounts Due In One Year
Net pension liability:					
STRS	$ 14,185,268	$ 1,811,840	$ -	$ 15,997,108	$ -
SERS	2,716,370	331,111	-	3,047,481	-
Total net pension liability	16,901,638	2,142,951	-	19,044,589	-
Capital lease	12,799	-	11,199	1,600	1,600
Compensated absences	773,136	160,077	123,236	809,977	198,603
	$ 17,687,573	$ 2,303,028	$ 134,435	$ 19,856,166	$ 200,203

The Educational Service Center pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their services. Capital leases will be paid from the General Fund.

NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. GRANTS

The Educational Service Center received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Educational Service Center at June 30, 2017.

B. LITIGATION

The Educational Service Center is not a part of or involved in any legal proceedings at this time.

NOTE 16 - TRANSFERS

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the General Fund transferred $ 15,374 to the Miscellaneous State Grants Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and the Miscellaneous State Grants Fund transferred $ 138 to the General Fund. The transfers were to cover expenditures and to return the unexpended balance to the General Fund.

NOTE 17 - INTERFUND ACTIVITIES

The interfund payables are advances for grant monies that were not received by fiscal year end. The Educational Service Center expects to receive the grant monies within the next fiscal year, at which time the advances will be repaid.

Interfund balances at June 30, 2017, consist of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
Major Funds:		
General Fund	$ 150,122	$ -
IDEA	-	129,985
Non-major Funds:		
Alternative education	-	1,666
Miscellaneous state grants	-	5,499
LEP	-	1,679
Title I	-	6,716
ECSE preschool	-	4,038
Miscellaneous federal grants	-	539
Total Non-major Funds	-	20,137
	$ 150,122	$ 150,122

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

A. NET PENSION LIABILITY

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions-–between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the Educational Service Center's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Educational Service Center's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Educational Service Center cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the Educational Service Center does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in Due to other governments on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

B. PLAN DESCRIPTION - SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS)

Plan Description – Educational Service Center non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)

B. PLAN DESCRIPTION - SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) (continued)

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to retire on or before August 1, 2017*	Eligible to retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017 will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Educational Service Center is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. None of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The Educational Service Center's contractually required contribution to SERS was $ 187,027 for fiscal year 2017 which was 88 percent paid. The remainder is presented as due to other governments.

C. PLAN DESCRIPTION - STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS)

Plan Description – Educational Service Center licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at www.strsoh.org.

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

C. PLAN DESCRIPTION - STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) (continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The Educational Service Center was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Educational Service Center's contractually required contribution to STRS was $ 733,609 for fiscal year 2017 which was 88 percent paid. The remainder is presented as due to other governments.

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

D. PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Educational Service Center's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Educational Service Center's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 3,047,481	$ 15,997,108	$ 19,044,589
Pension expense	$ 322,189	$ 968,070	$ 1,290,259
Proportion of the net pension liability Prior measurement date	0.047605%	0.051327%	
Proportion of the net pension liability Current measurement date	0.041638%	0.047791%	
	-0.005967%	-0.003536%	

At June 30, 2017, the Educational Service Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred outflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 60,371	$ 677,764	$ 738,135
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	140,133	1,314,022	1,454,155
Educational Service Center contributions subsequent to the measurement date	187,027	733,609	920,636
Change in assumptions	148,749	-	148,749
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	57,106	261,215	318,321
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ 593,386	$ 2,986,610	$ 3,579,996
Deferred inflows of resources			
Change in proportionate share	$ 261,176	$ 694,380	$ 955,556
Total deferred inflows of resources	$ 261,176	$ 694,380	$ 955,556

$ 920,636 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Educational Service Center contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

D. PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2018	$ 1,999	$ 219,239	$ 221,238
2019	3,057	219,237	222,294
2020	89,854	758,859	848,713
2021	50,273	361,286	411,559
	$ 145,183	$ 1,558,621	$ 1,703,804

E. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS - SERS

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2016, are presented below:

Wage inflation	3.00 percent
Future salary increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment rate of return	7.50 percent of net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Early age normal

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

E. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS – SERS (continued)

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00%	0.50%
U.S. stocks	22.50%	4.75%
Non-U.S. stocks	22.50%	7.00%
Fixed income	19.00%	1.50%
Private equity	10.00%	8.00%
Real assets	15.00%	5.00%
Multi-asset strategies	10.00%	3.00%
	100.00%	

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Educational Service Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Educational Service Center's proprotionate share of the net pension liability	$ 4,034,675	$ 3,047,481	$ 2,221,158

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

F. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013. 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS' investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return *
Domestic equity	31.00%	8.00%
International equity	26.00%	7.85%
Alternatives	14.00%	8.00%
Fixed income	18.00%	3.75%
Real estate	10.00%	6.75%
Liquidity reserves	1.00%	3.00%
	100.00%	

*10- Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50 percent and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

NOTE 18 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

F. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS – STRS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Educational Service Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Educational Service Center's proprotionate share of the net pension liability	$ 21,258,857	$ 15,997,108	$ 11,558,513

Change between Measurement Date and Report Date - In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percenter to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to the Educational Service Center’s net pension liability is expected to be significant.

NOTE 19 - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Health Care Plan Description - The Educational Service Center contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians’ fees through several types of plans including HMO’s, PPO’s, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS’ website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS’ Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS’ participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

NOTE 19 - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care fund. In additions, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was $ 23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of the employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 Percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2017, the Educational Service Center's surcharge obligation was $ 23,893.

For fiscal years 2016 and 2017, SERS did not allocate employer contributions to the Health Care fund. The Educational Service Center's contributions for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 was $ 11,707. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2015.

B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description
The Educational Service Center participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling toll-free (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy
Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefits recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care; therefore, the Educational Service Center did not contribute to health care in the last three fiscal years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER’S PROPROTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS (1)

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Educational Service Center's proportion of the net pension liability	0.041638%	0.047605%	0.048716%	0.048716%
Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 3,047,481	$ 2,716,370	$ 2,465,489	$ 2,896,984
Educational Service Center's covered-employee payroll	$ 1,522,064	$ 1,427,668	$ 1,423,853	$ 1,483,302
Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	200.22%	190.27%	173.16%	195.31%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

(2) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Educational Service Center's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER'S PROPROTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS (1)

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Educational Service Center's proportion of the net pension liability	0.047791%	0.051327%	0.050056%	0.050056%
Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 15,997,108	$ 14,185,268	$ 12,175,332	$ 14,503,176
Educational Service Center's covered-employee payroll	$ 5,310,278	$ 5,405,349	$ 5,148,008	$ 5,240,139
Educational Service Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	301.25%	262.43%	236.51%	276.77%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

(2) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Educational Service Center's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS – SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	$ 187,027	$ 213,089	$ 188,167	$ 197,346
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(187,027)	(213,089)	(188,167)	(197,346)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Educational Service Center covered-employee payroll	$ 1,335,907	$ 1,522,064	$ 1,427,668	$ 1,423,853
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008	
$	205,289	$	332,445	$	347,085	$	376,501	$	254,649	$	255,228
	(205,289)		(332,445)		(347,085)		(376,501)		(254,649)		(255,228)
$	-	$	-	$	-	$	-	$	-	$	-
$	1,483,302	$	2,471,707	$	2,761,218	$	2,780,660	$	2,587,894	$	2,599,064
	13.84%		13.45%		12.57%		13.54%		9.84%		9.82%

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS – STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	$ 733,609	$ 743,439	$ 756,749	$ 669,241
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(733,609)	(743,439)	(756,749)	(669,241)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Educational Service Center covered-employee payroll	$ 5,240,064	$ 5,310,278	$ 5,405,349	$ 5,148,008
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	$ 681,218	$ 668,137	$ 680,765	$ 661,970	$ 637,999	$ 571,946
	(681,218)	(668,137)	(680,765)	(661,970)	(637,999)	(571,946)
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 5,240,139	$ 5,139,518	$ 5,236,657	$ 5,092,079	$ 4,907,681	$ 4,399,586
	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016. For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefits terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET BASIS (NON-GAAP) AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND AND IDEA FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues and other financing sources	$ 8,486,219	$ 9,075,437	$ 9,075,437	$ -
Expenditures and other financing uses	8,923,264	8,519,774	8,453,305	66,469
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over(under) expenditures and other financing uses	(437,045)	555,663	622,132	66,469
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,498,543	2,498,543	2,498,543	-
Prior year encumbrances	78,244	78,244	78,244	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ 2,139,742	$ 3,132,450	$ 3,198,919	$ 66,469

IDEA FUND

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues and other financing sources	$ 1,298,401	$ 1,327,242	$ 1,327,242	$ -
Expenditures and other financing uses	1,298,401	1,391,367	1,387,429	3,938
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over(under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	(64,125)	(60,187)	3,938
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Prior year encumbrances	64,125	64,125	64,125	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 64,125	$ -	$ 3,938	$ 3,938

See the accompanying Notes to the Supplementary Information.

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY DATA

The Educational Service Center adopts its budget for all funds, other than agency funds. The budget includes the estimated resources and expenditures for each fund and consists of three parts; Part (A) includes entitlement funding from the State, Part (B) includes the cost of all other lawful expenditures of the Educational Service Center (which are apportioned by the State Department of Education to each local board of education under the supervision of the Educational Service Center), and Part (C) includes the adopted appropriation resolution.

The Educational Service Center's Board adopts an annual appropriation resolution which is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate appropriations to the function and object level within funds.

The estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Educational Service Center Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate that was in effect at the time the final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues by fund. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior fiscal year. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the Educational Service Center is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget Basis (Non-GAAP) and Actual presented for the General Fund and the IDEA Fund are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis statements are the following:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).

2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).

3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures rather than restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).

4. Some funds are included in the General Fund (GAAP basis), but have a separate legally adopted budget (budget basis).

NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund and the IDEA Fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance

	General Fund	IDEA Fund
Budget basis	$ 622,132	$ (60,187)
Adjustments, increase (decrease)		
Revenue accruals	(344,761)	(133,274)
Expenditure accruals	170,199	117,399
Encumbrances	65,331	69,627
Funds budgeted separately	1,579	-
GAAP basis, as reported	$ 514,480	$ (6,435)

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(A) PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(B) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2016	25,431
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2017	125,657
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			151,088
Special Education Cluster			
(C) Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2016	107,422
(C) Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2017	1,068,977
(C) Special Education_Grants to States - OMNIE Grant	84.027	2016	1,000
(C) Special Education_Grants to States - OMNIE Grant	84.027	2017	21,123
Total Special Education _Grants to States			1,198,522
(C) Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	2016	7,918
(C) Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	2017	36,429
(C) Special Education_Preschool Grants - Early Learning Discretionary	84.173	2016	1,500
(C) Special Education_Preschool Grants - Early Learning Discretionary	84.173	2017	43,069
Total Special Education_Preschool Grants			88,916
Total Special Education Cluster			1,287,438
School Safety National Activities	84.184	2017	14,027
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	2016	4,249
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	2017	69,189
Total Education for Homeless Children and Youth			73,438
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	2016	12,053
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	2017	5,100
Total Special Education - State Personnel Development			17,153
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	2017	25,360
Early Learning Challenge - Race to the Top	84.412	2016	705
Early Learning Challenge - Race to the Top	84.412	2017	6,579
Total Early Learning Challenge - Race to the Top			7,284
PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO ESC ASSOCIATION			
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2016	1,039
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,576,827
Total Federal Financial Assistance			$ 1,576,827

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS:

(A) OAKS did not assign pass through numbers for fiscal year 2017 for the grants passed through the Ohio Department of Education.

(B) This schedule includes the federal award activity under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The information on this schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position.

(C) Included as part of "Special Education Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.

(D) CFR 200.414 allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Educational Service Center of Lorain County has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Educational Service Center of Lorain County
Lorain County
1885 Lake Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

To the Governing Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, Lorain County, Ohio as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 29, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Governing Board
Educational Service Center of Lorain County

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Education Service Center of Lorain County
Lorain County
1885 Lake Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

To the Governing Board:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Educational Service Center of Lorain County's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's compliance for the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's compliance.

Governing Board
Educational Service Center of Lorain County

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Educational Service Center of Lorain County complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Educational Service Center of Lorain County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance**.**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

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November 29, 2017

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORIAN COUNTY
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
(d)(1)(i)	*Type of Financial Statement Opinion*	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	*Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?*	No
(d)(1)(ii)	*Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?*	No
(d)(1)(iii)	*Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?*	No
(d)(1)(iv)	*Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?*	No
(d)(1)(iv)	*Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?*	No
(d)(1)(v)	*Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion*	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	*Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?*	No
(d)(1)(vii)	*Major Program (listed):*	Special Education Cluster
(d)(1)(viii)	*Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs*	Type A: > $750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	*Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?*	Yes

2. FINDING RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY

LORAIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
JANUARY 18, 2018