



**NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
FULTON COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000



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STATE OF OHIO

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FULTON COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Governing Board:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Fulton County, (the Service Center) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Fulton County, as of June 30, 2000, and for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2000 on our consideration of the Service Center's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Service Center, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

December 21, 2000

**NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2000**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Agency</u>
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables:	\$2,974,911	\$663,290	\$894,114
Accounts	6,481		
Intergovernmental	194,056	4,029	
Interfund	3,500		
Materials and Supplies Inventory	8,774		
Prepaid Items	64,079	2,438	
Fixed Assets			
Other Debits:			
Amount to be Provided from General Governmental Resources			
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$3,251,801</u>	<u>\$669,757</u>	<u>\$894,114</u>
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$15,381	\$9,667	
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,472,941	80,103	
Compensated Absences Payable	15,468	1,132	
Intergovernmental Payable	216,269	32,777	\$894,114
Interfund Payable		3,500	
Total Liabilities	<u>1,720,059</u>	<u>127,179</u>	<u>894,114</u>
Fund Equity and Other Credits:			
Investment in General Fixed Assets			
Fund Balance:			
Reserved for Inventory	8,774		
Reserved for Encumbrances	60,511	62,340	
Unreserved	1,462,457	480,238	
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>1,531,742</u>	<u>542,578</u>	
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity,			
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity, and Other Credits	<u>\$3,251,801</u>	<u>\$669,757</u>	<u>\$894,114</u>

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**Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2000
(Continued)**

	<u>Account Groups</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u>	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents			\$4,532,315
Receivables:			
Accounts			6,481
Intergovernmental			198,085
Interfund			3,500
Materials and Supplies Inventory			8,774
Prepaid Items			66,517
Fixed Assets	\$1,733,321		1,733,321
Other Debits:			
Amount to be Provided from General Governmental Resources		\$655,392	655,392
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$1,733,321</u>	<u>\$655,392</u>	<u>\$7,204,385</u>
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable			\$25,048
Accrued Wages and Benefits			1,553,044
Compensated Absences Payable		\$609,153	625,753
Intergovernmental Payable		46,239	1,189,399
Interfund Payable			3,500
Total Liabilities		<u>655,392</u>	<u>3,396,744</u>
Fund Equity and Other Credits:			
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$1,733,321		1,733,321
Fund Balance:			
Reserved for Inventory			8,774
Reserved for Encumbrances			122,851
Unreserved			1,942,695
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>1,733,321</u>		<u>3,807,641</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity,			
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity, and Other Credits	<u>\$1,733,321</u>	<u>\$655,392</u>	<u>\$7,204,385</u>

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$4,073,232	\$3,179,936	\$7,253,168
Interest	191,712		191,712
Tuition and Fees	7,724,916		7,724,916
Customer Services	509,584		509,584
Gifts and Donations	14,692		14,692
Miscellaneous	25,456		25,456
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Total Revenues	12,539,592	3,179,936	15,719,528
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	525,512	173,140	698,652
Special	3,806,252	154,244	3,960,496
Vocational		75,153	75,153
Adult/Continuing	7,667	5,943	13,610
Support Services:			
Pupils	2,945,314	598,329	3,543,643
Instructional Staff	3,475,669	501,869	3,977,538
Board of Education	72,506		72,506
Administration	766,621	150,096	916,717
Fiscal	190,098	37,685	227,783
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	92,649	23,485	116,134
Pupil Transportation	53,843	12,138	65,981
Central	44,517	9,768	54,285
Non-Instructional Services	576	3,984	4,560
Intergovernmental		1,254,238	1,254,238
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Total Expenditures	11,981,224	3,000,072	14,981,296
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	558,368	179,864	738,232
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In		3,700	3,700
Operating Transfers Out	(3,700)		(3,700)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	169		169
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Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,531)	3,700	169
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	554,837	183,564	738,401
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	985,804	359,014	1,344,818
Decrease in Reserve for Inventory	(8,899)		(8,899)
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Fund Balances at End of Year	\$1,531,742	\$542,578	\$2,074,320

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Revised Budget	Actual	
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$2,947,344	\$4,056,618	\$1,109,274
Interest	130,000	191,712	61,712
Tuition and Fees	7,237,689	8,094,556	856,867
Customer Services	48,079	436,682	388,603
Gifts and Donations	13,992	14,692	700
Miscellaneous	6,000	18,274	12,274
Total Revenues	10,383,104	12,812,534	2,429,430
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	573,386	521,354	52,032
Special	3,904,195	3,848,723	55,472
Vocational			
Adult/Continuing	9,603	7,667	1,936
Support Services:			
Pupils	3,034,888	2,878,116	156,772
Instructional Staff	3,527,879	3,466,278	61,601
Board of Education	77,797	74,063	3,734
Administration	795,916	768,976	26,940
Fiscal	208,531	192,209	16,322
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	123,679	95,512	28,167
Pupil Transportation	115,264	67,826	47,438
Central	69,023	63,378	5,645
Non-Instructional Services	729	579	150
Total Expenditures	12,440,890	11,984,681	456,209
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,057,786)	827,853	2,885,639
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In			
Operating Transfers Out	(4,450)	(3,700)	750
Advances In	34,500	34,500	
Advances Out	(10,000)	(3,500)	6,500
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets		169	169
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures		5,953	5,953
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(56,413)	(56,395)	18
Other Financing Sources		9	9
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(36,363)	(22,964)	13,399
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(2,094,149)	804,889	2,899,038
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	1,971,986	1,971,986	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	122,163	122,163	
Fund Balances at End of Year		\$2,899,038	\$2,899,038

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$3,568,613	\$3,185,269	(\$383,344)	\$6,515,957	\$7,241,887	\$725,930
			130,000	191,712	61,712
			7,237,689	8,094,556	856,867
			48,079	436,682	388,603
			13,992	14,692	700
			6,000	18,274	12,274
<u>3,568,613</u>	<u>3,185,269</u>	<u>(383,344)</u>	<u>13,951,717</u>	<u>15,997,803</u>	<u>2,046,086</u>
479,469	187,964	291,505	1,052,855	709,318	343,537
728,103	641,742	86,361	4,632,298	4,490,465	141,833
92,062	92,062		92,062	92,062	
12,551	6,456	6,095	22,154	14,123	8,031
1,222,436	1,088,434	134,002	4,257,324	3,966,550	290,774
1,067,217	756,168	311,049	4,595,096	4,222,446	372,650
			77,797	74,063	3,734
227,368	155,956	71,412	1,023,284	924,932	98,352
60,344	45,889	14,455	268,875	238,098	30,777
59,093	23,845	35,248	182,772	119,357	63,415
26,030	12,103	13,927	141,294	79,929	61,365
9,782	9,768	14	78,805	73,146	5,659
31,453	26,319	5,134	32,182	26,898	5,284
<u>4,015,908</u>	<u>3,046,706</u>	<u>969,202</u>	<u>16,456,798</u>	<u>15,031,387</u>	<u>1,425,411</u>
<u>(447,295)</u>	<u>138,563</u>	<u>585,858</u>	<u>(2,505,081)</u>	<u>966,416</u>	<u>3,471,497</u>
3,700	3,700		3,700	3,700	
			(4,450)	(3,700)	750
	3,500	3,500	34,500	38,000	3,500
(34,500)	(34,500)		(44,500)	(38,000)	6,500
				169	169
				5,953	5,953
(25,466)	(25,466)		(81,879)	(81,861)	18
				9	9
<u>(56,266)</u>	<u>(52,766)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>(92,629)</u>	<u>(75,730)</u>	<u>16,899</u>
(503,561)	85,797	589,358	(2,597,710)	890,686	3,488,396
407,848	407,848		2,379,834	2,379,834	
95,713	95,713		217,876	217,876	
<u><u>\$589,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$589,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$589,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,488,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,488,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,488,396</u></u>

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**Notes to the General-Purpose Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

NOTE 1 - REPORTING ENTITY

Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (the Educational Service Center) is located in Wauseon, Ohio, the county seat. The Educational Service Center supplies supervisory, special education, administrative, and other services to seventeen local, three exempted village, and three city school districts. The Educational Service Center furnishes leadership and consulting services designed to strengthen these school districts in areas they are unable to finance or staff independently.

The Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center operates under a locally-elected Board of Education elected from subdistricts within the four county area. The Board consists of nine members elected for staggered four year terms. The Educational Service Center has twenty-seven administrators, one hundred seventy-nine classified employees, and one hundred sixty-eight certified employees who provide services to the local, exempted village, and city school districts.

A reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Educational Service Center consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the Educational Service Center. For the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, this consists of general operations.

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 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. There are no component units of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center.

The Educational Service Center is associated with three jointly governed organizations and two insurance pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, the Northern Buckeye Education Council, the Four County Career Center, the Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program, and the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. Information about these organizations is presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the general-purpose financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Educational Service Center have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Following are the more significant of the Educational Service Center's accounting policies.

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**Notes to the General-Purpose Financial Statements
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A. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The Educational Service Center uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial 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 recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special restrictions or limitations. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net available expendable resources.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the Educational Service Center are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories of governmental and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Educational Service Center are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the Educational Service Center's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the Educational Service Center's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the 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. The General Fund balance is available to the Educational Service Center for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

2. Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Educational Service Center in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The Educational Service Center's fiduciary funds are agency funds, which are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

3. Account Groups

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of a general nature, the following account groups are used:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the Educational Service Center.

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General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the Educational Service Center.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental fund types and agency funds. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and 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. The available period for the Educational Service Center is sixty days after fiscal year end.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: grants, investment earnings, tuition, fees, and customer services.

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 the governmental funds.

C. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of Section 3317.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and entails preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable.

The Educational Service Center legally adopts its budget for all funds, other than agency funds, on or before the start of the new fiscal year. For budgeted funds, the budget includes the estimated resources and expenditures for each fund. Upon review by the Educational Service Center's Board, the annual appropriation resolution is adopted. After the start of the fiscal year, the estimated resources are revised and accepted by the Board to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding fiscal year. Both the estimated resources and appropriations may be amended or supplemented throughout the year as circumstances warrant.

In the first quarter of each fiscal year, the Educational Service Center summarizes and certifies its budget on forms furnished by the State Department of Education, together with such other information as the State Department of Education may require. The summarized budget document consists of three parts. Part (A) includes entitlement funding from the State for the cost of salaries, employer's retirement contributions, and travel expenditures of supervisory teachers approved by the State Department of Education. Part (B) includes the cost of all other lawful expenditures of the Educational Service Center. Part (C) includes the adopted appropriation resolution of the Educational Service Center. The State Department of Education

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reviews the budget and certifies to each board of education, under the supervision of the Educational Service Center, the amount from part (B) that is to be apportioned to their school district.

1. Appropriations

The annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Educational Service Center at the fund and function level of expenditures for the General Fund and the fund level of expenditures for all other funds, which are the legal levels of budgetary control. The Educational Service Center Treasurer is authorized to make further allocations of appropriations among functions and objects during the fiscal year. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Educational Service Center may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenditures of the Educational Service Center.

The appropriation resolution, by fund, must be within the estimated resources, and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at any level of control. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation, or alter total function appropriations within the General Fund must be approved by the Educational Service Center's Board. Modifications at the object level in the General Fund, and the function and object level within all other funds are made by the Educational Service Center Treasurer.

The Educational Service Center may pass supplemental fund appropriations as long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the budget approved by the State Department of Education. The budget figures which appear in the statement of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds, except agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

2. Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures.

3. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not reappropriated.

D. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Educational Service Center is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Educational Service Center records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

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During fiscal year 2000, investments were limited to repurchase agreements and STAR Ohio. Repurchase agreements are reported at cost. 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 operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2000.

The General Fund receives all interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2000 was \$191,712, which included \$84,304 assigned from other Educational Service Center funds.

For purposes of the combined balance sheet, investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Educational Service Center are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

E. Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Reported materials and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that it does not constitute available expendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2000, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The Educational Service Center maintains a capitalization threshold of two hundred fifty dollars.

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. Improvements are capitalized. The Educational Service Center does not have any infrastructure. Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated.

H. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Short-term interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Receivables/Payables."

I. 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

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Center will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The Educational Service Center records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the Educational Service Center has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the Educational Service Center's termination policy. The Educational Service Center records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for all employees who have eight or more years of service with the Educational Service Center.

The current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using available expendable resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable resources. Payments made more than sixty days after fiscal year end are considered not to have used current available expendable resources.

K. Fund Balance Reserves

The Educational Service Center records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for inventory and encumbrances.

L. Intergovernmental Revenues

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as grants awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, entitlements, and shared revenues are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursement type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred.

The Educational Service Center currently participates in several State and Federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund
State Foundation Program

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Special Revenue Fund
Transition Funding

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds
Learn the Move
Local Professional Development
Training Ohio Parents
Education Management Information System
Public Preschool
SchoolNet Professional Development
Alternative School
Mentor Entry Year
BCII Fingerprinting
With Ease
Parent Mentor
Tool Box for Proficiency
Venture Capital
Reading Mentoring
Speech Education Innovation
Earn and Learn
Migrant Education
Eisenhower
Title VI-B
Vocational Pre-Employment
Drug Free
Preschool/Handicapped
REA Technical Support
Internship
Externship
Alternative Education
Technical Support
National Science
Entry Year
Learn and Serve
Wellness Skills

Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds
Juvenile Justice
E-Rate
Goals 2000
Ohio School to Work

Grants and entitlements were 46 percent of the Educational Service Center's revenues during the 2000 fiscal year.

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M. Flow-Through Grants

The Educational Service Center is the primary recipient of grants which are passed through or spent on behalf of the local, exempted village, and city school districts. When the Educational Service Center has a financial or administrative role in the grants, the grants are reported as revenues and intergovernmental expenditures in a special revenue fund. For fiscal year 2000, these funds included Eisenhower, Title VI-B, Drug Free, and Preschool/Handicapped special revenue funds.

N. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures 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.

O. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

P. Total Columns on General-Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general-purpose financial statements are captioned "Totals (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2000, the Juvenile Justice and Preschool/Handicapped special revenue funds had deficit fund balances of \$2,628 and \$26,800, respectively, which were created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

NOTE 4 - 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 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types is 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 are that:

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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 for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements by fund type.

Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses All Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue
GAAP Basis	\$554,837	\$183,564
<u>Increase (Decrease) Due To:</u>		
Revenue Accruals:		
Accrued FY 1999, Received in Cash FY 2000	479,441	9,362
Accrued FY 2000, Not Yet Received in Cash	(200,537)	(4,029)
Expenditure Accruals:		
Accrued FY 1999, Paid in Cash FY 2000	(1,703,038)	(121,382)
Accrued FY 2000, Not Yet Paid in Cash	1,720,059	123,679
Prepaid Items	(1,000)	(465)
Advances In	34,500	3,500
Advances Out	(3,500)	(34,500)
Encumbrances Outstanding at Year End (Budget Basis)	(75,873)	(73,932)
Budget Basis	\$804,889	\$85,797

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Educational Service Center treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

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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 monies deposited with the institution.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation 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 obligation or security 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 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty 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) 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 Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time.

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 only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements".

At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Educational Service Center's deposits was (\$163,728) and the bank balance was \$164,422. Of the bank balance, \$102,172 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$62,250 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Educational Service Center to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The Educational Service Center's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Educational Service Center at fiscal year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered for which the securities are held by the Educational Service Center or the Educational Service Center's agent in the Educational Service Center's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Educational Service Center's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Educational Service Center's name. The Educational Service Center's investment in STAR Ohio is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Category 3	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Repurchase Agreement	\$380,254	\$380,254	\$380,319
STAR Ohio		4,315,789	4,315,789
Totals		\$4,696,043	\$4,696,108

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting." A reconciliation between the classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements and the classification of deposits and investments according to GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/ Deposits	Investments
GASB Statement No. 9	\$4,532,315	
Repurchase Agreement	(380,254)	\$380,254
STAR Ohio	(4,315,789)	4,315,789
GASB Statement No. 3	(\$163,728)	\$4,696,043

NOTE 6 - STATE FUNDING

The Educational Service Center is funded by the State Department of Education for the cost of Part (A) of their budget. This funding is provided from State resources.

Part (B) of the budget is provided by the school districts to which the Educational Service Center provides services and by the State Department of Education. Each school district's portion is determined by

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multiplying the average daily membership of the school district (the total number of students enrolled) by \$6.50. This amount is deducted by the State Department of Education from that school district's resources provided under the State's School Foundation Program. The Department of Education's portion is determined by multiplying the sum of the average daily memberships of all of the school districts served by the Educational Service Center by \$36. This amount is provided from State resources.

If additional funding is needed by the Educational Service Center, and if a majority of the Boards of Education of the school districts served by the Educational Service Center approve, the cost of Part (B) of the budget can be increased. The portion that is in excess of the original funding calculation is shared by all of the school districts served by the Educational Service Center through additional reductions in their resources provided through the School Foundation Program. The State Board of Education initiates and supervises the procedure under which the school districts approve or disapprove the additional apportionment.

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000, consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, and interfund receivables. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Accounts receivable at June 30 were \$6,481. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
General Fund:	
Excess Cost	\$9,452
Community Alternative Funding	68,302
Customer Services	115,473
Private Industry Council	704
Ohio Department of Health	125
Total General Fund	194,056
Special Revenue Funds:	
Juvenile Justice	2,998
E-Rate	1,031
Total Special Revenue Funds	4,029
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$198,085

NOTE 8 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets during fiscal year 2000 follows:

Asset Category	Balance at 6/30/99	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/00
Building	\$164,244			\$164,244
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	1,100,360	\$180,152	(\$111,670)	1,168,842
Vehicles	384,391	41,157	(25,313)	400,235
Total	\$1,648,995	\$221,309	(\$136,983)	\$1,733,321

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NOTE 9 - INTERFUND ASSETS/LIABILITIES

At June 30, 2000, the General Fund had an interfund receivable and the Juvenile Justice special revenue fund had an interfund payable, in the amount of \$3,500.

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. Coverage is provided by the Defiance, Fulton, and Henry County Commissioners for the building and contents in those counties. During fiscal year 2000, the Educational Service Center contracted for the following insurance coverages:

Coverages provided by Lehman Insurance Company for Williams County	
Commercial Property	\$84,000
Office Equipment	54,916
Coverages provided by Nationwide Insurance Company	
General Liability	
Per Occurrence	2,000,000
Total per Year	5,000,000
Umbrella Liability	
Per Occurrence	5,000,000
Aggregate	5,000,000
Auto - Non-Owners Liability	2,000,000
Auto Coverage	
Liability	2,000,000
Uninsured Motorist	2,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

The Educational Service Center participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program (the Program), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities within Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. The Educational Service Center pays monthly premiums to the Northern Buckeye Education Council for the benefits offered to its employees including medical, dental, and life insurance. The Northern Buckeye Education Council is responsible for the management and operations of the Program. The agreement for the Program provides for additional assessments to participants if the premiums are insufficient to pay the program costs for the fiscal year. Upon withdrawal from the Program, a participant is responsible for any claims not processed and paid and any related administrative costs.

The Educational Service Center participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Participation in the Plan is limited to participants that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. Each participant must apply annually. The Plan provides the participants with a centralized program for the processing, analysis, and management of workers' compensation claims and a risk management program to assist in

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developing safer work environments. Each participant must pay its premiums, enrollment or other fees, and perform its obligations in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. State Teachers Retirement System

The Educational Service Center contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the Educational Service Center is required to contribute 14 percent; 6 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations for fiscal year 2000. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The Educational Service Center's required contribution for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$413,986, \$413,175, and \$720,843, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2000, 1999, and 1998.

B. School Employees Retirement System

The Educational Service Center contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the Educational Service Center is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll; 5.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations for fiscal year 2000. For fiscal year 1999, 7.7 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. The Educational Service Center's required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$142,290, \$188,861, and \$189,934, respectively; 83 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. The unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, in the amount of \$24,890, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the State Teachers Retirement System or the School Employees Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the State Teachers

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Retirement System/School Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2000, three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Educational Service Center provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired classified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligation to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2000, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the Educational Service Center, this amount equaled \$551,981 for fiscal year 2000.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the fund was \$2,783 million at June 30, 1999 (the latest information available). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249,929,000, and STRS had 95,796 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, disability, and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989, with less than twenty-five years of service credit, must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.5 percent of covered payroll, an increase from 6.3 percent for fiscal year 1999. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2000, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. For the Educational Service Center, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, was \$266,141.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 1999, were \$126,380,984, and the target level was \$189.6 million. At June 30, 1999, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$188 million. SERS has approximately 51,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 13 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components is derived from Board policy and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending on length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

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Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of one hundred eighty-five days. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of forty-six and one-fourth days for all employees.

B. Health Care Benefits

The Educational Service Center participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program. Through this program, the Educational Service Center offers medical, dental, and life insurance benefits. Depending upon the coverage selected, the employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board.

NOTE 14 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the Educational Service Center's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2000 were as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/99	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/00
Compensated Absences Payable	\$571,651	\$37,502		\$609,153
Intergovernmental Payable	55,539	46,239	\$55,539	46,239
Total	<u>\$627,190</u>	<u>\$83,741</u>	<u>\$55,539</u>	<u>\$655,392</u>

Compensated absences and intergovernmental payables, representing the Educational Service Center's contractually required pension contributions, will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

NOTE 15 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association

The Educational Service Center is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA), which is a computer consortium. NWOCA is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member educational entities.

The NWOCA Assembly consists of the superintendent from each participating educational entity and a representative from the fiscal agent. The Assembly elects the governing Council of two representatives from each of the six counties in which member educational entities are located and the representative from the member educational entity serving as fiscal agent for NWOCA. The degree of control exercised by any participating educational entity is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained from Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood Counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered

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into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the six counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. Financial information can be obtained from the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

C. Four County Career Center

The Four County Career Center (Career Center) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio which provides vocational education to students. The Career Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and one representative from the participating school districts elected boards. The degree of control exercised by the Educational Service Center is limited to its representation on the Board. The Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information can be obtained from the Four County Career Center, Michele Zeedyk, who serves as Treasurer, Route 1, Box 245A, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

NOTE 16 - INSURANCE POOLS

A. Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program

The Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program (the Program) is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities within Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. The Program is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) and its participating members.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The Educational Service Center participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan) was established through the Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) as an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and the participants of the Plan. The Executive Director of the NBEC coordinates the management and administration of the Plan. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

NOTE 17 - SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM

On March 24, 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring certain portions of the Ohio school funding plan unconstitutional. The Court stayed the effect of its ruling for one year to allow the State's Legislature to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in the system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "School Foundation Program," which provides significant monetary support to the Educational Service Center. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the Educational Service Center received \$8,317,450 of school foundation support for its General Fund.

Since the Supreme Court ruling, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed by the Ohio General Assembly in an attempt to address the issues identified by the Court. The Court of Common of Pleas in Perry County reviewed the new laws and, in a decision issued on February 26, 1999, determined they are not sufficiently responsive to the constitutional issues raised under the "thorough and efficient" clause of the

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Ohio Constitution. The State has appealed the decision made by the Court of Common Pleas to the Ohio Supreme Court. On May 11, 2000, the Supreme Court rendered an opinion on this issue. The Supreme Court concluded, “. . . the mandate of the [Ohio] Constitution has not been fulfilled.” The Supreme Court’s majority recognized efforts by the Ohio General Assembly taken in response to the Court’s March 24, 1997, decision; however, it found seven “. . . major areas warrant further attention, study, and development by the Ohio General Assembly . . .,” including the State’s reliance on local property tax funding; the State’s basic aid formula; the school foundation program, as discussed above; the mechanism for, and adequacy of, funding for school facilities; and the existence of the State’s School Solvency Assistance Fund, which the Supreme Court found took the place of the unconstitutional emergency school loan assistance program.

The Supreme Court decided to maintain jurisdiction over these issues and continued the case at least until June 15, 2001.

As of the date of these financial statements, the Educational Service Center is unable to determine what effect, if any, this ongoing litigation will have on its future State funding under this program and on its financial operations.

NOTE 18 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Educational Service Center received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure 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, 2000.

B. Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the Educational Service Center as defendant.

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**Schedule of Federal Award Receipts and Expenditures
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass-through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Program Award Amount	Receipts	Disburse- ments
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION <i>Passed through the State Department of Education</i>					
Title I Migrant Education Program	84.011	124297-MG-S1-98C	\$71,191		\$62,558
		124297-MG-S1-99C	17,663	\$8,070	12,831
		124297-MG-S1-99P	60,516	60,516	59,834
		124297-MG-S1-99	225,000		109,861
		124297-MG-S1-00	236,250	<u>236,250</u>	<u>83,453</u>
Total - Migrant Education Program				<u>304,836</u>	<u>328,537</u>
Title I OMEC Program		124297-MG-ST-98C	\$62,688		\$7,304
		124297-MG-ST-99C	17,992	17,992	17,992
		124297-MG-ST-99	444,000	126,008	119,473
		124297-MG-ST-00	495,000	<u>495,000</u>	<u>374,157</u>
Total - OMEC Program				<u>639,000</u>	<u>518,926</u>
Total Migrant Education and OMEC				<u>943,836</u>	<u>847,463</u>
Title I ESEA Program	84.010	124297-C1-SS-99P	50,000		50,000
<u>Special Education Cluster:</u>					
Title VI-B Education of Handicapped	84.027	124297-6B-SF-00P	975,461	975,461	975,461
Preschool Grant	84.173	124297-PG-S1-99P	142,467		29,756
		124297-PG-S1-00P	130,555	<u>130,555</u>	<u>125,311</u>
Total - Preschool Grant				<u>130,555</u>	<u>155,067</u>
Total Special Education Cluster				<u>1,106,016</u>	<u>1,130,528</u>
Dwight D. Eisenhower Math and	84.281	124297-MS-S1-98	78,111		28,230
		124297-MS-S1-99	74,584	50,467	58,739
		124297-MS-S1-00	71,190	<u>21,357</u>	<u>4,115</u>
Total - Eisenhower Grant				<u>71,824</u>	<u>91,084</u>
Safe, Drug Free Schools Grant	84.186	124297-DR-S1-99	39,070		10,247
		124297-DR-S1-00	18,720	<u>18,720</u>	<u>15,350</u>
Total - Safe, Drug Free Schools Grant				<u>18,720</u>	<u>25,597</u>
Goals 2000 Partnership Grant	84.276	124297-G2-S3-98	204,844	62,727	109,196
		124297-G2-S3-99	30,000		23,795
		124297-G2-S3-00	100,000	100,000	61,732
		124297-G2-S4-99	100,000	100,000	47,968
		124297-G2-S9-00	10,000	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,742</u>
Total - Goals 2000 Partnership Grant			<u>444,844</u>	<u>272,727</u>	<u>252,433</u>
Technical Support Grant	84.338	124297-RNA1-00	5,934	5,934	2,894

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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass-through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Program Award Amount	Receipts	Disburse- ments
<i>Passed through Four County Career Center</i>					
Vocational Education - Special Needs	84.048		35,000	35,000	35,000
Total United States Department of Education				<u>2,454,057</u>	<u>2,434,999</u>
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR					
<i>Passed through the Northwest Ohio Private Industry Council:</i>					
JTPA Job Coaching Funding	17.250	B-P6-12-02-00	13,559	8,353	8,353
		B-P8-12-02-00	9,811	4,081	5,765
Total - Earn and Learn Grant				<u>12,434</u>	<u>14,118</u>
Ohio School To Work	17.249		100,000	54,205	91,384
STW Region 2 Internship Grant			5,000	5,000	2,076
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Total - Ohio School to Work Grant				<u>64,205</u>	<u>94,500</u>
Total United States Department of Labor				<u>76,639</u>	<u>108,618</u>
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION					
National Science Foundation	47.076		10,000	7,500	1,752
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT					
<i>Passed through the State Department of Education</i>					
Learn to Serve America	94.004	12497-SV-S2-99	3,000	1,017	1,214
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY					
<i>Passed through the State Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>					
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	16.540	98-JJ-DP2-0407	25,967	19,475	24,813
		99-JJ-DP2-0407	29,661	7,415	10,413
		98-JJ-DP2-0398	17,107	12,830	6,418
		99-JJ-DP2-0398	8,468	8,468	8,468
Total United States Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency				<u>48,188</u>	<u>50,112</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE				<u>\$2,587,401</u>	<u>\$2,596,695</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the this schedule.

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**Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
June 30, 2000**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) is a summary of the activity of the Service Center's federal awards programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, except expenditures of assistance passed through the Northwest Ohio Private Industry Council which are presented on the accrual basis.

The supplemental schedules are prepared on the accrual basis.

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**Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
Supplemental Schedule**

**Analysis of Cost Limitations and Budget to Actual, Title II-B
For the Year Ending June 30, 2000**

CONTRACT NUMBER/COST CENTER	ALLOCATION	ADMINISTRATION MAXIMUM 8%	DIRECT TRAINING MINIMUM 72%	TRAINING RELATED & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES MAXIMUM 20%
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B-P6-12-02-00				
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TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$13,559	\$0	\$13,559	0
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Expenditures:				
Expenditures 7/1/99-6/30/00	8,353	0	8,353	0
Total Expenditures	\$8,353	\$0	\$8,353	0
Unexpended Funds	5,206	0	5,206	0
Percentage of Allocation	38.40%	0	38.40%	0
Budget:				
FY00 Budget	8,353	0	8,353	0
Percentage Achieved	61.60%	0	61.60%	0
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B-P8-12-02-00				
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TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$9,811	\$0	\$9,811	0
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Expenditures:				
Expenditures 7/1/98-6/30/99	\$3,221		\$3,221	
Expenditures 7/1/99-6/30/00	5,765	0	5,765	0
Total Expenditures	\$8,986	\$0	\$8,986	0
Unexpended Funds	825	0	825	0
Percentage of Allocation	8.41%	0	8.41%	0
Budget:				
FY00 Budget	5,765	0	5,765	0
Percentage Achieved	58.76%	0	58.76%	0

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**Schedule of Variances
For the Year Ending June 30, 2000**

	PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL	AUDIT REPORT	VARIANCE
B-P6-12-02-00	\$8,353	\$8,353	\$0
B-P8-12-02-00	5,765	5,765	0
Total CFDA #17.250	\$14,118	\$14,118	\$0



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center
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To the Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Fulton County, (the Service Center) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Service Center's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Service Center's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Fulton County
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on
Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
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This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the governing board, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

December 21, 2000



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center
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To the Governing Board:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Fulton County, (the Service Center) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000. The Service Center's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Service Center's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Service Center's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Service Center's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Service Center complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Service Center is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Service Center's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the governing board, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

December 21, 2000

**NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
FULTON COUNTY**

**Schedule of Findings
OMB Circular A -133 § .505
June 30, 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions 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 weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<u>Special Education Cluster</u> Title IV-B CFDA #84.027 Preschool Grant CFDA # 84.173
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.



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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 16, 2001**