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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, Gallia County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. 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 Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Auditor of State

March 23, 2006

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 Rio Grande, Ohio
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 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, Gallia County, Ohio, (the Center) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Center's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Governmental 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 opinions.

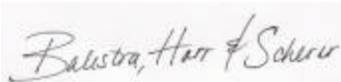
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Center as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 27, 2006, on our consideration of the Center's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 8 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of federal awards receipts and expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the 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 basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As described in Note 3, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure* and GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2, *Recognition of Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Expenditures/Expense and Liabilities by Cost-Sharing Employees*.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
January 27, 2006

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Gallia County, Ohio
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center's (the Center) discussion and analysis of the annual financial report provides a review of the financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Center's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Center's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued June, 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A. However, because this is the first year of implementing the new reporting model, certain necessary comparative information of the previous year was not available. Subsequent reports will include the comparative information.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Center's assets exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2005 by \$372,149.
- The Center's net assets of governmental activities increased \$187,952.
- General revenues accounted for \$132,720 in revenue or 10 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of operating grants and contributions accounted for \$1,200,550 or 90 percent of total revenues of \$1,333,270.
- The Center had \$1,145,318 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$1,200,550 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. These statements are presented so that the reader can understand the Center's financial situation as a whole and also give a detailed view of the Center's financial activities.

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Center as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Center's finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as the amount of funds available for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Center's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column.

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REPORTING THE CENTER AS A WHOLE

The analysis of the Center as a whole begins with the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. These reports provide information that will help the reader to determine whether the Center is financially improving or declining as a result of the year's financial activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector companies. All current year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Center's net assets and changes to those assets. This change informs the reader whether the Center's financial position, as a whole, has improved or diminished. In evaluating the overall financial health, the user of these financial statements needs to take into account non-financial factors that also impact the Center's financial well-being. Some of these factors include the condition of capital assets, and required educational support services to be provided.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Center has only one kind of activity.

- **Governmental Activities.** All of the Center's programs and services are reported here including support services, operation and maintenance of capital assets, and pupil transportation.

REPORTING THE CENTER'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the Center's funds begins on page 11. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Center's major fund – not the Center as a whole. Some funds are required by State law and bond covenants. Other funds may be established by the Treasurer with approval from the Board to help control, manage and report money received for a particular purpose or to show that the Center is meeting legal responsibilities for use of grants. The Center's major funds are the General Fund and the Miscellaneous Federal Grants Special Revenue Fund.

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

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THE CENTER AS A WHOLE

As stated previously, the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the Center as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Center's net assets for 2005 compared to 2004.

Table 1
 Net Assets

	2005	2004
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$431,933	\$231,010
Capital Assets, Net	8,002	8,334
	439,935	239,344
Total Assets		
Liabilities:		
Current and Other Liabilities	28,344	27,855
Long-Term Liabilities	39,442	27,292
	67,786	55,147
Total Liabilities		
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	8,002	8,334
Restricted	5,904	11,993
Unrestricted	358,243	163,870
	\$372,149	\$184,197
Total Net Assets		

Total net assets of the Center as a whole increased \$187,952.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 as compared with 2004.

Table 2
 Change in Net Assets

	2005	2004
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$340,701	\$92,962
Operating Grants & Contributions	859,849	147,653
Total Program Revenues	1,200,550	240,615
General Revenues:		
Grants and Entitlements	115,705	301,331
Gifts and Donations	0	5,543
Investment Earnings	10,261	8,224
Other	6,754	20,092
Total General Revenues	132,720	335,190
 Total Revenues	 1,333,270	 575,805
 Program Expenses		
Instruction		
Regular	\$214,162	\$23,584
Special	300	25,265
Support Services		
Pupil	230,972	257,177
Instructional Staff	152,310	78,570
Board of Education	36,229	47,778
Administration	290,968	174,317
Fiscal	30,966	37,264
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	0	10,308
Pupil Transportation	148,156	1,200
Central	16,116	12,003
Operation of Non-Instructional	25,139	3,976
Total Expenses	1,145,318	671,442
 Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 184,197	 279,834
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	187,952	(95,637)
Net Assets at End of Year	\$372,149	\$184,197

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 Management's Discussion and Analysis
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Governmental Activities

Customer Sales and Services comprised 26 percent of revenue, while operating grants and contributions comprised 64 percent of revenue for governmental activities of the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center for fiscal year 2005.

As indicated by governmental program expenses, support services for the benefit of the administration is emphasized. Support services for administration comprised 25 percent of governmental program expenses with support services for pupils comprising 20 percent of governmental expenses.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2005 as compared with 2004. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
 Total and Net Cost of Program Services
 Governmental Activities

	2005		2004	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$214,462	(\$185,418)	\$48,849	\$11,735
Support Services	930,856	130,186	622,593	419,092
Total Expenses	\$1,145,318	(\$55,232)	\$671,442	\$430,827

THE CENTER'S FUNDS

Major funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$1,333,270 and expenditures of \$1,135,260. The net change in fund balance for the year was most significant in the General Fund.

The fund balance of the General Fund increased by \$204,101. This increase was primarily due to the Center receiving more in customer sales and services in the current year than in the prior year.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2005, the Center had \$8,002 invested in its capital assets. Table 4 shows the fiscal year 2005 balances compared to 2004.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

Governmental Activities

	2005	2004
Furniture and Equipment	\$8,002	\$8,334
Totals	<u>\$8,002</u>	<u>\$8,334</u>

Changes in capital assets from the prior year resulted from the addition of a dell laptop computer. See Note 5 to the basic financial statements for more detailed information related to capital assets.

Debt

At June 30, 2005, the Center did not have any outstanding debt obligations.

CURRENT ISSUES

The Center receives approximately 25 percent of its funding from the state of Ohio and approximately 25 percent of its funding from user charges to member School Districts for services provided. Due to changes in the per pupil funding provided by the State, we are receiving less revenue than anticipated; however, the health insurance, personnel, and utility costs continue to increase.

During fiscal year 2005, the Center received significant funding from the 21st Century federal program and is aggressively pursuing additional federal funding sources for future years.

CONTACTING THE CENTER'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the Center's financial condition and to show the Center's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lily Blevins, Treasurer, Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, P.O. Box 178, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$431,933
Noncurrent Assets:	
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	<u>8,002</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>439,935</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accrued Wages and Benefits	22,296
Intergovernmental Payable	6,048
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	1,586
Due in More Than One Year	<u>37,856</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>67,786</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	8,002
Restricted for Other Purposes	5,904
Unrestricted	<u>358,243</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$372,149</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$214,162	\$0	\$210,847	(\$3,315)
Special	300	0	189,033	188,733
Support Services:				
Pupil	230,972	158,767	14,773	(57,432)
Instructional Staff	152,310	15,672	128,926	(7,712)
Board of Education	36,229	26,575	130,940	121,286
Administration	290,968	115,838	6,043	(169,087)
Fiscal	30,966	18,398	144,370	131,802
Pupil Transportation	148,156	1,022	10,072	(137,062)
Central	16,116	4,429	24,845	13,158
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	25,139	0	0	(25,139)
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$1,145,318</u>	<u>\$340,701</u>	<u>\$859,849</u>	<u>55,232</u>
General Revenues				
				115,705
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				10,261
Investment Earnings				6,754
Miscellaneous				
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<u>132,720</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>				187,952
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>				<u>184,197</u>
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>				<u><u>\$372,149</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gallia Vinton Educational Service Center
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2005

	General Fund	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:				
Current Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$426,029	\$1,635	\$4,269	\$431,933
<i>Total Assets</i>	426,029	1,635	4,269	431,933
LIABILITIES:				
Current Liabilities:				
Accrued Wages and Benefits	22,296	0	0	22,296
Intergovernmental Payable	6,048	0	0	6,048
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	28,344	0	0	28,344
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,052	1,635	4,270	6,957
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:				
General Fund	396,633	0	0	396,633
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	(1)	(1)
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	397,685	1,635	4,269	403,589
<i>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>	\$426,029	\$1,635	\$4,269	\$431,933

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
Net Assets of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2005

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$403,589
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		8,002
Long-Term Liabilities, including bonds, capital lease obligations, long-term portion of compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated Absences	<u>(39,442)</u>	
Total		<u>(39,442)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ 372,149</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Federal Grants</u>	<u>All Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental</u>
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental	\$304,067	\$600,000	\$71,487	\$975,554
Interest	10,261	0	0	10,261
Customer Sales and Services	340,701	0	0	340,701
Miscellaneous	1,754	0	5,000	6,754
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>656,783</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>76,487</u>	<u>1,333,270</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	0	197,041	17,121	214,162
Special	0	0	300	300
Support Services:				
Pupils	206,286	0	15,250	221,536
Instructional Staff	21,169	101,965	29,176	152,310
Board of Education	36,237	0	0	36,237
Administration	156,884	115,028	18,410	290,322
Fiscal	24,982	6,000	0	30,982
Pupil Transportation	1,200	146,956	0	148,156
Central	5,924	7,500	2,692	16,116
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	23,875	1,264	25,139
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>452,682</u>	<u>598,365</u>	<u>84,213</u>	<u>1,135,260</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balance	204,101	1,635	(7,726)	198,010
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>193,584</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,995</u>	<u>205,579</u>
<i>Fund Balance at End of Year</i>	<u>\$397,685</u>	<u>\$1,635</u>	<u>\$4,269</u>	<u>\$403,589</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$198,010

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital Asset Additions	2,142	
Current Year Depreciation	(2,474)	
Total		(332)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Increase in Compensated Absences	(12,150)	
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	2,424	
Total		(9,726)

Net Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$187,952

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

GALLIA-VINTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Description of the Educational Service Center:

The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (the Center) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Center is a County Educational Service Center as defined by Section 3311.05 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Center is an administrative entity providing supervision and certain other services to the local school districts located in Gallia and Vinton Counties. It currently operates under a Governing Board form of government consisting of three (3) members elected from Vinton County and four (4) members elected from Gallia County.

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 States of America (GAAP) for local governmental units prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and other recognized authoritative sources.

Reporting Entity:

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 Center are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Center. For the Center, this includes general operations.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Center is financially accountable. The Center is financially accountable for an organization if the Center appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Center is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Center is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Center is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Center is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the Center approves the budget, the issuance of debt or levying of taxes. As of June 30, 2005, the Center had no component units.

The following other jointly governed organizations, which perform activities within the Center's boundaries for the benefit of its residents, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the Center is not financially accountable for these entities nor are they fiscally dependent on the Center.

Southeast Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC)
Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District
Gallia County Local School District

The Center also participates in one public entity risk pool:

Ohio School Boards Association Workers Compensation Group Rating Program

These jointly governed organizations and the public entity risk pool are presented in Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Center have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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. The more significant of the Center's accounting policies are described below.

GALLIA-VINTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Fund Accounting

The Center's accounts are maintained on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to specific Center functions or activities. The operation of each fund is accounted for within a separate set of self-balancing accounts.

Governmental Funds:

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

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Center and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is available to the Center for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the school laws of Ohio.

Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund - The Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund is used to account for various monies received through state agencies from the federal government or directly from the federal government which are not classified elsewhere.

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

B. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Center as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of governmental activities of the Center at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the 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. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Center. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Center.

Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the Center segregates transactions related to certain 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 Center at this more detailed level. The focus of fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

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

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 and current liabilities 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.

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. The fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental funds. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, 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 that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Center, available means expected to be received within 60 days of year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Center receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. 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 that specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted. Eligibility requirements also include matching requirements, in which the Center must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Center on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange 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 year-end: interest, tuition, and grants.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The focus of modified accrual basis 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, except for the costs of accumulated unpaid vacation, personal leave and sick leave. They are reported as fund liabilities in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

D. Budgetary Data

Upon review by the Center's Governing Board, the annual appropriation resolution is adopted. The annual appropriation resolution is enacted by the Center at the fund, function, and object level of expenditures, which is their level of budgetary control.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting is utilized by the Center for all funds in the normal course of operations for purchase orders and contract related expenditures. An encumbrance is a reserve on the available spending authority due to a commitment for a future expenditure and does not represent a liability. On the fund financial statements encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent year expenditures for governmental funds. A reserve for encumbrances is not reported on the government-wide financial statements.

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 re-appropriated.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the Center is deposited into one of several bank accounts with individual fund balance integrity maintained. Balances of all funds are maintained in these accounts or are temporarily used to purchase certificates of deposit or investments. All investment earnings accrue to the General Fund except those specifically related to those funds deemed appropriate according to Board of Education policy. Each fund's interest of the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet. Interest earned amounted to \$10,261 which was recorded in the General Fund. During fiscal year 2005, the Center did not have any investments.

For fiscal year 2005, the Center has implemented GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures". GASB 40 establishes and modifies disclosure requirements related to investment risks: credit risk (including custodial credit risk and concentrations of credit risk) and interest rate risk. This statement also establishes and modifies disclosure requirements for custodial credit risk on deposits. This statement applies to all state and local governments.

F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

All capital assets of the Center are general capital assets that are associated with governmental activities. General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Center maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. The 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.

All reported capital assets except 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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture and Equipment	5-10 years

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Compensated Absences

Vacation and personal leave benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the Center will compensate its employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The Center records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive severance benefits and the employees the Center has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The Center records an accrual for sick leave for all employees with six years or more of service. The accrual amount is based upon accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the Center's severance policy.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employee will be paid.

H. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements,

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities, once incurred, that are paid in full and in a timely manner from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences, contractually required pension contributions and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year.

I. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Center or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments.

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

J. Fund Balance Reserves

Reserved fund balances indicate that portion of fund equity, which is not available for current appropriation or is legally segregated for a specific use. Fund balances are reserved for encumbrances. The unreserved, undesignated portions of fund equity reflected for Governmental Funds are available for use within the specific purpose of those funds.

K. 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 on the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

NOTE 3 – CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

For fiscal year 2005, the District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40, “Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures” and GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2, “Recognition of Pension and Other Post-employment Benefit Expenditures/Expenses and Liability by Cost-Sharing Employers.” GASB 40 establishes and modifies disclosure requirements related to investment risks: credit risk (including custodial credit risk and concentrations of credit risk) and interest rate risk. This statement also establishes and modifies disclosure requirements for custodial credit risk on deposits. This statement applies to all state and local governments. GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2 addresses the amount that should be recognized as an expenditure/expense and as a liability each period by employers participating in a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plans. The implementation of this bulletin and GASB Statement No. 40 had no effect on the Center’s financial statements.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the 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 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 that the Center 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 that 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 certificate of deposits maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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

1. United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, 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 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 two percent and be marked to market daily and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

4. Bonds or other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. 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;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio); and
8. Securities lending agreements in which the District lends securities and the eligible institution agrees to exchange either securities described in division (1) or (2), or cash, or both securities and cash, equal value for equal value;
9. High grade commercial paper in an amount not to exceed five percent of the District's total average portfolio;
10. Bankers acceptances for a period not to exceed 270 days and in an amount not to exceed ten percent

Protection of the 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.

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 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, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*.

Deposits:

The Center's deposits are required to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Center at fiscal year end. Category 1 includes deposits that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Center or its agent in the Center's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits which are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Center's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Center's name. For deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it.

At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Center's deposits was \$431,933 and the bank balance was \$508,851. Of the bank balance, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance (Category 1) and the remaining \$408,851 was uninsured and uncollateralized (Category 3). Although the securities serving as collateral were held by the pledging institution in the pledging institution's name and all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the Center to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Interest rate risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with the investment policy, the Center manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to five years.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. It is the Center’s policy to limit its investments purchase agreements, certificates of deposits, U.S. Treasury and Agency securities purchased through financial institutions located within the State of Ohio or through primary securities dealers, and other investments relevant to sections of Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Center has no investments.

Concentration of credit risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the Center’s investment policy allows investments in purchase agreements, certificates of deposits, U.S. Treasury and Agency securities purchased through financial institutions located within the State of Ohio or through primary securities dealers, and other investments relevant to sections of Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Center has no investments.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the 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 Center has no investments.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	Ending Balance 06/30/04	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 06/30/05
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Furniture and Equipment	12,182	2,142	0	14,324
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>12,182</u>	<u>2,142</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,182</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture and Equipment	(3,848)	(2,474)	0	(6,322)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,848)</u>	<u>(2,474)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,322)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>8,334</u>	<u>(332)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,002</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$8,334</u></u>	<u><u>(\$332)</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,002</u></u>

*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Support Services:	
Administration	\$2,474
Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u>\$2,474</u></u>

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2005, the Center contracted with The Grange Mutual Casualty Company for property insurance coverage. The policies include a \$500 deductible.

Professional and general liability is protected by the Ohio School Plan with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit with a \$3,000,000 aggregate and no deductible.

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NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Center pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

The Center has had no significant reductions in any of its insurance coverage from that maintained in prior years. Additionally, there have been no insurance settlements that have exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

B. Workers Compensation

For the fiscal year 2005, the Center participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 12). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the Center by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers compensation experience of the participant's is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall saving percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement ensures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to participant's that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of GatesMcDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

C. Employee Medical Benefits

The Center provides health and major medical and prescription drug insurance for all eligible employees through United Health Care. The Center pays monthly premiums of up to \$929.32 for family coverage and up to \$337.93 for individual coverage. Premiums are paid from the same funds that pay the employees' salaries.

The Center provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to some employees through Medical Life Insurance Group in the amount of \$25,000 for classified employees, \$20,000 for certified employees, and twice the salary amount for each administrator.

Dental coverage is provided through CoreSource Insurance. The Center pays 100% of the premium for certified and non-certified employees. Monthly premiums for the dental coverage are \$39.99 monthly for family and \$18.36 for single coverage.

NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Center contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by State statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling (614)222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Center is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. For fiscal year 2004, 9.09% was the portion allocated to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Center's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$11,659, \$7,477, and \$6,934, respectively. 69% has been contributed for fiscal year 2005 and 100% for the fiscal years 2004 and 2003. \$3,637 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2005.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The Center contributed to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS Ohio issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371.

Plan Options – Effective July 1, 2001, two new plan options were offered to selected members. New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

DB Plan Benefits – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit,” the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation of every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

DC Plan Benefits – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

Combined Plan Benefits – Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

Eligible faculty of Ohio’s public colleges and universities may choose to enroll in either STRS Ohio or an alternative retirement plan (ARP) offered by their employer. Employees have 120 days from their employment date to select a retirement plan.

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A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for a money-purchase benefit or a lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount.

The Defined Benefit and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A Defined Benefit or Combined Plan member with five or more years' credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the Defined Benefit Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Center was required to contribute 14 percent. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The Center's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$28,839, \$20,457, and \$24,821, respectively; 91% has been contributed for fiscal year 2005 and 100% for fiscal years 2004 and 2003. \$2,732 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2005 and is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

NOTE 8 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Center provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-certificated 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 obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are on a pay-as-you-go basis.

All STRS benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage. The STRS 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 the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of the coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the Center, this amount equaled \$2,060 during the 2005 fiscal year.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2003 (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$2.8 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$268,739,000 and STRS had 111,853 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and to 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.

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NOTE 8 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.91 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2005, the minimum pay has been established as \$24,500. For the Center, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$5,682 during the 2004 fiscal year.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 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, 2004 (the latest information available) were \$223,443,805 and the target level was \$335.2 million. At June 30, 2004, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care costs of \$300.8 million. SERS had approximately 62,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 9 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees and administrators who are contracted to work 260 days per year earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators who work less than 260 days per year do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month and may accumulate up to 15 days per year. Upon retirement, after six (6) years of service, any employee will receive payment for one-fourth of accrued sick leave up to a maximum of fifty (50) days.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in long-term obligations of the Center during fiscal year 2005 were as follows:

	Balance Outstanding <u>At June 30, 2004</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>At June 30, 2005</u>	Amount Due in <u>One Year</u>
Compensated Absences	\$27,292	\$39,442	\$27,292	\$39,442	\$1,586

Compensated absences reported in the "compensated absences payable" account will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid.

NOTE 11 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS & PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

A. Jointly Governed Organizations

Southeast Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative - The Southeast Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC) was created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. SEOVEC is a computer consortium formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. SEOVEC has 38 participants consisting of 30 districts and 8 educational service centers. SEOVEC is governed by a governing board, which is selected by the member districts. SEOVEC possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to Southeast Ohio Voluntary Educational Consortium, Bobbi Weidner, Treasurer, at 221 North Columbus Road, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 11 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS & PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL (Continued)

Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District – Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board comprised of eleven members appointed by the participating schools, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Gallia, Jackson, Vinton Joint Vocational School, Donalyn Smith, who serves as Treasurer, at 351 Buckeye Hills Road, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674.

Gallia County Local School District - Gallia County Local School District is a jointly governed organization providing educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines. The School District is governed by a locally elected Board of Education comprised of five members. The board controls the financial activity of the School District's eight (8) instructional support facilities and reports to the Ohio Department of Education and the Auditor of State of Ohio. To obtain financial information write to the Gallia County Local School District, Sandra Foster, who serves as Treasurer, at 230 Shawnee Lane, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

B. Public Entity Risk Pool

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program - The Center participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the Ohio School Boards Association. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

NOTE 12 - STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed the earlier decisions that Ohio's current school-funding decision is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "... the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient..."

On March 4, 2003, the Plaintiffs filed a motion with the Common Pleas Court of Perry County requesting that such Court schedule and conduct a conference to address the State's compliance with the orders of such Court and the Supreme Court. On May 16, 2003, the Ohio Supreme Court granted a Writ of Prohibition as filed by the State and ordered the Common Pleas Court of Perry County to dismiss the motion for a compliance conference. The Ohio Supreme Court further stated again its ruling made on December 11, 2002.

As of the date of these financial statements, the Center is currently unable to determine what effect if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial statements.

NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES

Grants:

The 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 Center at June 30, 2005.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Gallia County
Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
United States Department of Education				
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Special Education - Grants to States	6BSD	84.027	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,292
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	T1S1	84.287	<u>600,000</u>	<u>598,365</u>
Total United States Department of Education			630,000	626,657
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities</i>				
State Children's Insurance Program	NA	93.767	625	625
Medical Assistance Program	NA	93.778	<u>3,723</u>	<u>3,723</u>
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services			4,348	4,348
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 634,348</u>	<u>\$ 631,005</u>

NA - Not Available

See accompanying notes to the schedule of federal awards expenditures

**GALLIA-VINTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

NOTE A – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) is a summary of the activity of the Center's federal award programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based On an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Members of the Governing Board
Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (the Center), Gallia County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2006, wherein we indicated the Center implemented GASB Statement No. 40 and GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Center's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grant agreements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the management of the Center in a separate letter dated January 27, 2006.

Members of the Governing Board
Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, members of the Board, and 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Balestra, Harr & Scherer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

January 27, 2006

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Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133

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Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (the 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 its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2005. The Center's major federal program is 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 its major federal program is the responsibility of the Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Center's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the 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 of the Center's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Center complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the 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 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 reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud 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 solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, members of the Board, and 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.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

January 27, 2006

**GALLIA-VINTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
GALLIA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 ' .505
JUNE 30, 2005**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under .510?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Program (list):	Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers CFDA # 84.287
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	No

**GALLIA-VINTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 ' .505
JUNE 30, 2005
(Continued)**

**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
APRIL 4, 2006**