

**MAHONING COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
*(AUDITED)***

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2007***

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, Mahoning County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. 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 Mahoning County Educational Service Center is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor

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September 30, 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mahoning County Educational Service Center, Mahoning County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Mahoning County Educational Service Center's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom, the Mahoning County Educational Service Center's only discretely presented component unit. Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center is based on the report of the other auditors.

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 Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mahoning County Educational Service Center, Mahoning County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

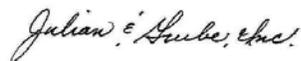
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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2007, on our consideration of Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance 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 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

For the budgetary comparison information and notes, we have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the 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 Mahoning County Educational Service Center's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of receipts and expenditures of federal awards 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 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 financial statements taken as a whole.



Julian & Grube, Inc.

December 14, 2007, except for The Unlimited Classroom Community School which is dated July 11, 2008.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center's (the "ESC") financial performance provides an overall review of the ESC's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the ESC's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the ESC's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2007 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities increased \$205,064 which represents a 3.58% increase from 2006.
- General revenues accounted for \$2,634,461 in revenue or 13.12% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$17,445,032 or 86.88% of total revenues of \$20,079,493.
- The ESC had \$19,874,429 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$17,445,032 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$2,634,461 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The ESC's major governmental funds are the general fund and Early Learning Initiative fund. The general fund had \$13,747,869 in revenues and \$13,372,406 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2007, the general fund's fund balance increased \$375,463 from \$2,221,002 to \$2,596,465.
- The Early Learning Initiative fund had \$4,012,705 in revenues and \$3,974,165 in expenditures.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole ESC, presenting both an aggregate view of the ESC's finances and a longer-term view of those 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 what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the ESC's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the ESC, the general fund and early learning initiative fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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Reporting the ESC as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the ESC to provide programs and activities, the view of the ESC as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2007?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the ESC's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the ESC as a whole, the *financial position* of the ESC has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the ESC's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility issues, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Governmental Activities include the ESC's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the activity of Mahoning County Educational Service Center itself (known as the primary government), but also a separate community school for which the ESC is financially accountable. Financial information for the component unit is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government.

The ESC's statement of net assets and statement of activities can be found on pages 12-13 of this report.

Reporting the ESC's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the ESC's major governmental funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the ESC's major funds. The ESC uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the ESC's most significant funds. The ESC's major governmental funds are the general fund and early learning initiative fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the ESC'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 an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting which measures cash and all other *financial assets* than can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the ESC's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14-17 of this report.

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Reporting the ESC's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The ESC acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the ESC's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Assets on page 18. These activities are excluded from the ESC's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the ESC to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 19-43 of this report.

The ESC as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the ESC as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the ESC's net assets for 2007 and 2006.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2006</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 7,734,708	\$ 7,341,222
Capital assets	<u>527,429</u>	<u>546,527</u>
Total assets	<u>8,262,137</u>	<u>7,887,749</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	1,913,229	1,797,166
Long-term liabilities	<u>415,259</u>	<u>361,998</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,328,488</u>	<u>2,159,164</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets	527,429	546,527
Restricted	1,433,664	1,423,231
Unrestricted	<u>3,972,556</u>	<u>3,758,827</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,933,649</u>	<u>\$ 5,728,585</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2007, the ESC's assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,933,649. Of this total, \$3,972,556 is unrestricted in use.

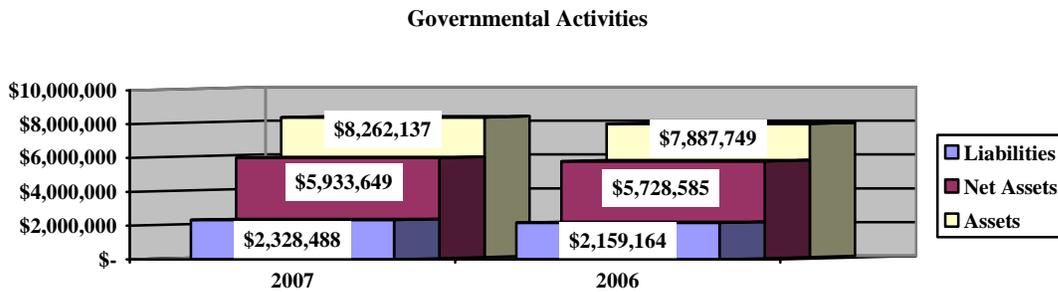
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At June 30, 2007 and 2006, capital assets represented 6.38% and 6.93%, respectively, of total assets. Capital assets include furniture and equipment and vehicles. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending.

At June 30, 2007, a portion of the ESC's net assets, \$1,433,664, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets at June 30, 2007 of \$3,972,556 may be used to meet the ESC's ongoing obligations to the students and creditors.

The table below illustrates the ESC's assets and liabilities and net assets at June 30, 2007 and 2006



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2006</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 11,063,758	\$ 10,230,144
Operating grants and contributions	6,375,574	5,641,946
Capital grants and contributions	5,700	-
General revenues:		
Grants and entitlements	2,210,368	2,235,780
Investment earnings	366,346	159,269
Other	<u>57,747</u>	<u>303,008</u>
Total revenues	<u>20,079,493</u>	<u>18,570,147</u>

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Change in Net Assets

	<u>Governmental Activities 2007</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2006</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 648,377	\$ 706,276
Special	5,143,710	4,191,275
Vocational	87,033	77,177
Adult continuing	8,781	37,598
Support services:		
Pupil	3,996,496	3,489,186
Instructional staff	5,280,060	5,180,611
Board of education	89,041	59,822
Administration	638,819	813,904
Fiscal	1,113,379	961,619
Business	310,332	274,073
Operations and maintenance	300,991	221,910
Pupil transportation	6,554	5,209
Central	2,248,955	1,356,356
Operations of non-instructional services	1,901	51,624
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>-</u>	<u>2,361</u>
Total expenses	<u>19,874,429</u>	<u>17,429,001</u>
Change in net assets	205,064	1,141,146
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>5,728,585</u>	<u>4,587,439</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 5,933,649</u>	<u>\$ 5,728,585</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the ESC's governmental activities increased \$205,064. Total governmental expenses of \$19,874,429 were offset by program revenues of \$17,445,032 and general revenues of \$2,634,461. Program revenues supported 87.78% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from charges for services and sales, and operating grants and contributions. These revenue sources represent 86.85% of total governmental revenue.

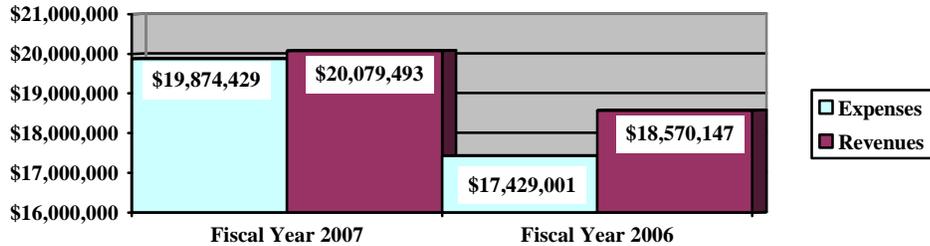
The largest expense of the ESC is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$5,887,901 or 29.63% of total governmental expenses for fiscal 2007.

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The graph below presents the ESC's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2007</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2007</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2006</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2006</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 648,377	\$ 279,317	\$ 706,276	\$ 650,801
Special	5,143,710	650,911	4,191,275	(94,921)
Vocational	87,033	87,033	77,177	60,973
Adult continuing	8,781	2,525	37,598	(19,201)
Support services:				
Pupil	3,996,496	179,526	3,489,186	84,765
Instructional staff	5,280,060	197,843	5,180,611	148,984
Board of education	89,041	89,041	59,822	59,822
Administration	638,819	26,184	813,904	87,262
Fiscal	1,113,379	28,389	961,619	(17,618)
Business	310,332	310,332	274,073	274,073
Operations and maintenance	300,991	208,333	221,910	149,222
Pupil transportation	6,554	(64)	5,209	(705)
Central	2,248,955	368,126	1,356,356	123,448
Operations of non-instructional services	1,901	1,901	51,624	47,645
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	2,361	2,361
Total expenses	<u>\$ 19,874,429</u>	<u>\$ 2,429,397</u>	<u>\$ 17,429,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,556,911</u>

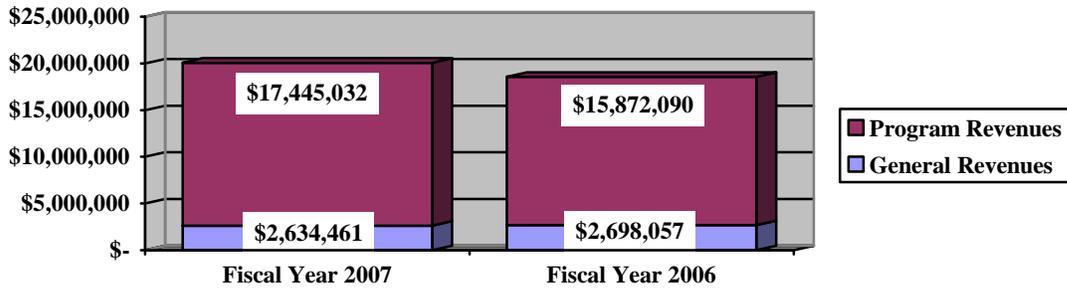
The dependence upon other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 17.32% of instruction activities are supported through other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 12.22%. The ESC's charges for services and sales, as a whole, are by far the primary support for ESC's students.

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The graph below presents the ESC's governmental activities revenue for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The ESC's Funds

The ESC's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$4,109,804, which is higher than last year's total of \$3,580,767. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2007 and 2006.

	<u>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Fund Balance June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General	\$ 2,596,465	\$ 2,221,002	\$ 375,463	16.91 %
Early Learning Initiative	366,691	328,151	38,540	11.74 %
Other Governmental	<u>1,146,648</u>	<u>1,031,614</u>	<u>115,034</u>	11.15 %
Total	<u>\$ 4,109,804</u>	<u>\$ 3,580,767</u>	<u>\$ 529,037</u>	14.77 %

General Fund

The ESC's general fund balance increased by \$375,463. The increase in fund balance can be attributed to several items related to increasing revenues and increased expenditures. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	<u>2007 Amount</u>	<u>2006 Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Revenues				
Customer services	\$ 9,837,937	\$ 8,740,744	\$ 1,097,193	12.55 %
Tuition	1,273,501	735,829	537,672	73.07 %
Earnings on investments	368,316	149,174	219,142	146.90 %
Intergovernmental	2,210,368	2,235,780	(25,412)	(1.14) %
Other revenues	<u>57,747</u>	<u>268,840</u>	<u>(211,093)</u>	(78.52) %
Total	<u>\$ 13,747,869</u>	<u>\$ 12,130,367</u>	<u>\$ 1,617,502</u>	13.33 %

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	<u>2007</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2006</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 5,407,052	\$ 4,613,737	\$ 793,315	17.19 %
Support services	7,965,354	7,211,857	753,497	10.45 %
Debt service	-	35,621	(35,621)	(100.00) %
Total	<u>\$ 13,372,406</u>	<u>\$ 11,861,215</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,191</u>	12.74 %

General fund revenues increased 13.33% overall from fiscal year 2006. The largest percentage increase was in the area of earnings on investments, which increased due to rising interest rates. Customer services and tuition increased by \$1,634,865 due to additional service requests from districts. The ESC received less in state foundation revenues during fiscal year 2007, which resulted in a decrease in intergovernmental revenue.

Expenditures increased overall and in the areas of instruction and support services by approximately 13% due to increases in salaries and wages, and the costs associated with the additional services provided by the ESC to districts during 2007. Debt service expenditures decreased as the final year of capital lease payments were made during fiscal year 2006, and no payments were required during fiscal year 2007.

Early Learning Initiative Fund

The Early Learning Initiative fund had \$4,012,705 in revenues and \$3,974,165 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2007, the Early Learning Initiative fund's fund balance increased \$38,540 to \$366,691.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2007, the ESC had \$527,429 invested in furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal 2007 balances compared to 2006:

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 508,720	\$ 524,416
Vehicles	18,709	22,111
Total	<u>\$ 527,429</u>	<u>\$ 546,527</u>

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$19,098 is due to depreciation expense of \$105,755 exceeding capital outlays of \$86,657 in the fiscal year.

See Note 7 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the ESC's capital assets.

Debt Administration

The ESC had no debt outstanding at June 30, 2007.

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Current Financial Related Activities

The ESC relies heavily on contracts with local, city, parochial and community schools in Mahoning County, state foundation revenue, grants and the fiscal agency role we provide to several entities. Contracts with participating districts are to increase in fiscal year 2008 due to additional service requests from districts. The ESC will be expanding their fiscal, administrative and other services through the recent community school sponsorship approval from the Ohio Department of Education. The new contracts with our locals, the sponsorship capability and providing the fiscal and administrative role to several entities, the ESC will be able to provide the necessary funds to meet operating expenses in the future. There are some challenges that we face that can affect our funding.

One of the challenges that face the ESC is office space. Under state law the County Commissioners are no longer required to provide rent-free space to ESCs. Mahoning County Commissioners signed a 10 year lease for our office, one year prior to this law taking affect. Currently we are paying 40% of the rent. With the passage of the 1/2% sales tax levy in Mahoning County, the ESC does not foresee any agreement with the Commissioners to underwrite more than what is required by law.

The second challenge we face is the State's financial situation. The State has reduced dollars to the ESC's state foundation, major programs and grants. These funds offer support to our programs that are offered to the districts the ESC serves. Without these funds local districts are forced pay more of the services they contract for. The ESC is very sensitive to the cost of our programs to Mahoning County districts. Because of the funding reductions made from the State, our districts may be forced to contract for services from other entities who offer a better price.

Another challenge that faces the ESC is the legislation regarding Ohio Regional Education Service System and Ohio Department of Education's plan to merge Special Education Regional Resource Centers. What effect these plans will have on the future of the ESC financial operations is uncertain at this time.

Contacting the ESC's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the ESC's finances and to show the ESC's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Cynthia Lengyel, Treasurer, Mahoning County Educational Service Center, 100 DeBartolo Place, Suite 220, Youngstown, Ohio 44512-7019.

**BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government	
	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . .	\$ 4,641,274	\$ 876,315
Receivables:		
Accounts	20,648	-
Intergovernmental	2,778,248	-
Accrued interest	34,974	-
Loans.	238,361	-
Materials and supplies inventory	21,203	-
Capital assets:		
Depreciable capital assets, net	527,429	278,312
Capital assets, net.	527,429	278,312
 Total assets.	 8,262,137	 1,154,627
 Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	36,289	35,000
Accrued wages and benefits	1,305,843	-
Pension obligation payable.	256,372	6,383
Intergovernmental payable	314,725	46,681
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year.	100,869	-
Due in more than one year	314,390	-
 Total liabilities	 2,328,488	 88,064
 Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets	527,429	278,312
Restricted for:		
Capital projects	8,316	-
Locally funded programs	718,807	-
State funded programs	633,603	2,515
Federally funded programs	72,938	25,766
Unrestricted.	3,972,556	759,970
 Total net assets	 \$ 5,933,649	 \$ 1,066,563

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Unit
Governmental activities:						
Instruction:						
Regular	\$ 648,377	\$ -	\$ 369,060	\$ -	\$ (279,317)	\$ -
Special	5,143,710	4,446,559	46,240	-	(650,911)	-
Vocational	87,033	-	-	-	(87,033)	-
Adult continuing	8,781	-	6,256	-	(2,525)	-
Support services:						
Pupil	3,996,496	3,141,164	675,806	-	(179,526)	-
Instructional staff	5,280,060	2,527,209	2,549,308	5,700	(197,843)	-
Board of education	89,041	-	-	-	(89,041)	-
Administration	638,819	387,036	225,599	-	(26,184)	-
Fiscal	1,113,379	561,790	523,200	-	(28,389)	-
Business	310,332	-	-	-	(310,332)	-
Operations and maintenance	300,991	-	92,658	-	(208,333)	-
Pupil transportation	6,554	-	6,618	-	64	-
Central	2,248,955	-	1,880,829	-	(368,126)	-
Other non-instructional services	1,901	-	-	-	(1,901)	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 19,874,429</u>	<u>\$ 11,063,758</u>	<u>\$ 6,375,574</u>	<u>\$ 5,700</u>	<u>(2,429,397)</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Unit:						
The Unlimited Classroom	<u>\$ 1,768,423</u>	<u>\$ 14,288</u>	<u>\$ 107,348</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,646,787)</u>
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs					2,210,368	2,080,776
Investment earnings					366,346	12,811
Miscellaneous					57,747	-
Total general revenues					<u>2,634,461</u>	<u>2,093,587</u>
Change in net assets					205,064	446,800
Net assets at beginning of year					<u>5,728,585</u>	<u>619,763</u>
Net assets at end of year					<u>\$ 5,933,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,563</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Early Learning Initiative</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,485,723	\$ 91,999	\$ 1,063,552	\$ 4,641,274
Receivables:				
Accounts	15,123	-	5,525	20,648
Intergovernmental	2,032,414	436,164	309,670	2,778,248
Accrued interest	34,974	-	-	34,974
Interfund receivable	3,886	-	-	3,886
Loans	238,361	-	-	238,361
Materials and supplies inventory	21,203	-	-	21,203
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,831,684</u>	<u>\$ 528,163</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,747</u>	<u>\$ 7,738,594</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 17,382	\$ 18,907	\$ -	\$ 36,289
Accrued wages and benefits	1,189,256	79,104	37,483	1,305,843
Pension obligation payable	211,434	37,399	7,539	256,372
Intergovernmental payable	120,456	26,062	168,207	314,725
Interfund payable	-	-	3,886	3,886
Deferred revenue	1,696,691	-	14,984	1,711,675
Total liabilities	<u>3,235,219</u>	<u>161,472</u>	<u>232,099</u>	<u>3,628,790</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	219,587	251,226	482,414	953,227
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	21,203	-	-	21,203
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	2,355,675	-	-	2,355,675
Special revenue funds	-	115,465	656,009	771,474
Capital projects funds	-	-	8,225	8,225
Total fund balances	<u>2,596,465</u>	<u>366,691</u>	<u>1,146,648</u>	<u>4,109,804</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,831,684</u>	<u>\$ 528,163</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,747</u>	<u>\$ 7,738,594</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2007

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 4,109,804
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		527,429
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Customer services	\$ 1,688,566	
Earnings on investments	8,125	
Intergovernmental revenue	14,984	
Total	<u>1,711,675</u>	1,711,675
Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		<u>(415,259)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 5,933,649</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Early Learning Initiative</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Tuition	\$ 1,273,501	\$ -	\$ 44,605	\$ 1,318,106
Earnings on investments	368,316	-	-	368,316
Customer services	9,837,937	-	-	9,837,937
Other local revenues	57,747	3,957,518	49,711	4,064,976
Grants in aid from intermediate sources	-	-	111,021	111,021
Intergovernmental - State	2,009,669	-	1,729,792	3,739,461
Intergovernmental - Federal	200,699	55,187	605,933	861,819
Total revenue	<u>13,747,869</u>	<u>4,012,705</u>	<u>2,541,062</u>	<u>20,301,636</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	602,998	-	32,637	635,635
Special	4,717,430	332,883	49,443	5,099,756
Vocational	86,624	-	-	86,624
Adult continuing	-	-	7,989	7,989
Support services:				
Pupil	3,332,282	586,503	84,096	4,002,881
Instructional staff	2,640,459	583,819	2,007,903	5,232,181
Board of education	89,041	-	-	89,041
Administration	410,270	37,300	192,985	640,555
Fiscal	596,013	478,815	44,975	1,119,803
Business	308,840	-	-	308,840
Operations and maintenance	209,429	91,469	-	300,898
Pupil transportation	-	6,554	-	6,554
Central	379,020	1,856,822	6,000	2,241,842
Total expenditures	<u>13,372,406</u>	<u>3,974,165</u>	<u>2,426,028</u>	<u>19,772,599</u>
Net change in fund balances	375,463	38,540	115,034	529,037
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>2,221,002</u>	<u>328,151</u>	<u>1,031,614</u>	<u>3,580,767</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 2,596,465</u>	<u>\$ 366,691</u>	<u>\$ 1,146,648</u>	<u>\$ 4,109,804</u>

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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, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 529,037

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 expense exceeds capital outlays in the current period.

Capital asset additions	\$	86,657	
Current year depreciation		<u>(105,755)</u>	
Total			(19,098)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Customer services		(86,585)	
Earnings on investments		(1,970)	
Intergovernmental revenue		<u>(133,588)</u>	
Total			(222,143)

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

(82,732)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 205,064

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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2007

	Agency
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,201,747
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	945,553
Total assets.	\$ 2,147,300
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	\$ 8,058
Accrued wages and benefits	44,726
Compensated absences payable.	2,154
Loans	238,361
Intergovernmental payable	881,084
Pension obligation payable	18,083
Due to students	826
Undistributed monies	954,008
Total liabilities	\$ 2,147,300

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ESC

On July 18, 1914, the Mahoning County Governing Board was formed. In 1996 the Governing Board, as required by state law, underwent a name change to the Mahoning County Educational Service Center (the "ESC"). The ESC provides administrative, curricular, instructional, pupil personnel and professional staff development services to local school districts. Direct instructional programs are provided to students with disabilities, preschool students and their families.

The ESC operates under a locally-elected five-member Governing Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by state and federal agencies. The Governing Board oversees the ESC's operation and its staff of 156 certificated and 80 non-certificated personnel. Staff members support the educational efforts of 11 local school districts, 2 city school districts and their 24,556 students. In addition, staff members also support the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom and its 343 students.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the ESC 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 ESC also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The ESC's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity", as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the ESC are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the ESC. For the ESC, this includes general operations and student related activities of the ESC.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the ESC is financially accountable. The ESC is financially accountable for an organization if the ESC appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the ESC is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the ESC is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the ESC is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the ESC is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the ESC in that the ESC approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based upon the application of this criterion, the ESC has one component unit.

The ESC is fiscal agent for the Mahoning County Family and Children First Council (the "Council"). The ESC is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds at the direction of the Council. This entity is legally separate from the ESC. The ESC is fiscal agent and custodian for the Council, but is not accountable; therefore, the operations of the Council have been included as an agency fund in the ESC's basic financial statements. The funds invested on behalf of the Council have been included in the basic financial statements as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

COMPONENT UNIT

Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom ("MCUC")

The MCUC is a legally separate, conversion community school, served by a Board of Directors. The MCUC focuses on providing students with curriculum and instruction via distance learning technology. The seven person Board of Directors, appointed by the ESC, consists of three persons employed in administrator positions with the ESC, one person employed in an administrator position with the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center ("MCCT"), one person who is neither an officer nor employee of the ESC or MCCT who shall be a public educator or other public office, one person who is appointed to represent the interests of the parents and students of the MCUC, and the MCUC's Treasurer. The MCUC treasurer is a non-voting ex-officio of the Board of Directors. The ESC sponsored the MCUC during fiscal year 2007 under Ohio Law Section 3314. Based on the significant services provided by the ESC to the MCUC, the MCUC's purpose of service to the students within the district, and the relationship between the Governing Board of the ESC and the Board of Directors of the MCUC, the MCUC is a component unit of the ESC. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained by the ESC's Treasurer.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Area Cooperative Computerized Educational Service System (ACCESS)

ACCESS is a jointly governed organization among 23 school districts, 1 community school, 1 special education resource center, 2 county educational service centers, and 2 career and technical centers. The jointly governed 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 districts. The nine-member Board of Directors consists of 2 treasurers and 6 superintendents from participating school districts. The ACCESS treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. The ESC is the fiscal agent for the network. The assembly exercises total control over the operation of the consortium including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. The consortium revenues are generated from charges for services, state funding and E-rateable services.

Northeast Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (NEOSERRC)

NEOSERRC is a special education service center, which selects its own board, adopts its own budget and receives direct federal and state grants for its operation. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents. NEOSERRC is governed by a governing board of 39 members made up of representatives from 35 superintendents of the participating districts, 1 non-public school, 1 county board of mental retardation and 2 parents whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. The ESC serves as fiscal agent for NEOSERRC, which is accounted for in an agency fund.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Region 12 Professional Development Center (RPDC)

The RPDC is a jointly governed organization among the school districts located in Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana Counties, and Youngstown City. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of establishing an articulated, regional structure for professional development in which school districts, the business community, higher education, and other groups cooperatively plan and implement effective professional development activities that are tied directly to school improvement, and in particular, to improvements in instructional programs.

The RPDC is governed by a governing board made up of 19 representatives of the participating school districts, the business community, and Youngstown State University. Members' terms rotate annually. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation of the Governing Board. The ESC serves as fiscal agent for RPDC. Financial activity for fiscal 2007 is reported in the financial statements as an agency fund.

RELATED ORGANIZATION

Mahoning County Career and Technical Center

The Mahoning County Career and Technical Center is a joint vocational school district as defined by Section 3311.18 of the Ohio Revised Code. The 5 members of the Governing Board of the ESC are also members of the Governing Board of the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, which includes 2 other members. The Governing Board of the ESC cannot directly impose their will on the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The ESC participates in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP 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 OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating members pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the cost of administering the program.

Mahoning County Insurance Consortium

The Mahoning County Insurance Consortium is a shared risk pool comprised of 11 Mahoning County school districts. The consortium is governed by an assembly, which consists of 1 representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for 1 year terms to serve as the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Consortium. All Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services.

B. Fund Accounting

The ESC uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes 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 are the ESC's major governmental funds:

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

Early Learning Initiative - This fund is used to account for the distribution of monies to Early Initiative Partners (ELI) and to operate the ESC's ELI program.

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

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the ESC's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The ESC has no proprietary funds.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. The ESC's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The ESC's agency funds account for various resources held for other organizations.

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

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

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the ESC. 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 amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the ESC.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the ESC are included on the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the ESC. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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 reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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. 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 ESC, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the ESC 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, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the ESC must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the ESC on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: tuition, grants, and contract services.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Revenues received in advance of the fiscal year for which they are intended to finance have been recorded as unearned revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred revenue.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

E. Budgetary Process

In fiscal year 2004, the ESC requirement to file budgetary information with the Ohio Department of Education was eliminated. Even though the budgetary process for the ESC was discretionary, the ESC continued to have its Board approve appropriations and estimated resources. The ESC's Board adopts an annual appropriation resolution, which is the Board's, authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds. Budgetary information for the general fund and Early Learning Initiative fund has been presented as supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

F. State Funding

The ESC is funded by the State Board of Education from State funds for the cost of Part (A) of the budget.

Part (B) of the budget is funded in the following way: \$6.50 times the Average Daily Membership (ADM-the total number of pupils under the ESC's supervision) is apportioned by the State Board of Education from the participating school districts to which the ESC provides services from payments made under the State's foundation program. Simultaneously, \$37.00 times the sum of the ADM is paid by the State Board of Education from State funds to the ESC.

If additional funding is required and if a majority of the boards of education of the participating school districts approve, the cost of Part (B) of the budget that is in excess of \$43.50 times ADM approved by the State Board of Education is apportioned to the participating school districts through reductions in their state foundation. The State Board of Education initiates and supervises the procedure by which the participating boards approve or disapprove the apportionment.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the ESC is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the ESC's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2007, investments were limited to federal agency securities, U.S. treasury securities, money market mutual fund, and State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio).

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

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 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, 2007.

Following Ohio statutes, the Governing Board has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2007 amounted to \$368,316, which includes \$157,785 assigned from other ESC funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the ESC are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

An analysis of the ESC's investment account at year-end is provided in Note 4.

H. Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

I. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets specifically related to governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net 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 capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The ESC maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. The ESC 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.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

All reported capital assets 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>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture and equipment	5 - 11 years
Vehicles	11 years

J. Compensated Absences

GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", specifies the method used to accrue liabilities for leave benefits. 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 ESC will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The ESC 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 termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the ESC's past experience of making termination payments.

The total liability for vacation and severance payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2007, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any additional salary related payments.

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

In the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are reported to the extent that a known liability for an employee's retirement/resignation has been incurred by fiscal year-end. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees are paid.

K. Interfund Balances

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

Receivables and payables resulting from loans from governmental funds to the agency funds are classified as "loans receivable/payable".

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

L. Pass-Through Grants

The ESC is the primary recipient of grants, which are passed-through to or spent on behalf of the local school districts within the County. When the ESC has a financial or administrative role in the grants, the grants are reported as revenues and intergovernmental pass-through expenditures in a nonmajor governmental fund. Grants in which the ESC has no financial or administrative role and are passed-through to the local school districts in the County are reported in an agency fund.

M. 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 that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences 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 during the current year.

N. Fund Balance Reserves

The ESC reserves those 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 encumbrances and materials and supplies inventory.

O. 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 improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

P. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Q. 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. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basis financial statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds are eliminated in the statement of activities.

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Governing Board and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal 2007.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2007 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	
Entry Year Programs	\$ 35
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	9,403

The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances results from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the ESC 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 ESC 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 Governing Board has identified as not required for use within the current five 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 moneys 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. 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that 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 items (1) and (2) above 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);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time: and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Protection of the ESC'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 ESC, 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2007, the carrying amount of all ESC deposits was \$67,176. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of June 30, 2007, \$1,306,849 of the ESC’s bank balance of \$1,506,849 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$200,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the ESC’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the ESC.

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2007, the ESC had the following investments and maturities:

Investment type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities				
		6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months	Greater than 24 months
FHLMC	\$ 1,135,574	\$ -	\$ 393,945	\$ 48,483	\$ 294,750	\$ 398,396
FFCB	284,348	-	-	-	-	284,348
FHLB	903,460	173,787	98,758	220,641	221,152	189,122
FNMA	666,313	249,558	-	-	98,293	318,462
U.S. Treasury securities	497,120	399,175	97,945	-	-	-
U.S. Government money market mutual fund	33,061	33,061	-	-	-	-
STAR Ohio	<u>2,255,969</u>	<u>2,255,969</u>	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 5,775,845</u>	<u>\$ 3,111,550</u>	<u>\$ 590,648</u>	<u>\$ 269,124</u>	<u>\$ 614,195</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,328</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is .99 years.

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the ESC’s investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The ESC’s investments, except for STAR Ohio, were rated AAA and Aaa by Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor’s has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the ESC will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the ESC's name. The ESC has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in state statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The ESC places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the ESC at June 30, 2007:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
FHLMC	\$ 1,135,574	19.66%
FFCB	284,348	4.92%
FHLB	903,460	15.64%
FNMA	666,313	11.54%
U.S. Treasury securities	497,120	8.61%
U.S. Government money market mutual fund	33,061	0.57%
STAR Ohio	<u>2,255,969</u>	<u>39.06%</u>
	<u>\$ 5,775,845</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investment to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the footnote above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2007:

<u>Cash and Investments per footnote</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 67,176
Investments	<u>5,775,845</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,843,021</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per Statement of Net Assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 4,641,274
Agency funds	<u>1,201,747</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,843,021</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund balances at June 30, 2007 as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Other governmental funds	\$ 3,886

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2007 are reported on the Statement of Net Assets.

- B. Loans between governmental funds and the agency fund are reported as “loans receivable/payable” on the financial statements. The District had the following loan outstanding at fiscal year end:

<u>Loan From</u>	<u>Loan To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Agency	\$ 238,361

This loan is expected to be repaid in the subsequent year as resources become available in the agency funds.

NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2007 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental grants and entitlements and accrued interest. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

Governmental Activities	
Accounts	\$ 20,648
Intergovernmental	2,778,248
Accrued interest	<u>34,974</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,833,870</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within subsequent years.

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NOTE 7 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	<u>06/30/06</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>06/30/07</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,201,324	\$ 86,657	\$ -	\$ 1,287,981
Vehicles	<u>67,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,140</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>1,268,464</u>	<u>86,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,355,121</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Furniture and equipment	(676,908)	(102,353)	-	(779,261)
Vehicles	<u>(45,029)</u>	<u>(3,402)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,431)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(721,937)</u>	<u>(105,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(827,692)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 546,527</u>	<u>\$ (19,098)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 527,429</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:

Regular	\$ 10,547
Special	24,580
Adult Continuing	792

Support Services:

Pupil	14,487
Instructional staff	29,777
Administration	14,960
Fiscal	3,092
Business	1,762
Operations and maintenance	3,857
Other non-instructional services	<u>1,901</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 105,755</u>

NOTE 8 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During fiscal year 2002, the Area Cooperative Computerized Educational Service System (ACCESS), accounted for in the Computer Network agency fund, entered into a \$7,200,000 capital lease to increase the band width capacity of its computer network by acquiring and equipping a fiber optic network. The lease has an annual interest rate of 1%. In April of 2007, ACCESS entered into a lease purchase agreement to purchase additional equipment consisting of hardware and other related equipment, for \$1,456,000 at approximately 4.42% annual interest. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease term. The fiscal year 2007 principal and interest payments, which totaled \$876,820, were paid out of the Computer Network agency fund.

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NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During the fiscal year 2007, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/06</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/07</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 361,998	\$ 162,978	\$ (109,717)	\$ 415,259	\$ 100,869
Total	<u>\$ 361,998</u>	<u>\$ 162,978</u>	<u>\$ (109,717)</u>	<u>\$ 415,259</u>	<u>\$ 100,869</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee's salaries are paid which is primarily the general fund.

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from the negotiated agreement and state laws. Classified employees earn 10 to 20 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 certificated personnel employed for less than 260 days do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 260 days. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum of 52 days.

B. Medical and Life Insurance

The ESC provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through National Term Life Insurance Company, in the amount of \$25,000.

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The ESC 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. During fiscal year 2007, the ESC contracted with the Ohio School Plan for property and general liability insurance.

Professional liability is provided by the Indiana Insurance Company with a \$3,000,000 annual aggregate/\$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and no deductible. Vehicles are covered by the Indiana Insurance Company and hold a \$50 deductible for comprehensive and a \$500 deductible for collision. Automobile liability has a \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2007, the ESC participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the ESC by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual performance rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings 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 insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP.

Participation in the GRP is limited to members that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

C. Employee Medical Benefits

The ESC has contracted with the Mahoning County Insurance Consortium to provide employee medical/surgical, dental, prescription drug and life benefits. Monthly premiums are as follows:

	<u>Single Coverage</u>		<u>Family Coverage</u>	
	<u>Employee Share</u>	<u>Board Share</u>	<u>Employee Share</u>	<u>Board Share</u>
<u>Medical Mutual</u>				
Dental	\$ 6.56	\$ 59.09	\$ 6.56	\$ 60.15
Medical	26.16	235.47	128.30	613.15
Prescription	33.21	77.50	111.09	125.53
<u>HMP</u>				
Medical/Prescription	280.81	312.97	-	-
Medical/Prescription	Employee and Children		298.41	648.98
Medical/Prescription	Employee and Spouse		568.14	648.98
Medical/Prescription	Employee, Spouse and Children		921.72	648.98
Life Insurance - \$25,000 \$2,500 for Children, \$5,000 for Spouse	-	4.25	1.60	4.25

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NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The ESC contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (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 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 (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website, www.ohsers.org, under Forms and Publications.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the ESC is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current ESC rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the ESC's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2007, 10.68 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2006, 10.58 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2005, 10.57 percent of annual covered salary 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 ESC's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$328,812, \$514,624, and \$461,760, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2007, 2006 and 2005.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The ESC participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371 or by calling (614) 227-4090 or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. 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. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

A DB 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. 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.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The ESC was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal years 2006 and 2005, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The ESC's required contributions for pension obligations to the DB plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$1,064,485, \$1,084,270, and \$962,696, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2007, 2006 and 2005. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal 2007 were \$28,376 made by the ESC and \$41,529 made by plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the SERS or the STRS have an option to choose Social Security or the SERS/STRS. As of June 30, 2007, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The ESC's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The ESC provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), and to retired non-certified 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 funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

All STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or combined plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All 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 Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the ESC, this amount equaled \$81,883 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), the balance in the Health Care Stabilization Fund was \$3.5 billion. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$282.743 million and STRS Ohio had 119,184 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT 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, 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.32 percent of covered payroll, a decrease of .10 percent from fiscal year 2006. 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 2007, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. The surcharge is capped at 2 percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For the 2007 fiscal year, ESC paid \$176,388 to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge.

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 the projected claims less premium contributions for the next year. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 (the latest information available) were \$158.751 million. At June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. At June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), SERS had 59,492 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The ESC receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local 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 are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the ESC. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the ESC.

B. Litigation

The ESC is not currently party to any legal proceedings.

NOTE 15 - THE UNLIMITED CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Unlimited Classroom Community School (the "School") has been determined to be a discretely presented component unit. The ESC's management has determined that it is significant; therefore it has been included as part of the ESC's basic financial statements. The School issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to Mahoning County Educational Service Center, 170 DeBartolo Place, Suite 220, Youngstown, Ohio 44512-7019

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NOTE 15 - THE UNLIMITED CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL - (Continued)

A. Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis - The basic financial statements (BFS) of the School 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 School also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided those pronouncements do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The School does not apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The School's significant accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation - Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the School. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Enterprise fund accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net assets. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Budgetary Process - Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the School.

Cash - Cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account.

Capital Assets and Depreciation - Capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost and updated for additions and deletions during the year. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. The School does not have any infrastructure. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Equipment is depreciated over ten years.

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NOTE 15 - THE UNLIMITED CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL - (Continued)

Net Assets - Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

Intergovernmental Revenues - The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Other grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the School. These reviews are conducted to ensure the School is reporting accurate enrollment data to the state, upon which State Foundation funding is calculated.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

Tax Exemption Status - The School is a non-profit organization that, in the opinion of legal counsel, is exempt from federal income taxes due to the School qualifying as an integral part of the ESC and the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center.

B. Deposits and Investments

At June 30, 2007, the carrying amount of all School deposits was \$876,315. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2007, \$100,000 of the School's bank balance of \$884,749 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, while \$784,749 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School.

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NOTE 15 - THE UNLIMITED CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL - (Continued)

C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

	<u>Balance at July 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance at June 30, 2007</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 244,609	\$ 82,904	\$ -	\$ 327,513
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,595)</u>	<u>(28,606)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,201)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 224,014</u>	<u>\$ 54,298</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 278,312</u>

D. Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to contracted personnel; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2007, professional liability is provided through Mahoning County Educational Service Center's Indiana Insurance Plan with a \$3,000,000 annual aggregate/\$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and no deductible.

E. Purchased Services

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, purchased service expenses were as follows:

Professional and technical services	\$ 1,315,426
Property services	12,275
Travel expenses	5,491
Communications	<u>54,461</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,387,653</u>

F. Service Agreements

Area Cooperative Computerized Educational Service System (ACCESS) - The School entered into a one-year agreement commencing on July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, with ACCESS for internet access, electronic mail, Ohio Uniform School Accounting System (USAS), the Uniform Staff Payroll System (USPS), Educational Management Information System (EMIS), Student Information System (SIS/POISE) to include student grade reporting, attendance and scheduling and INFOhio Automated library services. Separate and apart from this agreement, the School agrees to obtain at its own expense, the additional computer and electronic equipment necessary for receipt of these services at the School's facilities. The School paid ACCESS \$478.12 per month for services during fiscal 2007.

Mahoning County ESC - The School had a service contract with the ESC. This contract outlined the services that would be provided to the School. The following payments were made for fiscal year 2007 from the School to the ESC.

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NOTE 15 - THE UNLIMITED CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL - (Continued)

Purchased services for fiscal services	\$ 40,781
Administrative fee of 5% and fiscal fee of 5%, which covers phone service, mail delivery, courier service, copier codes, storage, receptionist, payroll, EMIS, operations, purchasing, accounts payable/receivable, and Treasurer. Payment for teachers, psychologist, technology, administrators, rent, postage, and secretarial staff	<u>930,961</u>
Total amount of payments made from the School to Mahoning County ESC during fiscal 2007	<u>\$ 971,742</u>

G. Contingencies

Grants - The School 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. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2007.

Litigation - A lawsuit entitled *Beverly Blount-Hill, et al. v. State of Ohio, et al.*, Case #: 3:04CV197 was filed in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division in October 2004. The suit alleges that the funding provisions of the Ohio Community Schools Act, O.R.C. Section 3314, violate both the Ohio and Federal constitutions. If the funding scheme is determined to be unconstitutional, it could have financial ramifications for all community/charter schools. The case is currently pending, and the effect of this suit, if any, on the School cannot presently be determined.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Tuition	\$ 1,172,479	\$ 1,165,273	\$ 1,146,066	\$ (19,207)
Earnings on investments	247,122	245,603	241,555	(4,048)
Customer services.	10,022,775	9,966,154	9,815,235	(150,919)
Other local revenues	59,334	58,969	57,997	(972)
Intergovernmental - State.	2,074,651	2,056,923	2,009,669	(47,254)
Intergovernmental - Federal	22,952	201,075	200,699	(376)
Total revenue.	<u>13,599,313</u>	<u>13,693,997</u>	<u>13,471,221</u>	<u>(222,776)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	772,912	790,701	774,468	16,233
Special.	4,745,283	4,751,960	4,652,296	99,664
Vocational.	89,775	87,273	85,387	1,886
Support services:				
Pupil.	3,526,326	3,428,044	3,353,981	74,063
Instructional staff	2,786,221	2,708,565	2,650,047	58,518
Board of education	118,303	115,006	112,521	2,485
Administration.	444,183	431,803	422,474	9,329
Fiscal	634,018	616,347	603,031	13,316
Business	327,533	318,404	311,525	6,879
Operations and maintenance.	229,605	223,205	218,383	4,822
Central.	399,122	387,998	379,615	8,383
Total expenditures	<u>14,073,281</u>	<u>13,859,306</u>	<u>13,563,728</u>	<u>295,578</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>(473,968)</u>	<u>(165,309)</u>	<u>(92,507)</u>	<u>72,802</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditure.	1,145	1,138	1,119	(19)
Advances in.	117,430	116,709	114,785	(1,924)
Advances (out)	(250,609)	(243,624)	(238,361)	5,263
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(132,034)</u>	<u>(125,777)</u>	<u>(122,457)</u>	<u>3,320</u>
Net change in fund balance	(606,002)	(291,086)	(214,964)	76,122
Fund balance at beginning of year	3,115,898	3,115,898	3,115,898	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	331,055	331,055	331,055	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,840,951</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,867</u>	<u>\$ 3,231,989</u>	<u>\$ 76,122</u>

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Other local revenues	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 4,050,000	\$ 3,794,983	\$ (255,017)
Intergovernmental - Federal	-	55,187	55,187	-
Total revenue	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>4,105,187</u>	<u>3,850,170</u>	<u>(255,017)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Special	244,060	326,110	326,110	-
Support services:				
Pupil	443,077	592,033	592,033	-
Instructional staff	427,935	571,801	571,801	-
Administration	27,965	37,366	37,366	-
Fiscal	420,578	561,971	561,971	-
Operation of non-instructional services . .	93,210	124,546	124,546	-
Pupil transportation	4,714	6,299	6,299	-
Central	1,461,729	2,008,329	2,008,329	-
Total expenditures	<u>3,123,268</u>	<u>4,228,455</u>	<u>4,228,455</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(123,268)	(123,268)	(378,285)	(255,017)
Fund balance at beginning of year	95,302	95,302	95,302	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated . .	123,268	123,268	123,268	-
Fund balance (deficit) at end of year . . .	<u>\$ 95,302</u>	<u>\$ 95,302</u>	<u>\$ (159,715)</u>	<u>\$ (255,017)</u>

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**BUDGETARY NOTES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

The ESC is not required under State statute to file budgetary information with the State Department of Education. However, the ESC Board does follow the budgetary process for control purposes.

The ESC's Governing Board budgets for resources estimated to be received during the fiscal year. The estimated revenues may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of the estimated revenues when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of the estimated revenues in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Governing Board.

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

Throughout the fiscal year, appropriations may be amended or supplemented as circumstances warrant. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Governing Board during the fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the ESC is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) - for the General fund and Early Learning Initiative special revenue fund are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

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 (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis).

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**BUDGETARY NOTES
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NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

5. Advances In and Advance Out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General fund and the Early Learning Initiative special revenue fund:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Early Learning Initiative</u>
Budget basis	\$ (214,964)	\$ (378,285)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	276,648	162,535
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(41,447)	2,575
Net adjustment for other sources/(uses)	122,457	-
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>232,769</u>	<u>251,715</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 375,463</u>	<u>\$ 38,540</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

**MAHONING COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(D) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(D) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Nutrition Cluster:				
(A), (B) School Breakfast Program	10.553	048280-05-PU-2006	\$ 22,087	\$ 22,087
(A), (B) School Breakfast Program	10.553	048280-05-PU-2007	32,467	32,467
(A), (B) National School Lunch	10.555	048280-LL-P1-2006	9,158	9,158
(A), (B) National School Lunch	10.555	048280-LL-P1-2007	12,428	12,428
(A), (B) National School Lunch	10.555	048280-LL-P4-2006	40,630	40,630
(A), (B) National School Lunch	10.555	048280-LL-P4-2007	61,494	61,494
Total Nutrition Cluster			<u>178,264</u>	<u>178,264</u>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	048280-CC-MO-2006	28,450	28,450
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	048280-CC-MO-2007	29,594	29,594
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	048280-LU-CP-2006	1,537	1,537
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	048280-LU-CP-2007	1,410	1,410
Total Child and Adult Care Food Program			<u>60,991</u>	<u>60,991</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>239,255</u>	<u>239,255</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Regional Technical Assistance	84.010	048280-C1-ST-2007	4,324	8,222
Special Education Cluster:				
(C) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-EC-2005	54,633	119,694
(C) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-S3-2005	7,743	26,208
(C) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-SE-2006	92,934	112,341
(C) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-SE-2007	138,160	89,139
(C), (F) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-SI-2005	141,618	285,828
(C), (F) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	048280-6B-SI-2007	937,132	838,458
Total Special Education: Grants to States			<u>1,372,220</u>	<u>1,471,668</u>
(C) Special Education Preschool	84.173	048280-PG-S1-2006	9,578	455
(C) Special Education Preschool	84.173	048280-PG-S1-2007	131,366	132,366
Total Special Education Preschool			<u>140,944</u>	<u>132,821</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>1,513,164</u>	<u>1,604,489</u>
(E) Expedition into Teaching American History	84.215X	N/A	54,615	54,615
(E) Teaching American History	84.215X	N/A	128,759	128,759
Total Funds for the Improvement of Education			<u>183,374</u>	<u>183,374</u>
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	048280-ST-S3-2005	80,502	166,922
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	048280-ST-S2-2005	76,227	114,617
Total Special Education - State Personnel Development			<u>156,729</u>	<u>281,539</u>
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	048280-T3-S1-2007	19,720	19,720
(F) Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	048280-TR-SP-2005	-	14,376
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY:				
Advanced Placement Program	84.330	CI667-OMAP-07-11	29,895	30,267
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,907,206</u>	<u>2,141,987</u>

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FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(D) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(D) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	N/A	22,435	22,435
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>22,435</u>	<u>22,435</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 2,168,896</u>	<u>\$ 2,403,677</u>

(A) Included as part of "Nutrition Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.

(B) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.

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

(D) This Schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

(E) These are direct programs, not passed through the Ohio Department of Education.

(F) The ESC serves as fiscal agent for this program which is passed through to the Northeast Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center.

Note 1: The Mahoning County ESC has excluded federal financial assistance reported by the Mahoning County Family and Children First Council (the "Council") in relation to the Twenty-First Century Community Learning Center grant, the Early Intervention Services grant, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant. The ESC serves as the fiscal agent for these programs, which are passed through to the Council.

Note 2: The Mahoning County ESC has excluded federal financial assistance reported for its component unit, the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom.



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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***

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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, Mahoning County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2007. We did not audit the financial statements of Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom which is the Center's only discretely presented component unit. Other auditors audited those financial statements. They have furnished their report thereon to us, and we based our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom on the report of the other auditors. 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 Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The financial statements of the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom were audited by other auditors in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Accordingly, this report does not extend to the discretely presented component unit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Mahoning County Educational Service Center's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of Mahoning County Educational Service Center's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control.

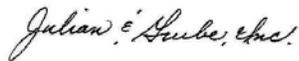
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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Mahoning County Educational Service Center's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and Governing Board of Mahoning County Educational Service Center 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.



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**Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Its
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 Mahoning County Educational 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 its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Mahoning County Educational Service 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 Mahoning County Educational Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Mahoning County Educational Service Center's compliance based on our audit.

The Twenty-First Century Community Learning Center grant, Early Intervention Services grant, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant passed through to the Mahoning County Family and Children First Council (The "Council") are subjected to audit procedures under OMB Circular A-133 and are reported on separately. The Council received \$1,183,122 and expended \$1,526,866 in federal awards during fiscal year 2007 that are not included in the Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Mahoning County Educational Service Center's basic financial statements include the operations of the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom, a component unit of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center. The Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom received \$95,247 and expended \$94,710 in federal awards during fiscal year 2007 that are not included in the Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards for Mahoning County Educational Service Center for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Our audit of federal awards, described below, did not include the operations of the Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom. This component unit expended less than \$500,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and thus was not required to have an audit of their Federal Awards in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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 Mahoning County Educational 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 Mahoning County Educational Service Center's compliance with those requirements.

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In our opinion, Mahoning County Educational Service Center complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

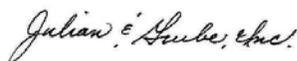
The management of Mahoning County Educational Service Center is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over compliance with the 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Mahoning County Educational Service Center's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by Mahoning County Educational Service Center's internal control.

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

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under §.510?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States - CFDA #84.027 and Special Education Preschool Grants - CFDA #84.173
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	Yes

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

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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
OCTOBER 14, 2008**