TRI-COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Education Tri-County Educational Service Center 741 Winkler Road Wooster, Ohio 44691

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, 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 Tri-County Educational Service Center is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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January 30, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County 741 Winkler Drive Wooster, Ohio 44691

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Educational Service Center), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Educational Service Center's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Educational Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and SERRC Title VI-B Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally on 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.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2007 on our consideration of the Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. December 5, 2007

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

Financial Highlights

Key Financial Highlights for 2007 are as follows:

- In total, net assets decreased by \$260,119.
- Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$12,871,539 in 2007. Of this total, 18 percent consisted of general revenues while program revenues accounted for the balance of 82 percent.
- Program expenses totaled \$13,131,658. Instructional expenses made up 10 percent of this total while support services accounted for 70 percent. Other expenses rounded out the remaining 20 percent.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

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

Reporting the Service Center as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains all the funds used by the Educational Service Center to provide programs and activities, the view of the Educational Service Center as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2007?" The *Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statement of Activities* answers this question. These statements include all Non-Fiduciary assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

Reporting the Educational Service Center's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the Educational Service Center's major funds appears on the fund financial statements beginning with the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The Educational Service Center uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, the fund financial statements focus on the Educational Service Center's most significant funds. The Educational Service Center's major governmental funds are the general fund and the SERRC's Title VI-B fund. On page 7, there is additional information about the Educational Service Center's major funds.

Governmental Funds

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

The Educational Service Center as a Whole

You may recall that the *Statement of Net Assets* provides the perspective of the Educational Service Center as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Educational Service Center's net assets for 2007 compared to 2006:

Table 1Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		
	2007	2006	
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 5,667,220	\$ 5,646,498	
Capital Assets, Net	665,418	692,735	
Total Assets	6,332,638	6,339,233	
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	1,463,385	1,272,075	
Long-Term Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	230,224	194,527	
Due in More than One Year	195,990	169,474	
Total Liabilities	1,889,599	1,636,076	
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt	665,418	692,735	
Restricted	465,514	481,617	
Unrestricted	3,312,107	3,528,805	
Total Net Assets	\$4,443,039	\$4,703,157	

Total assets decreased by \$6,595. The decrease is attributed mainly to the decrease in cash and cash equivalents by \$351,595 offset by an increase in intergovernmental receivables. Liabilities increased by \$253,523 which can mainly be attributed to an increase in accrued wages of \$95,606, \$62,213 in long-term liabilities, \$51,937 in accounts payable and \$29,088 in claims payables.

By comparing assets and liabilities, one can see the overall position of the Educational Service Center is stable as evidenced by the net assets balance of \$4,443,039.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006:

Table 2Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2007	Governmental Activities 2006
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$6,320,709	\$6,271,071
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,196,306	4,886,022
Total Program Revenues	10,517,015	11,157,093
General Revenues:		
Grants and Entitlements	2,048,169	2,567,773
Investments	179,112	134,205
Miscellaneous	127,243	5,627
Total General Revenues	2,354,524	2,707,605
Total Revenues	12,871,539	13,864,698
Program Expenses		
Instruction:		
Regular	503,625	379,287
Special	721,457	585,314
Adult/Continuing	91,391	93,115
Support Services:		
Pupil	3,030,926	2,856,231
Instructional Staff	3,523,051	3,797,261
Board of Education	41,294	44,001
Administration	596,472	1,029,529
Fiscal	346,810	385,214
Business	160,221	171,679
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	325,135	242,926
Transportation	10,140	3,052
Central	1,138,432	1,136,023
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,642,704	2,500,658
Total Program Expenses	13,131,658	13,224,290
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$260,119)	\$640,408

Governmental Activities

The comparative in Table 2 shows a decrease in net assets of \$260,119. Upon review of the 2007 figures compared to the 2006 figures one can see a significant reduction in collections from operating grants and entitlements. This reduction in revenue had a negative effect on the educational service center's net assets. The categories of revenues and expenses are subject to interpretation and reclassification. Regardless, the bottom line is the same.

Tri-County Educational Service Center Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

The Statement of Activities shows the total net cost of program services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services for governmental activities and the net cost of services for governmental services for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006. The \$2,614,642, Net Cost of Services 2007, tells the reader that these services are not entirely self-supporting, but are supported by unrestricted State entitlements.

	Total Cost of Services 2007	Net Cost of Services 2007	Total Cost of Services 2006	Net Cost of Services 2006
Instruction:				
Regular	\$503,625	\$57,900	\$379,287	\$65,191
Special	721,457	(40,371)	585,314	181,786
Adult/Continuing	91,391	19,516	93,115	944
Support Services:	-	-	-	
Pupil	3,030,926	(17,173)	2,856,231	763,306
Instructional Staff	3,523,051	1,804,890	3,797,261	(745,998)
Board of Education	41,294	41,294	44,001	44,001
Administration and a set of the 	596,472	215,294	1,029,529	552,163
Fiscal	346,810	299,402	385,214	208,134
Business	160,221	125,475	171,679	121,139
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	325,135	250,218	242,926	178,926
Transportation	10,140	(3,655)	3,052	180
Central	1,138,432	(105,541)	1,136,023	1,121,159
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,642,704	(32,606)	2,500,658	(423,734)
Total	\$13,131,658	\$2,614,643	\$13,224,290	\$2,067,197

The Educational Service Center's Major Funds

The information regarding the Educational Service Center's major funds can be found on page 23 of the notes to the basic financial statements. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$12,335,615 and expenditures totaled \$13,162,594. The General Fund balance decrease by \$376,312 due to decreased collections from grants and entitlements. SERRC Title VI-B fund balance decreased by \$396,424 due to reduced collections from grants and entitlements.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Educational Service Center's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant fund to be budgeted is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal 2007, the Educational Service Center amended its general fund budget, but not significantly. Many of the amendments are due to changes in program attendance, client-district needs and capital improvement decisions. The general fund is often called upon to advance funds to one project or another. During the course of the fiscal year, several federal and state grants will be awarded or material changes in existing grants will require a budgetary modification.

For the general fund, the final budget basis revenue estimate totaled \$11,693,279; this was above the original budget estimate of \$11,647,683. The main difference can be attributed to increased collections from customer sales and services revenues. The final budget basis expenditures estimate totaled \$14,970,377 compared to original estimates of \$14,808,766. The increase in the budget can be attributed to additional spending on support services for pupils, support services for instructional staff and support services for central expenditures.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2006, the Educational Service Center had \$665,418 invested in land, building and building improvements, furniture and fixtures, net of accumulated depreciation. Table 4 shows fiscal 2007 values compared to 2006.

Table 4Capital Assets at June 30(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		
	2007	2006	
Land	\$77,981	\$77,981	
Buildings and Improvements	376,101	376,101	
Furniture and Fixtures	816,913	784,888	
Accumulated Depreciation	(605,577)	(546,235)	
Totals	\$665,418	\$692,735	

All capital assets are reported at historical cost. For more information on capital assets refer to Note 10 of the basic financial statements.

Current Financial Related Activities

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

Contacting the Educational Service Center District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Educational Service Center's finances and to show the Educational Service center's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Jill Meng, Treasurer, at Tri-County Educational Service Center, 741 Winkler Drive, Wooster, Ohio 44691 or calling 330-345-6771.

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities
Assets	Acuvules
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,441,246
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	1,255,237
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,734
Intergovernmental Receivable	968,003
Noncurrent Assets:	
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	77,981
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	587,437
Total Assets	6,332,638
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	199,096
Accrued Wages and Benefits	975,565
Intergovernmental Payable	200,689
Claims Payable	88,035
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	230,224
Due in More Than One Year	195,990
Total Liabilities	1,889,599
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	665,418
Restricted for Other Purposes	465,514
Unrestricted	3,312,107
Total Net Assets	\$4,443,039

Tri-County Educational Service Center Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

		Program .	Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$503,625	\$228,031	\$217,694	(\$57,900)
Special	721,457	566,609	195,219	40,371
Adult/Continuing	91,391	71,875	0	(19,516)
Support Services:				
Pupils	3,030,926	2,465,132	582,967	17,173
Instructional Staff	3,523,051	765,364	952,797	(1,804,890)
Board of Education	41,294	0	0	(41,294)
Administration	596,472	0	381,178	(215,294)
Fiscal	346,810	0	47,408	(299,402)
Business	160,221	34,746	0	(125,475)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	325,135	0	74,917	(250,218)
Pupil Transportation	10,140	0	13,795	3,655
Central	1,138,432	1,202,324	41,649	105,541
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,642,704	986,628	1,688,682	32,606
Totals	\$13,131,658	\$6,320,709	\$4,196,306	(\$2,614,643)
	General Revenues Grants and Entitlem Investment Earning Miscellaneous	nents not Restricted to s	Specific Programs	2,048,169 179,112 127,243
	Total General Reve	enues		2,354,524
	Change in Net Asse	ets		(260,119)
	Net Assets Beginnin	ng of Year		4,703,158
	Net Assets End of Y	'ear		\$4,443,039

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2007

	General Fund	SERRC Title VI-B	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,193,264	\$121,285	\$126,697	\$3,441,246
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,734	0	0	2,734
Interfund Receivable	26,000	0	0	26,000
Intergovernmental Receivable	496,286	358,168	113,549	968,003
Total Assets	\$3,718,284	\$479,453	\$240,246	\$4,437,983
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$93,522	\$65,433	\$40,141	\$199,096
Accrued Wages	898,415	53,809	23,341	975,565
Interfund Payable	0	0	26,000	26,000
Intergovernmental Payable	179,592	10,897	10,200	200,689
Deferred Revenue	165,440	358,168	113,549	637,157
Total Liabilities	1,336,969	488,307	213,231	2,038,507
Fund Balances				
Reserved for Encumbrances	352,110	55,650	51,860	459,620
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:				
General Fund	2,029,205	0	0	2,029,205
Special Revenue Funds	0	(64,504)	(24,845)	(89,349)
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	2,381,315	(8,854)	27,015	2,399,476
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances (Deficit)	\$3,718,284	\$479,453	\$240,246	\$4,437,983

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities June 30, 2007

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$2,399,476
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Intergovernmental assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	637,157
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	665,418
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.	1,167,202
Long-term compensated absences liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(426,214)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$4,443,039

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General Fund	SERRC Title VI-B	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$4,350,188	\$742,420	\$659,316	\$5,751,924
Customer Sales and Services	5,970,531	0	0	5,970,531
Interest	179,112	0	0	179,112
Tuition and Fees	306,805	0	0	306,805
Gifts and Donations	123,150	0	0	123,150
Miscellaneous	4,093	0	0	4,093
Total Revenues	10,933,879	742,420	659,316	12,335,615
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	285,881	0	221,413	507,294
Special	726,407	0	6,209	732,616
Adult/Continuing	91,391	0	0	91,391
Support Services:				
Pupils	2,901,617	9,927	113,685	3,025,229
Instructional Staff	2,549,056	649,043	328,681	3,526,780
Board of Education	41,294	0	0	41,294
Administration	211,692	358,712	23,672	594,076
Fiscal	299,289	45,561	3,281	348,131
Business	161,705	0	0	161,705
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	216,590	74,940	0	291,530
Pupil Transportation	0	0	10,140	10,140
Central	1,162,833	0	0	1,162,833
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,662,436	661	6,478	2,669,575
Total Expenditures	11,310,191	1,138,844	713,559	13,162,594
Net Change in Fund Balances	(376,312)	(396,424)	(54,243)	(826,979)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	2,757,627	387,570	81,258	3,226,455
Fund Balances End of Year	\$2,381,315	(\$8,854)	\$27,015	\$2,399,476

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	(\$82	6,979)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Intergovernmental revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	53	5,923
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:		
Capital Assets - Additions Capital Assets - Deletions Depreciation	70,756 (17,823) (80,250)	
Total	(2	7,317)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. in governmental funds.	(6	2,213)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of health insurance is included in the statement of activities and not on the governmental fund expenditures. This is the amount that revenues exceeded expenses during the year.	12	0,467
Changes in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	(\$26	0,119)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted .	Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues	0			
Intergovernmental	\$4,302,738	\$4,302,738	\$4,350,188	\$47,450
Customers Sales and Services	6,673,115	6,718,711	6,051,128	(667,583)
Interest	140,000	140,000	178,952	38,952
Tuition and Fees	402,730	402,730	306,805	(95,925)
Gifts and Donations	125,100	125,100	123,150	(1,950)
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	4,093	93
Total Revenues	11,647,683	11,693,279	11,014,316	(678,963)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	285,571	294,171	285,993	8,178
Special	969,483	969,484	727,725	241,759
Adult/Continuing	205,069	206,644	91,800	114,844
Support Services:	0.010.405	0.040.006	0 0 7 1 4 60	
Pupils	2,910,427	2,943,926	2,871,460	72,466
Instructional Staff	5,082,254	5,128,850	2,829,998	2,298,852
Board of Education	49,486 344,317	49,786 344,317	44,896	4,890
Administration Fiscal	344,317 315,361	344,317 315,561	220,806 300,779	123,511 14,782
Business	188,542	188,642	162,695	25,947
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	259,386	259,386	208,674	50,712
Central	1,100,507	1,171,007	1,151,695	19,312
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,898,363	2,898,603	2,645,237	253,366
Capital Outlay	200,000	200,000	0	200,000
Total Expenditures	14,808,766	14,970,377	11,541,758	3,428,619
Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures	(3,161,083)	(3,277,098)	(527,442)	2,749,656
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1 000	1 000	0	(1,000)
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets	1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)
Other Financing Uses	(213,789)	(65,549)	0	65,549
Advances Out	0	(26,000)	(26,000)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(212,789)	(90,549)	(26,000)	64,549
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,373,872)	(3,367,647)	(553,442)	2,814,205
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,181,287	3,181,287	3,181,287	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	192,587	192,587	192,587	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$2	\$6,227	\$2,820,432	\$2,814,205

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual SERRC - Title VI-B Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted .	Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$1,433,709	\$1,433,709	\$955,943	(\$477,766)
Total Revenues	1,433,709	1,433,709	955,943	(477,766)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Support Services:				
Pupils	21,844	20,879	16,069	4,810
Instructional Staff	1,014,904	1,040,734	713,424	327,310
Administration	531,497	506,280	375,947	130,333
Fiscal	45,561	45,561	45,561	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	90,268	90,621	75,103	15,518
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	707	706	706	0
Total Expenditures	1,704,781	1,704,781	1,226,810	477,971
Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures	(271,072)	(271,072)	(270,867)	205
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	13,386	13,386	13,386	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	257,686	257,686	257,686	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$205	\$205

Statement of Fund Net Assets Internal Service Fund June 30, 2007

	Self-Insurance Fund
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	\$1,255,237
Total Assets	1,255,237
Liabilities	
Claims Payable	88,035
Total Liabilities	88,035
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	1,167,202
Total Net Assets	\$1,167,202

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Internal Service Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Self-Insurance Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services Other	\$1,699,913 205,046
Total Operating Revenues	1,904,959
Operating Expenses Purchased Services Claims Total Operating Expenses	468,088 1,364,244 1,832,332
Operating Income	72,627
<i>Non-Operating Revenues</i> Interest	47,840
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i> <i>Net Income</i>	47,840
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,046,735
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,167,202

Statement of Cash Flows Internal Service Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Self-Insurance Fund
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,699,913
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	205,046
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(468,088)
Cash Payments for Claims	(1,335,156)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	101,715
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest on Investments	47,840
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	47,840
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	149,555
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,105,682
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$1,255,237
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$72,627
Adjustments:	
Changes in Liabilities:	
Increase in Claims Payable	29,088
Total Adjustments	29,088
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$101,715

Tri-County Educational Service Center Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2007

	Agency
<i>Assets</i> Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$22,242
Total Assets	22,242
Liabilities	
Undistributed Monies	22,242
	\$22,242

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Note 1 - Description of the Educational Service Center

The Tri-County Educational Service Center (Educational Service Center) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Educational Service Center is an educational service center as defined by Section 3311.05 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Educational Service Center operates under an elected governing board of nine members and provides services to the public schools in Holmes, Wayne, Medina and Ashland Counties. The Board controls the Educational Service Center's instructional support services staffed by 93 noncertificated and 114 certificated teaching personnel who provide services to 29,369 students.

Reporting Entity

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

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

The Educational Service Center is associated with certain organizations which are defined as Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pools. The Educational Service Center is also the fiscal agent for the Lincoln Way Special Education Regional Resource Center and the Midland Regional Council of Governments. These organizations are presented in Notes 7, 8 and 9 to the basic financial statements. These organizations include the Midland Council of Governments Tri-County Computer Service Association, the Ohio School Boards Associations Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency, the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority and the Lincoln Way Special Education Regional Resource Center.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. These policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for local governmental units prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources. The Educational Service Center also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued prior to November 30, 1989 to its proprietary activities unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Explanation of the Educational Service Center's more significant policies follow.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets 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 Educational Service Center's major governmental funds:

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

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

SERRC – Title VI-B Special Revenue Fund The SERRC – Title VI-B fund accounts for intergovernmental revenues that are used to offer special education services to local districts.

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

Proprietary Fund Types Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service; the Educational Service Center has no enterprise funds.

Internal Service Fund The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the Educational Service Center on a cost reimbursement basis. The Educational Service Center's only internal service fund accounts for the operation of the Educational Service Center's self-insurance program for employee medical benefits.

Fiduciary Fund Type 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. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Educational Service Center under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Educational Service Center's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Educational Service Center has one agency fund.

C. Measurement Focus

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

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Measurement Focus (continued)

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Educational Service Center finances and meets the cash flow needs of its internal service fund.

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. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

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

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

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

Deferred Revenue Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Accounting (continued)

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

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

E. Budgetary Data

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

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

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

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

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, all cash received by the Educational Service Center is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this account or temporarily used to purchase short term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Educational Service Center records. Each fund's interest in the pooled bank account is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet. The Educational Service Center is self insured through the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OMERESA) claims servicing pool. OMERESA is fiscal agent for the pool and the portion of the cash balance held by OMERESA and attributable to the Educational Service Center is presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent" on the combined balance sheet.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

The Educational Service Center invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve ("STAR Ohio") during fiscal year 2007. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2007.

Under existing Ohio statutes, the Governing Board may, by resolution, identify the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. During fiscal year 2007, the general fund received interest earned in the amount of \$179,112. The general fund interest includes approximately \$12,538 assigned from other Educational Service Center funds.

G. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Educational Service Center's capitalization threshold is \$1,000. The Educational Service Center does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	30 years
Buildings and Buildings Improvements	20 - 75 years
Furniture and Fixtures	7 - 15 years

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Compensated Absences

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

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

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

I. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

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

J. Net Assets

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

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

K. Fund Balance Reserves

The Educational Service Center records reservations for portions of fund balance which is legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available spendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriations for expenditures. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves are established for encumbrances.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the Educational Service Center, these revenues are charges for services for self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the funds.

M. Interfund Activity

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

N. Extraordinary and Special Items

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

O. Estimates

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

Note 3 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the Educational Service Center is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis), General Fund and Major Special Revenue SERRC – Title VI-B 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 for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types.

Note 3 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements on a fund type basis for the general fund and the SERRC special revenue fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance

	General	SERCC
GAAP Basis	(\$376,312)	(\$396,424)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	80,437	213,523
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	141,279	33,117
Advances Out	(26,000)	0
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(372,846)	(121,083)
Budget Basis	(\$553,442)	(\$270,867)

Note 4 - Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or other obligations or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

Note 4 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily; and that the term of the agreement does not exceed 30 days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- 5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio; (STAR Ohio)
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time; and,
- 8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

Deposits At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Educational Service Center's deposits was \$1,339,717. Based on criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investments Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2007, \$1,255,985 of the Educational Service Center's \$1,555,985 bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$300,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Educational Service Center'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 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 Educational Service Center.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 4 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investments As of June 30, 2007, the Educational Service Center had the following investments and maturities:

		o months
Investment Type	Fair Value	Or Less
STAROhio	\$1,598,771	\$1,598,771
Repurchase Agreement	525,000	525,000
Totals	\$2,123,771	\$2,123,771

Since the Educational Service Center invests in overnight repurchase agreements and STAROhio, the average investment maturity is daily.

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 Educational Service Center's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk. The investments in STAROhio were rated by Standard & Poor's and has been assigned an AAAm money market rating.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The Educational Service Center places no limit on the amount that may be invested to any one issuer. At June 30, 2007, the Educational Service Center invested 75 percent of its investments in STAROhio and 25 percent in repurchase agreements.

Note 5 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2007, consisted of accounts (excess costs and tuition) and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible within one year and in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
General Fund:	
Customer Services	\$496,286
Total General Fund	496,286
Special Revenue Funds:	
Title VI-B	358,168
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	113,549
Total Special Revenue Funds	471,717
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$968,003

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 6 - State Funding

The Educational Service Center is funded by the State Board of Education from State funds for the cost of salaries, employer's retirement contributions, and travel expenses of supervisory teachers approved by the State Board of Education. To cover all other expenditures, the Educational Service Center receives \$47.02 for each of the 29,369 students who are provided services. The \$47.02 is comprised of the following: \$6.50 times the ADM (total number of pupils under the Educational Service Center's supervision) is apportioned by the State Board of Education among the local school district's to which the Educational Service Center provides services. These payments are received through the State's foundation program. Simultaneously, \$40.52 times the ADM is paid by the State Board of Education from State funds.

If additional funding is required, and if a majority of the boards of education of the local school districts approve, the cost for all other lawful expenditures in excess of \$47.02 times the ADM approved by the State Board of Education is apportioned back to the local school districts and received through the state foundation program. The State Board of Education initiates and supervises the procedure by which the local boards approve or disapprove the apportionment.

Note 7 - Jointly Governed Organization

The Tri-County Computer Service Association (TCCSA) is a jointly governed organization comprised of 21 school districts. 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 for member districts. Each of the governments of these districts supports TCCSA based on per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. The TCCSA assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and a representative from the fiscal agent. TCCSA is governed by a board of directors chosen from the general membership of the TCCSA assembly. The board of directors consists of a representative from the fiscal agent, the chairman of each operating committee, and at least an assembly member from each county from which participating districts are located. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Midland Council of Governments, 2125B Eagle Pass, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Note 8 - Public Entity Risk Pools

A. Insurance Purchasing Pool

The Educational Service Center participates in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan's business affairs are conducted by a three member Board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings of the Plan.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 8 - Public Entity Risk Pools (continued)

A. Insurance Purchasing Pool (continued)

The Educational Service Center also participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority Board (SORSA), an insurance purchasing pool. SORSA's business affairs are conducted by a nine member Board of directors consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five delegates. SORSA was created to provide joint self-insurance coverage and to assist members to prevent and reduce losses and injuries to the Educational Service Center's property and person. It is intended to provide liability and property insurance at reduced premiums for the participants. SORSA is organized as a non-profit corporation under provisions of Ohio Revised Code 2744.

B. Claims Servicing Pool

The Educational Service Center participates in the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OMERESA) claims servicing pool. OMERESA's claims servicing pool business and affairs are conducted by a nine member Board of Directors. Each member pays a monthly premium based on their claims history. All participating members retain their risk and OMERESA acts as the claims servicing agent.

Note 9 - Fiscal Agent

The Educational Service Center is the fiscal agent for the Lincoln Way Special Education Service Center (SERRC). The SERRC was created by the Ohio Department of Education to serve school districts in Stark, Wayne, and Columbiana Counties. The SERRC was formed to assist local schools with the initiation and expansion of programs and services for handicapped children through joint planning and cooperation, as well as, to provide resources designed to improve the quality of instruction for handicapped children through teacher training. The activity of the SERRC is accounted for in the Educational Service Center's Title VIB, Preschool and Early Childhood Development Special Revenue Funds.

Note 10 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance at 6/30/06	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/07
Governmental Activities: Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$77,981	\$0	\$0	\$77,981
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	77,981	0	0	77,981
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and Buildings Improvements	376,101	0	0	376,101
Furniture and Fixtures	784,889	70,756	(38,732)	816,913
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	1,160,990	70,756	(38,732)	1,193,014
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	(57,347)	(12,912)	0	(70,259)
Furniture and Fixtures	(488,889)	(67,338)	20,909	(535,318)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(546,236)	(80,250)	20,909	(605,577)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$692,735	(\$9,494)	(\$17,823)	\$665,418

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 10 - Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$633
Special	24
Support Services:	
Pupil	7,710
Instructional Staff	31,840
Administration	15,313
Fiscal	863
Business	556
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	20,173
Central	204
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,934
Total Depreciation Expense	\$80,250

Note 11 - Risk Management

The Educational Service Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2006, the Educational Service Center contracted with the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority for property and general liability insurance.

General liability coverage is \$3,000,000 annual aggregate/\$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and no deductible. Willis Risk Solutions is the actuary and reinsurance broker. Property coverage is provided by the pool and reinsurer Travelers Insurance Company and includes coverage for crime, employee dishonesty and inland marine. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

For fiscal year 2007, the Educational Service Center participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, an insurance purchasing pool (Note 7). The program is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the program. Each participant pays its rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings of the program. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "equity pooling fund". This "equity pooling fund" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the program. Participation in the program is limited to members that can meet the program's selection criteria. The districts apply for participation each year. The firm of Gates McDonald and Co. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the program. Each year the Educational Service Center pays an enrollment fee to the program to cover the costs of administration.

Health and dental insurances are available to most employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The claims liability of \$88,035 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2007 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10 which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years were as follows:

	Balance at	Current Year	Claims	Balance at End
	Beginning of Year	Claims	Payments	of Year
2006	\$41,676	\$787,079	\$769,808	\$58,947
2007	58,947	1,364,244	1,335,156	88,035

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Educational Service Center contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established 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 for SERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Educational Service Center is required to contribute 14 percent; for 2007, 10.68 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution rates are not determined actuarially, but are established by SERS's Retirement Board within the rates allowed by State statute. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The Educational Service Center's contributions to SERS for the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005, were \$199,440, \$195,397, and \$181,842, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. 100 percent has been contributed for all three fiscal years.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The Educational Service Center contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues publicly available general purpose financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling (614)227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strs.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% 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 DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and the 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (continued)

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of 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 are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Educational Service Center is required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The Educational Service Center's contributions to STRS for the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005, were \$744,312, \$760,593, and \$752,049, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. 100 percent of the STRS contributions have been contributed for all three fiscal years.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by SERS or STRS have an option to choose social security. As of June 30, 2007, two of the governing board members have elected social security. The board's liability is 6.2 percent of the wages paid.

Note 13 - Post Employment Benefits

The Educational Service Center provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-certificated employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fee, 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.

For STRS, all benefit recipients are required to pay a portion of health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. The board currently allocates employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund for which payments for health care benefits are paid. For the Educational Service Center, this amount equaled \$53,165 during the 2007 fiscal year.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the fund was \$3.5 billion at June 30, 2006 (the latest available information). For the year ended June 30, 2006 (the latest available information), net health care costs paid by STRS were \$282,743,000 and STRS had 119,184 eligible benefit recipients.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 13 - Post Employment Benefits (continued)

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with 10 or more years of qualifying service credit, disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989, with less than 25 years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium for this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.32 percent of covered payroll. 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. The surcharge rate 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. For fiscal year 2006, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. For the Educational Service Center, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$100,843 during the fiscal year. The target level for the health care fund is 150 percent of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. As of June 30, 2006 (the latest available information), net assets available for payment of health care benefits were \$295.6. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), were \$158,751,207. SERS has 59,492 participants eligible to receive benefits.

Note 14 - Employee Benefits

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from governing board policies and State laws. Employees earn 10 to 20 days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service and number of days worked per year. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. All employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 260 days. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum accumulation of 50 days.

B. Life Insurance

The Educational Service Center provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all employees through Medical Life, Inc.; coverage amount is \$38,000 per employee.

Note 15 - Long-Term Obligations

Changes in long-term obligations during fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

	Principal	Principal Principal			
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due Within
	July 1,2006	Additions	Deductions	June 30,2007	One Year
Compensated Absences	\$364,001	\$256,740	\$194,527	\$426,214	\$230,224
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$364,001	\$256,740	\$194,527	\$426,214	\$230,224

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (continued)

Note 16 - Contingencies

A. Grants

The Educational Service Center received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Educational Service Center at June 30, 2007.

B. Litigation

The Educational Service Center is not a part of or involved in any legal proceedings at this time. The Educational Service Center management is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of any future claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the Educational Service Center.

Tri-County Educational Service Center Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures For the year ending June 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number	Federal Receipts	Federal Expenditures
<i>U.S. Department of Education</i> Pass through Ohio Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster:			
Title VI - B Preschool Autism - FY 06	84.027	-	10,564
Serrc VI - B IPD, EAP, IRC - FY 07	84.027	856,773	735,484
Serrc VI - B IPD, EAP, IRC - FY 06	84.027	188,425	273,268
Serrc OISM	84.027	36,936	36,694
Serrc SIG Implementation	84.027	(18,939)	44,225
Serrc Highly Qualified Teacher - FY 06	84.027	(70,316)	42,185
Special Education Handicapped Preschool - FY 07 Special Education Handicapped Preschool - FY 06	84.173 84.173	178,208 0	163,478 26,673
Total Special Education Cluster		1,171,087	1,332,571
21st Century Grant			
21st Century Learning Grant - FY07	84.287	300,000	94,342
21st Century Learning Grant - FY06	84.287	0	225,409
Total 21st Century Grant		300,000	319,751
Title III			
Title III LEP - FY07	84.365	20,408	15,443
Title III LEP - FY06	84.365	(20)	1,049
Total Title III		20,388	16,492
Instructional Leadership Grant	84.367	30,000	20,000
Total U.S. Department of Education		1,521,475	1,688,814
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Pass through Ohio Department of Education			
Medical Assistance Program			
Medicaid Reimbursement	93.778	38	38
Medicaid Reimbursement	93.778	111,860	89,618
Total Medical Assistance Program		111,898	89,656
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services		111,898	89,656
Corporation for National and Community Service			
ODJFS Americorps			
ODJFS Americorps	94.007	5,702	4,748
ODJFS Americorps	94.006	11,367	11,367
Total ODJFS Americorps		17,069	16,115
Total Corporation for National and Community Service		17,069	16,115
Total Federal Receipts/Expenditures		\$ 1,650,442	\$ 1,794,585

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County, Ohio Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

1. <u>Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the Educational Service Center's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

2. <u>Negative Receipts</u>

The Educational Service Center received advances for the SERRC grants late in the 2006 fiscal year. The unused funds were returned to the Ohio Department of Education during the 2007 fiscal year creating a negative receipt for the grants.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County 741 Winkler Road Wooster, Ohio 44691

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County (Educational Service Center), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Educational Service Center's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the 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 the Educational Service Center's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 significantly deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Educational Service Center's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Educational Service Center's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the 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 the Educational Service Center's internal control.

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

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

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. December 5, 2007

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County 741 Winkler Road Wooster, OH 44691

To the Governing Board:

<u>Compliance</u>

We have audited the compliance of the Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County (Educational Service Center), with the types of compliance requirements described in *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2007. The Educational Service Center's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Educational Service Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Educational Service Center's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the 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 the Educational Service Center's compliance with those requirements.

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

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the 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 the Educational Service Center's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Educational Service Center's internal control over compliance.

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

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that the Educational Service Center's internal control will not prevent or detect material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirements.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for 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.

We have also audited financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tri-County Educational Service Center, Wayne County, Ohio as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2007. Our audit was performed to form opinions on the financial statements. The accompanying federal awards receipts and expenditures schedule provides additional information as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

December 5, 2007

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County June 30, 2007

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under Section .510	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs:	Special Education Cluster CFDA 84.027 and 84.173
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - (continued) OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505

Tri-County Educational Service Center Wayne County June 30, 2007

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The prior audit report, for the year ending June 30, 2006, reported no material citations or recommendations.





TRI-COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

WAYNE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 12, 2008

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