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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Midwest Regional Educational Service Center
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To the Governing Board:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, Logan County, Ohio (the Center), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash accounting basis Note 2(B) describes. This responsibility includes determining that the modified cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, Logan County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2(B).

Accounting Basis

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the Center to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2(B) of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 13 to the financial statements, the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center is the result of the merger of the Hardin County, Shelby County, and Logan County Educational Service Centers effective July 1, 2014.

Other Matters

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Federal Award Receipts and Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

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

Other Information

We applied no procedures to Management's Discussion & Analysis, budgetary comparisons for the General and Alternative School funds or to the schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 13, 2016 on our consideration of the Center's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 13, 2016

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center's (the "Center") financial performance provides an overall review of the Center's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, within the limitations of the Center's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Center's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash basis basic financial statements and the notes to the cash basis financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Center's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- In total, net cash position of governmental activities increased \$398,252 which represents a 9.15% increase from 2014.
- General cash receipts accounted for \$536,684 or 5.27% of total governmental activities cash receipts. Program specific cash receipts in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$9,640,929 or 94.73% of total governmental activities cash receipts of \$10,177,613.
- The Center had \$9,779,361 in cash disbursements related to governmental activities; \$9,640,929 of these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services and grants and contributions. General cash receipts supporting governmental activities (primarily unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$536,684 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The Center's major governmental funds are the general fund and the alternative school fund. The general fund had \$7,620,696 in cash receipts and other financing sources and \$7,034,200 in cash disbursements and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2015, the general fund's fund cash balance increased \$586,496 from a balance of \$3,210,239 to \$3,796,734.
- The alternative school fund had \$1,361,732 in cash receipts and \$1,529,622 in cash disbursements. During fiscal year 2015, the alternative school fund's fund balance decreased \$167,890 from \$609,306 to \$441,416
- The Center began operations on July 1, 2014. The Center is the result of the merger of the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

Using these Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Center's cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis provide information about the activities of the whole Center, presenting both an aggregate view of the Center's cash basis finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Center's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Center, the general fund and the alternative school fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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Reporting the Center as a Whole

Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the Center to provide programs and activities, the view of the Center as a whole looks at all cash basis financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2015?" The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer this question. These statements include only net position using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the Center's net cash position and changes in that position on a cash basis. This change in net cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Center as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the Center has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the Center's required educational programs and other factors.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis, the governmental activities include the Center's programs and services, including instruction, support services, and other operations.

The Center's statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis can be found on pages 15-16 of this report.

Reporting the Center's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the Center's major governmental funds begins on page 12. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Center's major funds. The Center uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Center's most significant funds. The Center's major governmental funds are the general fund and the alternative school fund.

Governmental Funds

All of the Center's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Center's general government operations and the basic services it provides.

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Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer modified cash basis financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. Since the Center is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net position and fund cash balances or changes in net position and changes in fund balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements.

However, differences will be apparent when comparing gross revenues and expenses on the fund financial statements to the statement of activities - cash basis due to advances between governmental funds being eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities - cash basis. The governmental fund statements can be found on pages 17-18 of this report.

Reporting the Center's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The Center is the trustee, or fiduciary, for scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The Center also reports the external portion of monies invested on behalf of Sidney City Schools, as its fiscal agent, in a separate investment trust fund. The Center also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals. These activities are reported in an agency fund. All of the Center's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position - cash basis and changes in fiduciary net position - cash basis on pages 19 and 20. These activities are excluded from the Center's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the Center to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 21-44 of this report.

Supplementary Information

The Center has presented budgetary comparison schedules for the general and the major special revenue fund as supplementary information on pages 45-47 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Center's net pension liability. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 48-52 of this report.

The Center as a Whole

Recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the Center as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the Center's net cash position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

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Net Cash Position

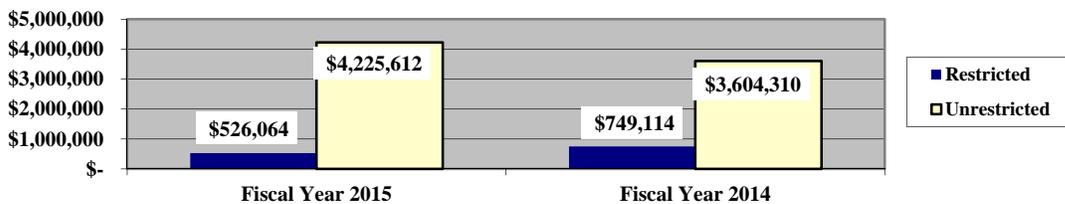
	Governmental Activities 2015	Governmental Activities 2014
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$4,751,676	\$4,353,424
Total assets	4,751,676	4,353,424
Net Cash Position:		
Restricted	526,064	749,114
Unrestricted	4,225,612	3,604,310
Total net cash position	<u>\$4,751,676</u>	<u>\$4,353,424</u>

Over time, net cash position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2015, the Center's total net cash position was \$4,751,676.

A portion of the Center's net cash position, \$526,064 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of government-wide unrestricted net cash position of \$4,225,612 may be used to meet the Center's ongoing obligations to school districts and creditors.

The graph below presents the Center's governmental activities restricted and unrestricted net position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

Governmental Activities - Restricted and Unrestricted Net Cash Position



The table below shows the change in net cash position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

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Change in Net Cash Position

	Governmental Activities 2015	Governmental Activities 2014
Cash Receipts:		
Program cash receipts:		
Charges for services and sales	\$8,403,763	\$7,831,350
Operating grants and contributions	1,237,166	1,989,855
General cash receipts:		
Grants and entitlements	510,397	592,912
Investment earnings	2,678	4,428
Other	23,609	261,287
Total cash receipts	10,177,613	10,679,832
Cash Disbursements:		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	570,432	588,299
Special	3,681,833	3,976,786
Support services:		
Pupil	2,282,160	2,154,282
Instructional staff	1,118,375	1,222,733
Board of education	79,017	76,045
Administration	1,308,009	932,968
Fiscal	511,238	477,533
Business	2,409	1,872
Operations and maintenance	11,280	28,125
Pupil transportation	32,764	32,355
Central	106,176	129,302
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Other non-instructional services	53,184	388,137
Extracurricular	9,028	8,694
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	12,549	13,640
Interest and fiscal charges	907	2,031
Total cash disbursements	9,779,361	10,032,802
Change in net cash position	398,252	647,030
Net cash position at beginning of year	4,353,424	3,706,394
Net cash position at end of year	\$4,751,676	\$4,353,424

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Governmental Activities

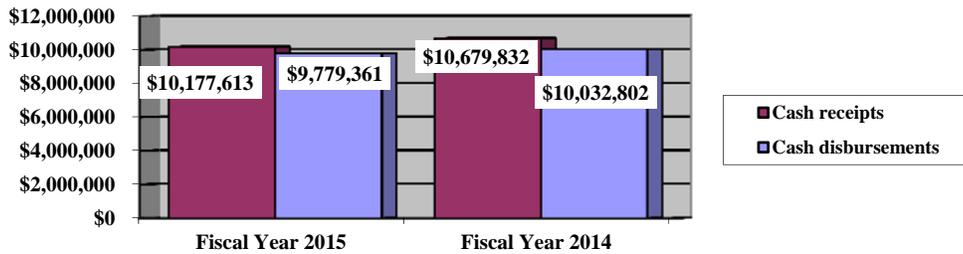
Net cash position of the Center's governmental activities increased \$398,252. Total governmental cash disbursements of \$9,779,361 were offset by program cash receipts of \$9,640,929 and general cash receipts of \$536,684. Program cash receipts supported 98.58% of the total governmental cash disbursements.

The primary sources of cash receipts for governmental activities are derived from charges for services and sales. These cash receipts sources represent 82.57% of total governmental cash receipts.

The largest cash disbursement of the Center is for support services. Support services cash disbursements totaled \$5,451,428 or 55.74% of total governmental cash disbursements for fiscal 2015.

The graph below presents the Center's governmental activities cash receipts and cash disbursements for fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

Governmental Activities - Cash Receipts and Disbursements



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted State grants and entitlements. A comparative analysis between 2015 and 2014 is also shown. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

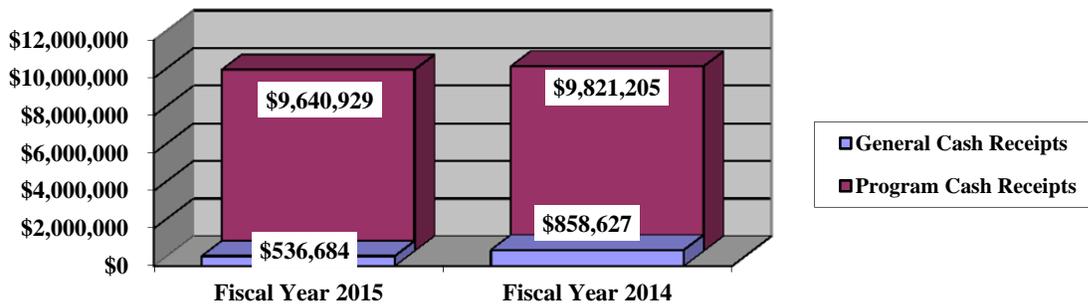
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Governmental Activities				
	Total Cost of Services 2015	Net Cost of Services 2015	Total Cost of Services 2014	Net Cost of Services 2014
Program cash disbursements				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$570,432	(\$1,009)	\$588,299	(\$93,130)
Special	3,681,833	(6,901)	3,976,786	83,569
Support services:				
Pupil	2,282,160	58,615	2,154,282	102,900
Instructional staff	1,118,375	52,694	1,222,733	70,337
Board of education	79,017	79,017	76,045	6,525
Administration	1,308,009	42,788	932,968	(18,923)
Fiscal	511,238	(188,443)	477,533	27,028
Business	2,409	2,409	1,872	145
Operations and maintenance	11,280	11,280	28,125	2,071
Pupil transportation	32,764	31,499	32,355	2,398
Central	106,176	1,418	129,302	9,576
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	53,184	42,406	388,137	2,573
Extracurricular	9,028	(797)	8,694	857
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	12,549	12,549	13,640	13,640
Interest and fiscal charges	907	907	2,031	2,031
Total cash disbursements	\$9,779,361	\$138,432	\$10,032,802	\$211,597

The graph below presents the Center's governmental activities cash receipts for fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Cash Receipts



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The Center's Funds

The Center's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet on page 15) reported a combined fund balance of \$4,751,676, which is greater than last year's total balance of \$4,353,424. The schedule below indicates the fund cash balance and the total change in fund cash balance as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center.

	Fund Cash Balance June 30, 2015	Fund Cash Balance June 30, 2014	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
General	\$3,796,734	\$3,210,238	\$586,496	18.27 %
Alternative School	441,416	609,306	(167,890)	(27.55) %
Other Governmental	513,526	533,880	(20,354)	(3.81) %
Total	<u>\$4,751,676</u>	<u>\$4,353,424</u>	<u>\$398,252</u>	9.15 %

General Fund

The Center's general fund cash balance increased \$586,496. The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash financial activities of the general fund.

	2015 Amount	2014 Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Cash Receipts:				
Tuition and contract services	\$6,550,086	\$6,510,957	\$39,129	0.60 %
Earnings on investments	2,678	4,428	(1,750)	(39.52) %
Other revenues	534,056	262,187	271,869	103.69 %
Intergovernmental	510,397	592,912	(82,515)	(13.92) %
Total	<u>\$7,597,217</u>	<u>\$7,370,484</u>	<u>\$226,733</u>	3.08 %
Cash Disbursements:				
Instruction	\$2,539,816	\$2,734,296	(\$194,480)	(7.11) %
Support services	4,427,401	4,011,107	416,294	10.38 %
Other non-instructional services	42,284	199,037	(156,753)	100.00 %
Extracurricular	9,028	7,525	1,503	19.97 %
Debt service	13,456	15,671	(2,215)	(14.13) %
Total	<u>\$7,031,985</u>	<u>\$6,967,636</u>	<u>\$64,349</u>	0.92 %

The fiscal year 2014 amounts were prepared by combining the amounts for the Hardin County Educational Service Center, Shelby County Educational Service Center and Logan County Educational Service Center. Overall, cash receipts and disbursements are comparable between fiscal year 2015 and 2014.

Alternative School Fund

The alternative school fund had \$1,361,732 in cash receipts and \$1,529,622 in cash disbursements. During fiscal year 2015, the alternative school fund's fund cash balance decreased \$167,890 from \$609,306 to \$441,416.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Center does not record capital assets in the accompanying cash basis basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2015, the Center had \$5,367 in capital lease obligations. Of this total, \$2,020 is due within one year and \$3,347 is due within greater than one year.

The Center is not permitted to issue debt. See Note 7 to the cash basis financial statements for additional information on the Center's capital leases.

Current Financial Related Activities

On March 4, 2014, the Hardin, Logan, and Shelby County ESC Boards approved a merger of the three ESCs. The merger created the Midwest Regional ESC on July 1, 2014. This merger of less than four months was the fastest ESC merger in Ohio. The new Board consisted of 15 members from the prior ESC boards. On January 1, 2016, the governing board will go down to seven board members.

The ESC, along with the majority of the school districts in Ohio, continues to be challenged to provide a high level of services with declining revenues. As the preceding information shows, the ESC relies heavily on contracts with local, city in Hardin, Logan, and Shelby Counties, as well as State Foundation revenue and state and federal grants. The need for additional services from local and city school districts, along with the ESC's cash balance, will provide the ESC with the necessary funds to meet its operating expenses in fiscal year 2015. However, the future financial stability of the ESC is not without concerns.

In fiscal year 2015, every ESC in Ohio was provided \$26.82 per pupil from state funding. However, this funding will be decreased to \$24.48 per pupil in fiscal year 2016. Additional reductions in the State's budget directly affected the ESC and the schools that it serves.

Each year, additional services are needed by school districts. Therefore, the ESC is constantly reviewing their program activity to provide services while maintaining a financially solvent operation.

The ESC's systems of internal control and procedures are reviewed throughout the year to ensure a cost efficient operation.

Contacting the Center's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Center's finances and to show the Center's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Keith Thomas, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, 121 South Opera St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$4,751,676
Total assets	4,751,676
 Net cash position:	
Restricted for:	
Locally funded programs	63,392
State funded programs	10,024
Federally funded programs	7,293
Alternative schools	441,416
Other purposes	3,939
Unrestricted	4,225,612
Total net cash position	\$4,751,676

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Cash Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Cash Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$570,432	\$20,576	\$550,865	\$1,009
Special	3,681,833	3,505,825	182,909	6,901
Support services:				
Pupil	2,282,160	1,989,543	234,002	(58,615)
Instructional staff	1,118,375	992,426	73,255	(52,694)
Board of education	79,017			(79,017)
Administration	1,308,009	1,095,669	169,552	(42,788)
Fiscal	511,238	699,681		188,443
Business	2,409			(2,409)
Operations and maintenance	11,280			(11,280)
Pupil transportation	32,764	1,265		(31,499)
Central	106,176	98,672	6,086	(1,418)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	53,184		10,778	(42,406)
Extracurricular activities	9,028	106	9,719	797
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	12,549			(12,549)
Interest and fiscal charges	907			(907)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$9,779,361</u>	<u>\$8,403,763</u>	<u>\$1,237,166</u>	<u>(\$138,432)</u>
General cash receipts:				
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				510,397
Investment earnings				2,678
Miscellaneous				23,609
Total general receipts				<u>536,684</u>
Change in net cash position				398,252
Net cash position at beginning of year				<u>4,353,424</u>
Net cash position at end of year				<u><u>\$4,751,676</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Alternative School</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$3,796,734	\$441,416	\$513,526	\$4,751,676
Total assets	<u>3,796,734</u>	<u>441,416</u>	<u>513,526</u>	<u>4,751,676</u>
Fund cash balances:				
Non-spendable:				
Unclaimed monies	3,761			3,761
Restricted:				
Non-public schools			3	3
Alternative schools		441,416		441,416
Other purposes			80,884	80,884
Committed:				
Other purposes			432,639	432,639
Assigned:				
Student instruction	14,060			14,060
Student and staff support	196,342			196,342
Unassigned	3,582,571			3,582,571
Total fund cash balances	<u>\$3,796,734</u>	<u>\$441,416</u>	<u>\$513,526</u>	<u>\$4,751,676</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic statements.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Alternative School</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Cash receipts:				
From local sources:				
Tuition	\$4,908,606	\$1,073,074		\$5,981,680
Earnings on investments	2,678			2,678
Extracurricular	4,914		\$25	4,939
Contributions and donations	32,119	4,000	44,242	80,361
Contract services	1,641,480	154,365	41,618	1,837,463
Other local revenues	497,023	104,018	2,249	603,290
Intergovernmental - intermediate			272,265	272,265
Intergovernmental - state	510,397	26,275	168,547	705,219
Intergovernmental - federal			689,718	689,718
Total cash receipts	<u>7,597,217</u>	<u>1,361,732</u>	<u>1,218,664</u>	<u>10,177,613</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	35,511	20,775	514,146	570,432
Special	2,504,305	1,037,009	140,519	3,681,833
Support services:				
Pupil	2,006,826	11,139	264,195	2,282,160
Instructional staff	1,012,640	2,500	103,235	1,118,375
Board of education	79,017			79,017
Administration	669,365	458,199	180,445	1,308,009
Fiscal	511,238			511,238
Business	2,409			2,409
Operations and maintenance	11,280			11,280
Pupil transportation	32,764			32,764
Central	101,862		4,314	106,176
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other operation of non-instructional	42,284		10,900	53,184
Extracurricular activities	9,028			9,028
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	12,549			12,549
Interest and fiscal charges	907			907
Total cash disbursements	<u>7,031,985</u>	<u>1,529,622</u>	<u>1,217,754</u>	<u>9,779,361</u>
Excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>565,232</u>	<u>(167,890)</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>398,252</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Advances in	23,479		2,215	25,694
Advances (out)	(2,215)		(23,479)	(25,694)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>21,264</u>		<u>(21,264)</u>	
Net change in fund cash balances	586,496	(167,890)	(20,354)	398,252
Fund cash balances at beginning of year	<u>3,210,238</u>	<u>609,306</u>	<u>533,880</u>	<u>4,353,424</u>
Fund cash balances at end of year	<u>\$3,796,734</u>	<u>\$441,416</u>	<u>\$513,526</u>	<u>\$4,751,676</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Investment Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$40,922	\$27,563	\$93,993
Investments (Stock)	15,452	15,452	
Total assets	<u>56,374</u>	<u>43,015</u>	<u>93,993</u>
Liabilities:			
Due to other organizations			93,993
Total liabilities			<u>93,993</u>
Net position:			
Held in trust for scholarships	56,374		
Net cash assets available to pool participants		43,015	
Total net position	<u>\$56,374</u>	<u>\$43,015</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Investment Trust</u>
Additions:		
Interest	\$8,549	\$8,538
Gifts and contributions	6,825	
Total additions	<u>15,374</u>	<u>8,538</u>
Deductions:		
Distributions to participants		5,000
Scholarships awarded	9,100	
Total deductions	<u>9,100</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Change in net position	6,274	3,538
Net cash position at beginning of year	<u>50,100</u>	<u>39,477</u>
Net cash position at end of year	<u><u>\$56,374</u></u>	<u><u>\$43,015</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Midwest Regional Educational Service Center (the "Center") is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. County boards of education were formed in Ohio as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 9, in 1914. In 1995, Am. Sub. H.B. 117 authorized the creation of Centers and abolished county school districts. That legislation also changed the "Board of Education" to the "Governing Board". On March 4, 2014 the Shelby, Logan and Hardin Educational Service Centers approved a merger, which resulted in the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center. The Center began operations on July 1, 2014.

The Center supplies supervisory, special education, administrative, and other services to member school districts. The Center furnishes leadership and consulting services designed to strengthen the school districts in areas they are unable to finance or staff independently.

The Board consists of 15 members (5 members from each of the predecessor Centers) elected by the voters. This Board acts as the authorizing body for expenditures, policy and procedures, and approves all financial activities. The Center is staffed by 65 non-certified and 77 certified employees.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Note 2.B., these financial statements are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In cases where these modified cash basis statements contain items that are the same as, or similar to, those items in financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP, similar informative disclosures are provided.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Center. For the Center, this includes general operations and student related activities of the Center.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Center is financially accountable. The Center is financially accountable for an organization if the Center appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the Center is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Center is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the Center is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the Center is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Center in that the Center approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Center has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the Center (the primary government).

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the Center:

1. Jointly Governed Organizations

Western Ohio Computer Organization (WOCO)

WOCO is a jointly governed organization composed of 28 school districts, 3 educational service centers, 3 parochial schools and 4 community schools. It was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to the administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports WOCO based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. In the event of dissolution of the organization, all current members will share in net obligations or asset liquidations in a ratio proportionate to their last twelve months financial contributions. WOCO is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of superintendents of the members school districts. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. In accordance with GASB Statements Nos. 14 and 61, the Center does not have an equity interest in WOCO as the residual interest in the net resources of an organization upon dissolution is not equivalent to an equity interest. Financial information can be obtained from Donn Walls, who serves as Director, at 129 East Court Street, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

Shelby County Educational Service Center was the fiscal agent of WOCO until June 30, 2014. Effective July 1, 2014, WOCO became independent and changed to a Council of Government.

Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative (SOEPC)

The SOEPC is a purchasing cooperative made up of nearly 100 school districts in 18 counties. The purpose of the cooperative is to obtain prices for quality merchandise and services commonly used by schools. All member districts are obligated to pay all fees, charges, of other assessments as established by the SOEPC. Each member district has one voting representative. Title to any and all equipment, furniture and supplies purchased by the SOEPC is held in trust for the member districts by the fiscal agent. Any district withdrawing from the SOEPC shall forfeit its claim to any and all SOEPC assets. One year prior notice is necessary for withdrawal from the group. During this time, the withdrawing member is liable for all member obligations. Payments to SOEPC are made from the general fund. To obtain financial information, write to the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative, Ken Swink, who serves as Director, at 303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 208, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Logan County Family and Children First Council

The Family and Children First Council provides services to multi-need youth in Logan County. Members of the council include but are not limited to the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health Board, Logan County Child Support Enforcement Agency, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Service Board, Logan County Head Start, Logan County Board of Health, Logan County Human Services, Midwest Regional Educational Service Center and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is the administrative/fiscal agent for the Council.

The operation of the Council is controlled by an advisory committee, which consists of a representative from each agency. Funding comes mainly from the State of Ohio. Financial information can be obtained from Stacey Logwood, Executive Director, 1973 State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Logan County Educational Foundation

The Logan County Education Foundation was established to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the benefit of students within the county. The Foundation promotes, sponsors, and encourages the pursuit of excellence in education for students. The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees composed of six trustees from each school district. These trustees are nominated by their local school boards including Bellefontaine City School District, Benjamin Logan Local School District, Indian Lake Local School District, and Riverside Local School District. The Executive Board is comprised of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center Superintendent representing the three local school districts and the Bellefontaine City School District Superintendent representing the city school district. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Eric Thom, who serves as Managing Director, 121 S. Opera Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School District

The Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School District is a distinct political subdivision over the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The Center has two Board members on the vocational school's Board. To obtain financial information write to the Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School District, Eric Adelsberger, who serves as Treasurer, at 2280 State Route 540, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Upper Valley Career Center

The Upper Valley Career Center is a distinct political subdivision over the State of Ohio. The Career Center is operated under the direction a Board consisting of eleven representatives who are members of the Boards of Education of the participating school districts. One member is appointed from each of the following: Bradford Exempted Village School District, Covington Exempted Village School District, and Miami County Educational Service Center. Two members are appointed from the following City and/or County School Districts: Piqua, Shelby, Sidney and Troy. The Center has two Board members on the career center's Board. To obtain financial information write to the Upper Valley Career Center, Paul Carpenter, who serves as Treasurer, at 8811 Career Drive, Piqua, Ohio 45356.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Public Entity Risk Pools

Logan County Schools Benefit Plan Association

The Center participates in the Logan County Schools Benefit Plan Association (the "Plan"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of three local school districts, one joint vocational school district and the Center. The Center pays monthly premiums to the Plan for employee medical benefits. The Plan is responsible for the payment of all Plan liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal.

On January 1, 2014, the Logan County School Employee Consortium formed a regional council of governments (the "COG") for the purpose of providing benefits through a self-funded insurance pool. The COG collects premiums from the Logan County School Employee Consortium participants and pays a third-party administrator to process the claims.

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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

Ohio School Plan

The Center participates in the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an insurance purchasing pool established under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Plan is an unincorporated nonprofit association of its members which enables the participants to provide for a formalized joint insurance purchasing program for maintaining adequate insurance protection and provides risk management programs and other administrative services. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a fifteen member board consisting of superintendents, treasurers, the president of Stolly Insurance Group and a member of Hylant Group, Inc. the Hylant Group, Inc. is the Plan's administrator and is responsible for processing claims. Stolly Insurance Group serves as the sales and marketing representative which establishes agreements between the Plan and its members. Financial information can be obtained from Stolly Insurance Group, 1730 Allentown Road, P.O. Box 5067, Lima, Ohio 45802.

B. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with GAAP, the Center chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes on the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP.

The Center's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursement basis. The Center recognizes revenues when received in cash rather than when earned and recognizes expenditures when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenue (such as accounts receivable and revenue billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received, but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

C. Fund Accounting

The Center uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Center has no proprietary funds.

1. Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Center are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of the current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. The following are the Center's major governmental funds:

General fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Alternative school - The alternative school fund is used to account for money committed to alternative educational programs for existing and new at-risk and delinquent youth.

Other governmental funds of the Center are used to account for specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes.

2. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Center under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Center's own programs. The Center has a private-purpose trust which accounts for scholarship programs for students. The investment trust fund is used to account for a stock bequest benefiting Sidney City School District. The Center also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for other organizations. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Center's agency funds account for resources held for other organizations.

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**NOTES TO THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basis of Presentation

1. Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position - modified cash basis and the statement of activities - modified cash basis display information about the Center as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The government-wide statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the Center's governmental activities. These disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts 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. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Center. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing on the modified cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the Center.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The Center segregates transactions related to certain Center functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Center at a more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all non-major funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

E. Budgetary Process

Although not legally required, the Center adopts its budget for all 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 Center (which are apportioned by the State Department of Education to each local Board of Education under the supervision of the Center), and Part (C) includes the adopted appropriation resolution.

In fiscal year 2004, the Center requirement to file budgetary information with the Ohio Department of Education was eliminated. Even though the budgetary process for the Center was discretionary, the Center continued to have its Board approve appropriations and estimated resources. The Center's Board adopts an annual appropriation resolution, which is the Boards, 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 with the exception of the General Fund, which is at the one digit object code. Budgetary information for the general fund and the major special revenue funds have been presented as supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Cash and Investments

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

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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During fiscal year 2015, investments were limited to common stock (see below) and negotiable certificates of deposit. Non-participating investment contracts such as certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

While common stock is not an allowable investment according to Ohio statute, the Center has been endowed with a gift of stock for its private-purpose trust fund. A portion of this stock is due to the Sidney City School District and is reported as an investment trust fund (See Note 6). No public funds were used to acquire the stock. The stock is reported at cost which is based on the initial acquisition prices.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless the Center has adopted a resolution authorizing interest to be credited to specific funds. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2015 amounted to \$2,678, which includes \$750 assigned from other Center funds.

G. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment purchased are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements under the modified cash basis of accounting. Depreciation has not been reported for any capital assets.

H. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Center reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the financial statements.

I. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting.

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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Center recognizes the disbursements for employer contributions to cost sharing pension plans when they are paid.

K. Pensions

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

L. Long-Term Obligations

Capital lease obligations are not recognized as a liability in the financial statements under the modified cash basis of accounting. The Center is not permitted to obtain debt beyond capital lease obligations.

M. Fund Cash Balance

The Center reports classifications of fund cash balance based on the extent to which the Center is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The following categories are used:

Non-spendable - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - amounts that have constraints placed on the use of resources that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Center's highest level of decision-making authority, the Governing Board.

Assigned - amounts that are constrained by the Center's intent to be used for specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned amounts include those approved through the Center's formal purchasing procedure by the Treasurer. Through the Center's purchasing policy, the Governing Board has given the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

Unassigned - residual fund balance within the general fund that is in spendable form that is not restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Center applies restricted resources first when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted fund cash balance is available. The Center considers committed, assigned, and unassigned fund cash balances, respectively, to be spent when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which any of the unrestricted fund cash balance classifications could be used.

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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Net Cash Position

Net cash position is reported as restricted when enabling legislation or creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments have imposed limitations on its use. The Center first applies restricted resources when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net cash position is available.

O. Interfund Activity

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

A schedule of the Center's interfund transactions is presented in Note 5.

P. 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 Board and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2015.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03(B), requires the Center to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the Center prepared its financial statements on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position / fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The Center can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the Center.

B. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2015, the Center has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27", GASB Statement No. 69 "Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations", and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68".

GASB Statement No. 68 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 effected the Center's pension plan disclosures, as presented in Note 9 to the financial statements, and added required supplementary information which is presented on pages 48-52.

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3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations.

GASB Statement No. 71 improves the accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in GASB Statement No. 68, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that Statement by employers and non-employer contributing entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 71 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Center.

4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. 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 may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;

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5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1 or 2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in such securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

A. Cash on Hand

At fiscal year end, the Center had \$175 in un-deposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all Center deposits was \$4,513,979. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2015, \$2,989,039 of the Center's bank balance of \$4,543,286 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$1,554,247 was covered by FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the 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 Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Center. The Center has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Center to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

C. Investments

As of June 30, 2015, the Center had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>			<u>Indefinite</u>
			<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	
Stock	\$30,904	\$508,043				\$508,043
Negotiable CD's	400,000	400,237	250,168		\$150,069	
Total	<u>\$430,904</u>	<u>\$908,280</u>	<u>\$250,168</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,069</u>	<u>\$508,043</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.28 years.

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

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Center will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The stock portfolio is in the name of the Center and is not subject to custodial credit risk. The Center has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

Credit Risk: The Center's stocks were rated ranging from AAA to BB-, Aaa to B3, and A- to BB by Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investor Services, and Fitch Ratings, respectively. The Center's investment policy does not further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Center places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Center at June 30, 2015:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
Stock	\$508,043	55.93
Negotiable CD's	400,237	44.07
Total	<u>\$908,280</u>	<u>100.00</u>

D. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments reported in the note above to cash as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Carrying amount of deposits	\$4,513,979
Investments	430,904
Cash on hand	175
Total	<u>\$4,945,058</u>

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4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Governmental activities	\$4,751,676
Private-purpose trust funds	56,374
Investment trust fund	43,015
Agency fund	93,993
Total	\$4,945,058

5. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund transactions for the year ended June 30, 2015, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Advances from general fund to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Non-major governmental funds	\$2,215
<u>Advances from non-major governmental funds to:</u>	
General fund	23,479
Total	\$25,694

The primary purpose of the advances to the governmental funds is to cover costs in grant funds where the requested project cash requests were not received by June 30. These advances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All outstanding advances are expected to be repaid within one year.

The advances to the general fund represent repayment of prior period advances made from the general fund to non-major governmental funds.

Interfund advances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no advances are reported on the statement of activities.

6. INVESTMENT POOL

The Center maintains stock that was bequeathed to the Center and to Sidney City School District. The Center pools the monies of these activities with the Center's cash for investment purposes. The Center cannot allocate its investments between the internal and external investment pools.

The investment pool is not registered with the Security and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The pool does not issue shares. The Center maintains stock that was bequeathed to the Center and to the Sidney City School District. Each entity is entitled to 50 percent of the stock value. The portion of the stock that is due to the Sidney City School District is reported in an investment trust fund.

Condensed modified cash basis financial information for the investment pool follows:

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6. INVESTMENT POOL (Continued)

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015**

Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,914,154
Investments	30,904
Total Assets	4,945,058
Net Position Held in Trust for Pool Participants:	
Internal Portion	4,902,043
External Portion	43,015
Total Net Position Held in Trust for Pool Participants	\$4,945,058

**Statement of Changes in Net Position
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Additions:	
Capital Transaction	\$317,556
Interest	19,765
Total Additions	337,321
Deductions:	
Distributions to Participants	19,765
Total Deductions	19,765
Change in Net Position	317,556
Net Position, Beginning of Year	4,627,502
Net Position, End of Year	\$4,945,058

Deposits and investments of the investment pool mirror those of the Center. There are no differences between the deposits and investments of the Center and those of the investment pool. See Note 4 for the investment pools classifications of deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures".

7. CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During prior fiscal years, the Center has entered into capital leases for copiers. The terms of each lease agreement provide an option to purchase the copier.

Principal payments in fiscal year 2015 totaled \$12,549. This amount is reflected as debt service principal retirement in the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2015:

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7. CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE (Continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2016	\$2,376
2017	2,376
2018	1,188
Total minimum lease payments	5,940
Less amount representing interest	(573)
Total	\$5,367

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive and Employee Health

The Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Center has obtained risk management by traditional means of insuring through a commercial company. With the exception of a deductible, the risk of loss transfers entirely from the Center to the commercial company. The Center continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage.

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2015, the Center participated in the Ohio School Board Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the Center by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members are calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate.

9. PENSION PLANS

A. Net Pension Liability

For fiscal year 2015, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68" were effective. These GASB pronouncements had no effect on beginning net position as reported June 30, 2014, as the net pension liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net pension liability has been disclosed below.

Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

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

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

B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Center is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The Center's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$205,221 for fiscal year 2015.

C. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio)

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

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

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

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

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

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

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The Center was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Center's contractually required contribution to STRS Ohio was \$570,314 for fiscal year 2015.

D. Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Center's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Center's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS Ohio</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,347,705	\$9,023,184	\$13,370,889
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.085907%	0.03709663%	

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

Wage inflation	3.25 percent
Future salary increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or ad hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal

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

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

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

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.00 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.00
Non-US Stocks	22.50	5.50
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	10.00
Real Assets	10.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	15.00	7.50
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,202,882	\$4,347,705	\$2,787,340

F. Actuarial Assumptions - STRS Ohio

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

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

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9. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS Ohio's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$12,917,672	\$9,023,184	\$5,729,758

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**NOTES TO THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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10. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2015, 0.82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2015, this amount was \$20,450. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the Center's surcharge obligation was \$25,364.

The Center's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$37,384, \$34,261 and \$41,165, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

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**NOTES TO THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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10. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The Center’s contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$0, \$39,210 and \$48,160, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

11. CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The Center receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Center. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Center.

12. OTHER COMMITMENTS

The Center utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reservations of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures and may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the Center’s commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

Fund Type	Year-End Encumbrances
General fund	\$93,748
Alternative school fund	54,064
Other governmental	54,721
Total	\$202,533

13. GOVERNMENT COMBINATION

The Midwest Regional Educational Service Center is the result of the merger of the Hardin County, Shelby County and Logan County Educational Service Centers. These entities were legally separate. The effective date of the merger was July 1, 2014. The main reason for this merger was to realize operating efficiencies.

14. OPERATING LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

The Center entered into a lease with the Hardin County Commissioners for approximately 1,750 square feet of building space. The lease requires monthly payments of \$375.

The Center entered into a leased with the Shelby County Commissioners for approximately 3,008 square feet of building space. The lease requires monthly payments of \$1,300.

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15. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective January 1, 2016, the Governing Board will change from 15 members to 7 members.

The lease with the Hardin County Commissioners was ended on August 31, 2015. On August 20, 2015, the Center entered into a new lease with The Nerd Room for storage space. The lease requires monthly payments of \$150.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary basis receipts:				
From local sources:				
Tuition	\$5,072,991	\$4,865,699	\$4,908,606	\$42,907
Earnings on investments	2,398	2,300	2,678	378
Contributions and donations	18,819	18,050	18,050	
Contract services	1,577,115	1,512,670	1,485,052	(27,618)
Other local revenues	499,354	478,950	491,008	12,058
Intergovernmental - state	528,702	507,098	510,397	3,299
Total budgetary basis receipts	<u>7,699,379</u>	<u>7,384,767</u>	<u>7,415,791</u>	<u>31,024</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	14,860	14,721	14,636	85
Special	2,703,701	2,678,381	2,534,129	144,252
Support services:				
Pupil	2,185,637	2,165,170	2,035,845	129,325
Instructional staff	989,630	980,363	906,417	73,946
Board of education	100,469	99,528	89,863	9,665
Administration	702,925	696,342	653,888	42,454
Fiscal	558,527	553,297	514,438	38,859
Business	21,495	21,294	3,246	18,048
Operations and maintenance	13,577	13,450	11,280	2,170
Pupil transportation	37,801	37,447	31,575	5,872
Central	159,057	157,568	134,258	23,310
Other operation of non-instructional services	50,192	49,722	42,284	7,438
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>7,537,871</u>	<u>7,467,283</u>	<u>6,971,859</u>	<u>495,424</u>
Excess (deficiency) of budgetary basis receipts over (under) budgetary basis disbursements	<u>161,508</u>	<u>(82,516)</u>	<u>443,932</u>	<u>526,448</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditures	44,759	42,930	38,787	(4,143)
Advances in	24,479	23,479	23,479	
Advances (out)	(35,331)	(35,000)	(2,215)	32,785
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>33,907</u>	<u>31,409</u>	<u>60,051</u>	<u>28,642</u>
Net change in fund cash balance	195,415	(51,107)	503,983	555,090
Fund cash balance at beginning of year	2,958,830	2,958,830	2,958,830	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	123,519	123,519	123,519	
Fund cash balance at end of year	<u>\$3,277,764</u>	<u>\$3,031,242</u>	<u>\$3,586,332</u>	<u>\$555,090</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Negative)</u>
Budgetary basis receipts:				
From local sources:				
Tuition	\$1,152,904	\$1,125,000	\$1,073,074	(\$51,926)
Contributions and donations			4,000	4,000
Contract services	235,217	229,524	154,365	(75,159)
Other local revenues	134,385	131,132	104,018	(27,114)
Intergovernmental - state	26,927	26,275	26,275	
Total budgetary basis receipts	<u>1,549,433</u>	<u>1,511,931</u>	<u>1,361,732</u>	<u>(150,199)</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	20,582	20,775	20,775	
Special	1,214,381	1,225,756	1,094,679	131,077
Support Services:				
Pupil	11,036	11,139	11,139	
Instructional staff	2,477	2,500	2,500	
Administration	459,272	463,574	458,199	5,375
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>1,707,748</u>	<u>1,723,744</u>	<u>1,587,292</u>	<u>136,452</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) transfers	<u>(158,315)</u>	<u>(211,813)</u>	<u>(225,560)</u>	<u>(13,747)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Refund of prior year expenditures			3,606	3,606
Total other financing sources			<u>3,606</u>	<u>3,606</u>
Net change in fund cash balance	(158,315)	(211,813)	(221,954)	(10,141)
Fund cash balance at beginning of year	594,764	594,764	594,764	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	14,542	14,542	14,542	
Fund cash balance at end of year	<u>\$450,991</u>	<u>\$397,493</u>	<u>\$387,352</u>	<u>(\$10,141)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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**NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

The Center is no longer required under State statute to file budgetary information with the State Department of Education. However, the Center Board does follow the budgetary process for control purposes.

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

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

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

NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the Center is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balances on the cash basis, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The budgetary comparison schedule presented for the general fund and the alternative school fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budget basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as disbursements (budget) rather than a reservation of fund balance (cash).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the general fund and alternative school fund:

Net Change in Fund Cash Balance

	General fund	Alternative School fund
Cash basis	\$586,496	(\$167,890)
Funds budgeted elsewhere **	(7,209)	
Adjustment for encumbrances	(75,304)	(54,064)
Budget basis	\$503,983	(\$221,954)

** As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the special enterprise fund and the public school support fund.

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SCHEDULE OF OTHER INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF THE CENTER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Center's proportion of the net pension liability	0.08590700%	0.08590700%
Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,347,705	\$5,108,614
Center's covered-employee payroll	\$1,465,864	\$2,496,279
Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	296.60%	204.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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SCHEDULE OF OTHER INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF THE CENTER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Center's proportion of the net pension liability	0.03709663%	0.03709663%
Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,023,184	\$10,748,358
Center's covered-employee payroll	\$4,073,671	\$3,790,250
Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	221.50%	283.58%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULE OF OTHER INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF CENTER CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$205,221	\$349,479
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(205,221)</u>	<u>(349,479)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Center's covered-employee payroll	\$1,465,864	\$2,496,279
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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SCHEDULE OF OTHER INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF CENTER CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$570,314	\$530,635
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(570,314)</u>	<u>(530,635)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Center's covered-employee payroll	\$4,073,671	\$3,790,250
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF OTHER INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	\$40,912	\$23,521
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	<u>14,464</u>	<u>14,772</u>
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>55,376</u>	<u>38,293</u>
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	592,014	591,453
School Improvement Grants	84.377		7,276
ARRA - Race to the Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	84.395	46,179	44,259
ARRA - Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	84.389		7,100
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	<u>56,730</u>	<u>92,714</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>750,299</u>	<u>781,095</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	19,245	32,103
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	11,362	10,984
<i>Passed Through Shelby County Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	<u>15,394</u>	<u>15,394</u>
Total U.S. Department of Job and Family Services		<u>46,001</u>	<u>58,481</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR			
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
<i>Passed Through Shelby County Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
WIA/WIOA Youth Activities	17.259	<u>54,008</u>	<u>57,226</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance		<u>\$850,308</u>	<u>\$896,802</u>

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center's (the Center's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
ACT**

The Center commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Labor with similar State and Local grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the Center assumes it expends federal monies first.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Midwest Regional Educational Service Center
Logan County
121 Opera Street
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

To the Governing Board:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards, the modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, Logan County, Ohio (the Center) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2016, wherein we noted the Center uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. As disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements, the Center is the result of the merger of the Hardin County, Shelby County, and Logan County Educational Service Centers effective July 1, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Center's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001.

Entity's Response to Findings

The Center's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Center's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 13, 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Midwest Regional Educational Service Center
Logan County
121 Opera Street
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

To the Governing Board:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center's (the Center) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center's major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Center's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Center's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Center's compliance for the Center's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Center's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Center's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Center's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control over compliance.

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

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

This report only describes the scope of our internal control compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 13, 2016

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
LOGAN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2015**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS
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<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers – CFDA # 84.287
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2015-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code §117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Admin. Code §117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code §117.38.

Ohio Adm. Code §117-2-03(B) requires all educational service centers to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles. The Center prepared its financial statements in accordance with the modified cash accounting basis. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code §117.38 the Center may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

The Center should prepare its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to provide users with more complete and meaningful financial statements.

OFFICIALS' RESPONSE:

The Treasurer and Governing Board are aware of the requirement. The Midwest Regional Educational Service Center Board approved on March 19, 2015 to present the MRESC's annual financial report on another comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) accepted by Auditor of State, which substantially conforms to the reporting model prescribed by GASB No. 34 decision based on the cost-benefit relationship. The Treasurer had obtained a quote for the GAAP conversion, which was three times the cost, in addition to increased audit costs.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
LOGAN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)
JUNE 30, 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2014-01 – Hardin County Educational Service Center, Logan County Educational Service Center, and Shelby County Educational Service Center (**)	Ohio Rev. Code 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(B) – did not file financial reports which were prepared using generally accepted accounting principles.	No	Repeated as Finding 2015-001

(**) – The Hardin, Logan, and Shelby County Educational Service Centers were all “legally separate” entities prior to July 1, 2014. As described in Note 13 of the financial statements, these three entities merged effective July 1, 2014 to form the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center.

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LOGAN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
MAY 19, 2016