

**STARK/PORTAGE AREA COMPUTER CONSORTIUM
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017***

JAMES CARMAN, TREASURER



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Governing Board
Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium, Stark County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

November 22, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium
Stark County
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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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, Stark County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the accounting basis. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which differs from generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Other Information

We applied no procedures to Management's Discussion & Analysis as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2017, on our consideration of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
October 30, 2017

**STARK/PORTAGE AREA COMPUTER CONSORTIUM
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

The discussion and analysis of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's (the "Consortium") financial performance provides an overall review of the Consortium's financial activities for the fiscal year 2017, within the limitations of the Consortium's modified cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Consortium's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and modified cash basis financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Consortium's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net modified cash position was \$1,032,945 at June 30, 2017.
- The Consortium had operating cash receipts of \$5,045,428 and operating cash disbursements of \$5,388,029 for the fiscal year 2017. The Consortium also received \$256,815 in intergovernmental non-operating cash receipts during the year and had \$178,031 in capital lease payments non-operating cash disbursements. The total change in net modified cash position for the year was a decrease of \$263,817.

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 Consortium's modified cash basis of accounting. This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Consortium's financial activities. The statement of net position – modified cash basis and the statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in net modified cash position provide information about the activities of the Consortium.

Reporting the Consortium Financial Activities

Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Net Modified Cash Position

These documents look at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2017?" The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and the Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Net Modified Cash Position answers this question.

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These statements include only net modified cash position using the modified 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 Consortium's net modified cash position and changes in that position on a modified cash basis. This change in net modified cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Consortium as a whole, the modified cash basis financial position of the Consortium has improved or diminished.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as claims payable) are not recorded in these modified cash basis 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 modified cash basis of accounting.

The table below provides a summary of the Consortium's net modified cash position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

Net Modified Cash Position

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	\$ <u>1,032,945</u>	\$ <u>1,296,762</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>1,032,945</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,296,762</u></u>
<u>Net cash position:</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ <u>1,032,945</u>	\$ <u>1,296,762</u>
Total net cash position	\$ <u><u>1,032,945</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,296,762</u></u>

Over time, net modified cash position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2017, the Consortium's net modified cash position totaled \$1,032,945.

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The table below shows the changes in net modified cash position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Change in Net Modified Cash Position

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Operating cash receipts:</u>		
Contracted services	\$ 5,042,266	\$ 5,763,692
Other	<u>3,162</u>	<u>1,822</u>
Total operating cash receipts	<u>5,045,428</u>	<u>5,765,514</u>
<u>Operating cash disbursements:</u>		
Salaries - employees	2,316,680	2,104,790
Benefits	778,327	687,367
Purchased services	1,157,567	1,802,346
Supplies	408,812	864,921
Other	9,747	37,492
Capital outlay	<u>717,696</u>	<u>814,571</u>
Total operating cash disbursements	<u>5,388,829</u>	<u>6,311,487</u>
<u>Non-operating cash receipts (disbursements):</u>		
Intergovernmental	256,815	358,353
Capital lease payments	<u>(178,031)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total non-operating cash receipts (disbursements)	<u>78,784</u>	<u>358,353</u>
Change in net cash position	(264,617)	(187,620)
Net cash position at beginning of year	<u>1,296,762</u>	<u>1,484,382</u>
Net cash position at end of year	<u>\$ 1,032,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,762</u>

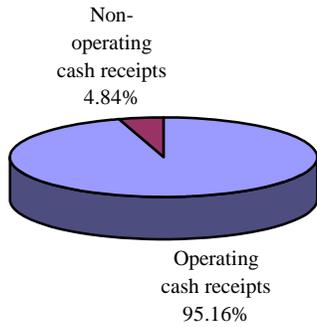
For fiscal year 2017, operating cash receipts decreased 12.49% and operating cash disbursements decreased 14.62% from fiscal year 2016. The operating cash receipts decreased due to decreased charges to member districts and operating cash disbursements decreased due to the Consortium's decreased capital outlay and purchased services costs compared to the prior fiscal year.

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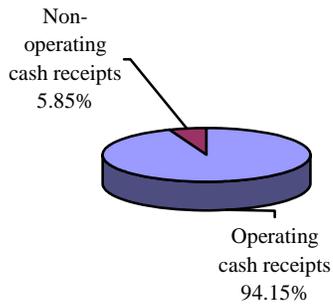
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The charts below illustrate the cash receipts and cash disbursements for the Consortium for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

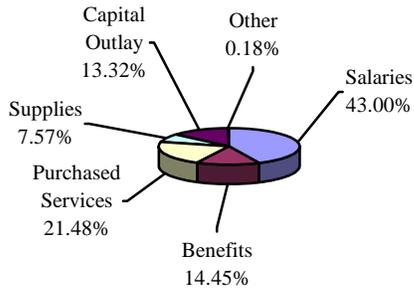
2017 Cash Receipts



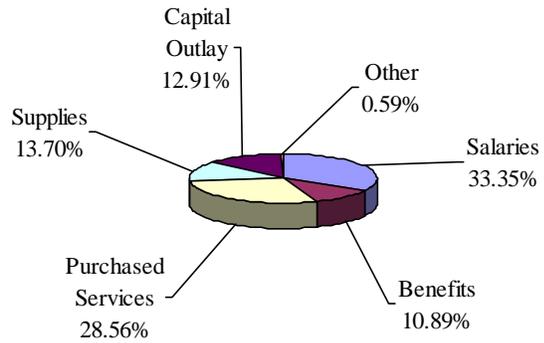
2016 Cash Receipts



2017 Operating Cash Disbursements



2016 Operating Cash Disbursements



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Current Financial Related Activities

The Consortium is a not-for-profit computer service organization owned and operated by school districts in the Ohio counties of Stark, Portage, and Carroll. The Consortium's main source of cash receipts is contracted service revenue from the member school districts. The Consortium also receives funding from the State of Ohio.

The Consortium is one of 23 regional service organizations created to provide comprehensive, cost-efficient, accounting and computer services to the member school districts. The Consortium will continue to utilize intergovernmental cash receipts and contracted service cash receipts to provide these services in an efficient and effective manner.

Contacting the Consortium's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our member districts and citizens with a general overview of the Consortium's finances and to show the Consortium's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Mr. James Carman, Treasurer, Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2017**

Assets:	
Cash and investments with fiscal agent.	\$ 1,032,945
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Total assets	\$ 1,032,945
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Net cash position:	
Unrestricted.	\$ 1,032,945
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Total net modified cash position	\$ 1,032,945
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK/PORTAGE AREA COMPUTER CONSORTIUM
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND
CHANGES IN NET MODIFIED CASH POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Operating cash receipts:	
Contracted services.	\$ 5,042,266
Other	3,162
Total operating cash receipts	5,045,428
 Operating cash disbursements:	
Salaries - employees.	2,316,680
Benefits.	778,327
Purchased services.	1,157,567
Materials and supplies	408,012
Other.	9,747
Capital outlay	717,696
Total operating cash disbursements	5,388,029
Excess of operating cash disbursements over operating cash receipts.	(342,601)
 Non-operating cash receipts (disbursements):	
Intergovernmental.	256,815
Capital lease payments	(178,031)
Total non-operating cash receipts (disbursements)	78,784
Change in net cash position	(263,817)
Net modified cash position at beginning of year . . .	1,296,762
Net modified cash position at end of year.	\$ 1,032,945

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK/PORTAGE AREA COMPUTER CONSORTIUM
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSORTIUM

The Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, Stark County, (the “Consortium”) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio as defined by Section 3313.92 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Consortium is a not-for-profit computer service organization owned and operated by 30 school districts in the Ohio counties of Stark, Portage, and Carroll which form the Consortium General Assembly. The primary function of the Consortium is to provide information technology services to its member school districts with major emphasis being placed on accounting, payroll and inventory control services.

The Consortium is one of 23 regional service organizations serving over 600 public school districts in the State of Ohio that make up the Ohio Educational Computer Network (OECN). These service organizations are known as “Data Acquisition Sites”. The OECN is a collective group of Data Acquisition Sites, authorized pursuant to Section 3301.075 of the Ohio Revised Code, and their member school districts. Such sites, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Education, comprise a statewide delivery system to provide comprehensive, cost-efficient accounting and other administrative and instructional computer services for participating Ohio school districts. Funding for this network and for the Consortium is derived from the State of Ohio and from contracted services.

Agreements entered into pursuant to Section 3313.92 of the Ohio Revised Code must be approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction who has interpreted the Revised Code Section to require a board of education to serve as fiscal agent for a Data Acquisition Site receiving funds from the OECN.

For this reason, the Stark County Educational Service Center (the “Service Center”) serves as fiscal agent for the Consortium and performs certain functions to ensure receipt of funds from the OECN. The Consortium is located in the Service Center’s building in Canton, Ohio.

The Consortium’s management believes these modified cash basis financial statements present all activities for which the Consortium is financially accountable.

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

As discussed further in Note 2.B, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Consortium's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The Consortium's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Net Modified Cash Position.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Consortium's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Under the modified cash basis, receipts are recorded in the Consortium's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for 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.

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

C. Fund Accounting

The Consortium maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of government entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The Consortium uses an enterprise fund to account for its operations.

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

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

D. Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the agreement for the Consortium, the Consortium's cash is held and invested by the treasurer of the Service Center, who acts as fiscal agent for Consortium monies. The Consortium's assets are held in the Service Center's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the treasurer's reported carrying value. Amounts held by the Service Center as fiscal agent for the Consortium at fiscal year end are reported on the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis as “cash and investments with fiscal agent”.

An analysis of the Consortium's cash and investments with its fiscal agent at fiscal year end is provided in Note 3.

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

E. Budgetary Process

The Consortium is not required to follow the budgetary process, but has decided to adopt a formal budget annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund level and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board annually approves appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of July 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Consortium reserves (encumbers) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be re-appropriated. Encumbrances outstanding at year end were \$168,709.

Since the Consortium is not required by Ohio law to adopt a formal budget annually, no budgetary information is presented in these basic financial statements.

F. Inventory and Prepaid Items

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

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

G. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Consortium's modified cash basis of accounting.

I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Consortium recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postemployment health care benefits.

J. Net Modified Cash Position

Net modified cash position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Consortium had no restricted net modified cash position at fiscal year-end.

K. Intergovernmental Receipts

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating receipts in the accounting period in which the money is received. The Consortium received \$256,815 in State and local grants during fiscal year 2017.

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

L. 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.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT

The Service Center serves as the fiscal agent for the Consortium. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Service Center treasurer pools available cash of the Consortium with that of the Service Center for investment purposes. The interest earnings on the pooled funds are distributed to the Consortium based on the proportion of its fund balance to fund balances of applicable Service Center funds which receive interest earnings. The investment of Consortium monies follows the investment policy of the Service Center. The following are disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”:

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

During fiscal 2017, deposits maintained by the Service Center in financial institutions were covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or were exposed to custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Service Center’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the 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 Service Center.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT - (Continued)

B. Investments

During fiscal year 2017, investments of the Service Center were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), federal agency securities, U.S. Treasury notes, commercial paper and U.S. Government money market mutual funds. Disclosures regarding investments of the Service Center are as follows:

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the Service Center's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within five years from the date of purchase. The intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

Credit Risk: Investments in federal agency securities and U.S. Treasury notes were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio and the U.S. Government money market funds an AAAm money market rating. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. Investments in commercial paper were rated A-1+ and P-1 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Service 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 Service Center's investments in federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the Service Center's name. The Service Center has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial credit risk beyond the requirements in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Service Center places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL LEASE AGREEMENTS

SPARCC entered into a capital lease agreement on October 29, 2015 in connection with obtaining computer equipment. The Consortium paid \$178,031 during fiscal year 2017 to retire this obligation.

The capital lease agreement was collateralized by the equipment. Revenues of SPARCC were pledged to repay this agreement.

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The Consortium maintains comprehensive commercial insurance coverage for risks related to property loss or damage and general liability, through the Service Center. Deductible amounts, if necessary, are paid by the members.

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

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NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

B. Shared Risk Pool

Through the Service Center, the Consortium is a participant in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments (Council) for the purpose of obtaining benefits at a reduced premium for both health care and workers' compensation.

The Consortium's insurance program for health care, through the Council, is administered by Medical Mutual of Ohio and Aultcare. Payments are made to the Council each month for health insurance premiums, stop-loss premiums and administrative services. The Service Center prepares memorandum checks for actual amounts of claims processed. Medical Mutual of Ohio and Aultcare process claims from the Council's account.

The Council also contracts with Caremark, Inc (Caremark) for prescription drug services. The Council pays Caremark for administrative services. Caremark then forwards all prescription drug claim activity to the respective benefit plan provider who, in turn, credits individual policies for claims processed.

The workers' compensation program, through the Council, is administered by Comp Management, Inc. The experience rating for each of the participating members is calculated as one experience rate and applied to all participants of the program. Premiums paid to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation are based on this calculation. Total savings are then determined and each participant's performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the program. Based on the calculation of savings, members then either receive refunds for contributions or are required to make additional contributions to the program.

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description - The Consortium 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.

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.

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Consortium 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, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. None of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The Consortium's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$314,020 for fiscal year 2017.

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

Plan Description - Consortium 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 website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. 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 is 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 increased 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 years of service on August 1, 2026.

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

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.

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The Consortium was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Consortium's contractually required contribution to STRS Ohio was \$10,315 for fiscal year 2017.

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The Consortium 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 postemployment 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.

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NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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 2017, no portion 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 2017, this amount was \$23,500. 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.

The Consortium's contributions (including surcharge) for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$3,203, \$2,379, and \$14,228, respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

Funding Policy - Ohio law 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 Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Consortium did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

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NOTE 8 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

NOTE 9 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2017, the Consortium has implemented GASB Statement No. 77, "*Tax Abatement Disclosures*", GASB Statement No. 78, "*Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*", GASB Statement No. 80, "*Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*" and GASB Statement No. 82, "*Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73*".

GASB Statement No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreement. GASB Statement No. 77 also requires disclosures related to tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 had no effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

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NOTE 9 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 78 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for defined benefit pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (cost-sharing pension plan) that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 68 and that (a) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (b) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (c) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

GASB Statement No. 80 improves the financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement applies to component units that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

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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***

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium
Stark County
2100 38th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

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 financial statements of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, Stark County, Ohio as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2017, wherein we noted the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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.

Governing Board
Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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October 30, 2017



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STARK 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
DECEMBER 5, 2017**