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Southern Ohio
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2009 Annual Report



*"Providing Quality Regional
Educational Services"*

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Comments from the Superintendent

On behalf of the SOESC Governing Board, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff, administration and Boards of Education of the twelve school districts in Adams, Clinton, Fayette and Highland Counties for partnering with us in our efforts to ensure educational excellence for all students in our region. We are committed to providing high quality, educational services that are customized to best fit the needs of our districts and welcome the opportunity to hear from school personnel, members of the community, and collaborative partners as we develop strategies to enhance current practices and explore new initiatives.



Robert Dalton, Superintendent

Mr. Dalton began his service to the SOESC as superintendent in June, 1999, and has recently announced his retirement effective December 31, 2009 after ten and a half years as superintendent.



State Board of Education

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Deborah L. Cain District 8

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Ann Womer BenjaminAppointed

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Elected Members:

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Governing Board

Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board

Jim Luck (Sabina)	President
Ralph Shell (Hillsboro)	Vice-President
Jim Clawson (Jeffersonville)	Member
Leo Ford (Wilmington)	Member
Dennis Mount (Lynchburg)	Member
Richard Peck (Blanchester)	Member
Roger West (Hillsboro)	Member
Sarah Williams (Oregonia)	Member
Corky Wilt (New Holland)	Member

The governing board members serve as your representatives for better education and a brighter future for students, school districts and your community. They welcome your input.

Governing Board meetings are usually held at the Clinton County Office on the 4th Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend a Governing Board meeting, please call (937) 382-6921 to verify the correct time, date, and location of the next meeting.

*The Mission of the
Southern Ohio Educational Service Center
is to foster educational environments
that ensure excellence in performance
through shared expertise,
collaborative partnerships,
and continuous learning.*

Strategic Partners

SOESC Local, City, and Exempted Village School Districts:

Adams County Ohio Valley Local Schools
 Blanchester Local Schools
 Bright Local Schools
 Clinton-Massie Local Schools
 East Clinton Local Schools
 Fairfield Local Schools
 Greenfield Exempted Village Schools
 Hillsboro City Schools
 Lynchburg-Clay Local Schools
 Miami Trace Local Schools
 Washington Court House City Schools
 Wilmington City Schools

SOESC Region 14 School Districts and Educational Service Centers:

Brown County Educational Service Center
 Eastern Local Schools
 Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools
 Georgetown Exempted Village Schools
 Manchester Local Schools
 Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local Schools
 South Central Ohio Educational Service Center
 Western Brown Local Schools

SOESC Joint Vocational School Districts:

Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development
 Southern Hills Joint Vocational Schools

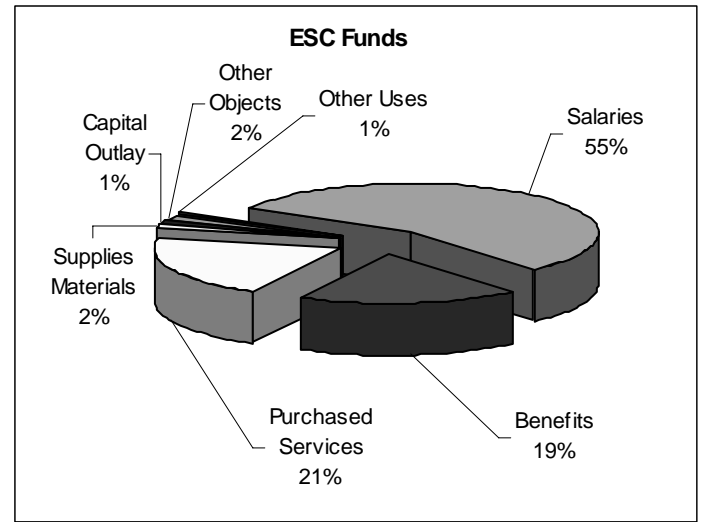
Institutes of Higher Education

Chatfield College
 Ohio University
 Miami University
 University of Cincinnati
 Wilmington College
 Wright State University
 Xavier University

Regional and State Partners

Cincinnati Educational Television
 Ohio Department of Education
 Ohio Educational Service Center Association
 Ohio School Boards Association
 Miami Valley Educational Computer Association
 Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association
 South West Ohio Educational Service Center Association

FY2009 Expenditures Dollars Out



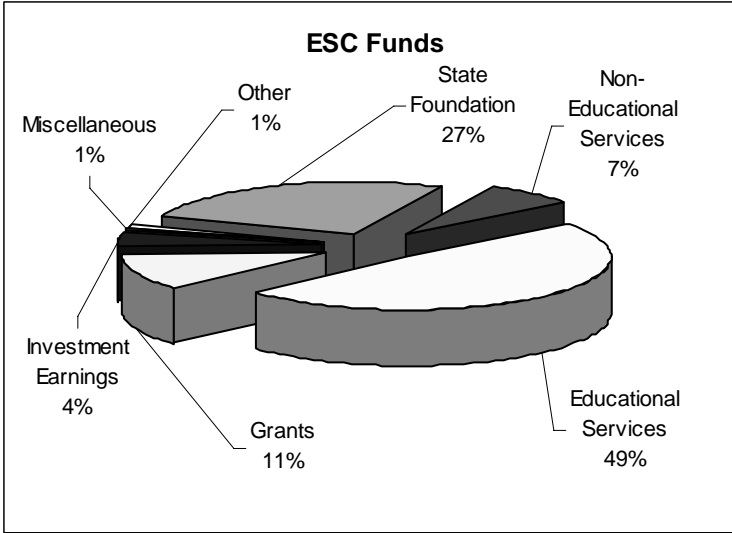
EXPENDITURES	ESC	OTHER	DISTRICT
7/1/08-6/30/09		AGENCIES	TOTALS
Salaries	\$2,384,394.37	\$2,806,912.76	\$5,191,307.13
Benefits	\$826,397.66	\$888,670.57	\$1,715,068.23
Purchased Services	\$884,926.66	\$700,764.70	\$1,585,691.36
Supplies/Materials	\$645,237.89	\$66,843.29	\$132,081.18
Capital Outlay	\$42,292.01	\$32,764.43	\$70,591.76
Other Objects	\$79,579.58	\$106,376.94	\$185,956.52
Other Uses	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Totals	\$4,307,828.17	\$4,602,332.69	\$8,910,160.86

Strategic Partner Highlight

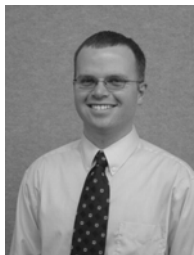
Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) provides support to member Educational Service Centers (ESC) throughout Ohio that includes professional development opportunities for ESC staff and board members, promoting regional and state-wide collaboration among ESCs and critical partners, and advancing state legislative initiatives to maximize efficiencies in delivering regional educational services through ESCs. Robert Dalton, Southern Ohio ESC Superintendent, is currently serving as President of OESCA.

Alleyn Unversaw, Treasurer,
 would be glad to answer any questions regarding
 the SOESC's finances and funding, and can be
 reached at so_aunversaw@mveca.org
 or (937) 382-6921.

FY2009 Revenues Dollars In



REVENUES	ESC	OTHER	DISTRICT
7/1/08-6/30/09		AGENCIES	TOTALS
State Foundation	\$1,182,986.31	\$346,572.12	\$1,529,558.43
Noneducational Services	\$312,448.11	\$289,104.08	\$601,552.19
Educational Services	\$2,170,274.36	\$2,113,424.06	\$4,283,698.42
Grants	\$511,092.41	\$1,474,958.52	\$1,986,050.93
Investment Earnings	\$181,272.28	\$1,035.75	\$182,308.03
Miscellaneous	\$40,160.36	\$72,934.56	\$113,094.92
Other	\$36,092.26	\$16,461.97	\$52,554.23
Medicaid-CAFS	\$0.00	\$140,289.00	\$140,289.00
Totals	\$4,434,326.09	\$4,454,780.06	\$8,889,106.15



Mr. Unversaw was selected as the treasurer of the SOESC at the August 28, 2007 Governing Board meeting and began serving as treasurer December 1, 2007. Allyn has been an employee of the SOESC since 2004 having been hired as a payroll clerk and later promoted to assistant treasurer.

10 Allyn Unversaw, Treasurer

Our History

In 1914, the Ohio Legislature established county boards of education to help coordinate and regulate educational efforts within each Ohio county. County Boards of Education eventually became County Educational Service Centers (ESC's), a name that better reflects their mission of providing educational services.

In 1995, legislation was passed that required smaller ESCs and ESCs which served only one local school district to merge with at least one other ESC. The ESC's in Clinton, Fayette and Highland Counties saw this as an opportunity to create a single ESC to consolidate resources and leverage personnel to better serve the students and educators in the three counties. Clinton County ESC (serving Blanchester, Clinton Massie and East Clinton Local Schools, and Wilmington City Schools) merged with the Fayette County ESC (serving Miami Trace Local Schools and Washington Court House City Schools) and the Highland County ESC (serving Bright, Fairfield and Lynchburg-Clay Local Schools, Greenfield Exempted Village Schools, and Hillsboro City Schools). The Clinton Fayette Highland Educational Service District (CFHESD) was formed on July 1, 1997.

On July 1, 2004 Adams County Ohio Valley School District (ACOVSD) joined the CFHESD. The addition of ACOVSD prompted the CFHESD Governing Board to explore options for a new name, one which would better reflect its member districts. On July 1, 2005, the CFHESD became the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center.



Highlight 2009: Excellence in Performance

Highlight 2009: Continuous Learning

Percentage of Students At or Above the Proficient Level			
30 Performance Indicators	Ohio Results 2008-2009	SOESC Results 2008-2009	Did SOESC Meet the Standard?
3rd Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
1. Reading	77.4%	78.9%	YES
2. Mathematics	81.3%	82.1%	YES
4th Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
3. Reading	82.0%	84.5%	YES
4. Mathematics	78.4%	83.1%	YES
5. Writing	84.4%	86.0%	YES
5th Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
6. Reading	72.0%	70.1%	NO
7. Mathematics	62.3%	61.2%	NO
8. Science	70.6%	73.8%	NO
9. Social Studies	61.6%	61.5%	NO
6th Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
10. Reading	81.3%	84.0%	YES
11. Mathematics	75.2%	81.0%	YES
7th Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
12. Reading	76.6%	78.6%	YES
13. Mathematics	74.3%	78.3%	YES
14. Writing	80.5%	81.2%	YES
8th Grade Achievement			
The state standard is 75%			
15. Reading	72.4%	72.6%	NO
16. Mathematics	70.6%	73.8%	NO
17. Science	62.8%	67.4%	NO
18. Social Studies	51.1%	51.9%	NO
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Test			
The state standard is 75%			
19. Reading	84.5%	87.0%	YES
20. Mathematics	81.4%	84.7%	YES
21. Writing	89.7%	90.8%	YES
22. Science	76.0%	79.4%	YES
23. Social Studies	81.6%	86.4%	YES
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Test			
The state standard is 85%			
24. Reading	92.8%	94.5%	YES
25. Mathematics	88.5%	91.9%	YES
26. Writing	93.2%	94.6%	YES
27. Science	84.2%	89.8%	YES
28. Social Studies	88.6%	92.6%	YES
Attendance Rate			
The state standard is 93%			
29. All Grades	94.3%	94.7%	YES
Graduation Rate			
The state standard is 90%			
30. Class of 2007	84.6%	93.2%	YES

Professional Development

SOESC staff conducted or facilitated professional development opportunities that impacted thousands of administrators, teachers, support staff, and students in the SOESC region during the 2008-2009 school year. Over six thousand participants attended one of more than three hundred professional development activities during this past school year. A sample of training opportunities include the following:

- ✓ Administrator's School Law Workshop
- ✓ Assessment Item Analysis
- ✓ College Planning for Gifted Students
- ✓ Counselor's Academy
- ✓ Curriculum Alignment
- ✓ Data Analysis
- ✓ Differentiated Instruction
- ✓ e-Mission Simulation for Gifted Students
- ✓ Entry Year Teacher Support
- ✓ Framework for Understanding Poverty
- ✓ Inclusion Workshop
- ✓ Javits Modules for Gifted Education
- ✓ Literacy Workshops
- ✓ National Board Certified Teacher Support
- ✓ Ohio Improvement Process
- ✓ Ohio Integrated Systems Model
- ✓ On-Site High Quality Professional Development
- ✓ Professional Learning Communities
- ✓ Quarterly and Short-Cycle Assessments
- ✓ Safety & Violence Prevention Training
- ✓ State Institutes for Reading Instruction
- ✓ Survey of Enacted Curriculum
- ✓ Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
- ✓ Treasurer's Roundtable
- ✓ Value-Added Training and Support
- ✓ Writing Standards-Based Individual Education Plans

Highlight 2009: Collaborative Partnerships

Dual Credit Grant

The SOESC received a \$200,000 dual credit grant in the 2008-2009 school year to promote dual credit opportunities in mathematics, science and foreign language. Through this grant, the SOESC developed partnerships with several institutes of higher education (IHE) and funded opportunities in which high school students were able to take classes and earn both high school credit and college credit simultaneously. Three-hundred seventy-eight (378) students participated this past year earning two thousand four-hundred ninety-four (2,494) hours of college credit.

IHE partners included Chatfield College, University of Cincinnati, Hocking College, Southern State Community College, and Wilmington College.



While some courses were conveniently taught by high school teachers at the high school, other courses were taught on the college campus affording students the opportunity to experience success and familiarize themselves with local college campuses.

Highlights 2009: Excellence in Performance

District and School Ratings Improve

Both districts and individual buildings in the SOESC region continue to make progress, with 92% of all districts earning an *Excellent* or *Effective* rating and 78% of all school buildings earning an *Excellent* or *Effective* rating. Six districts and eighteen buildings received an *Excellent* rating, the most ever for both districts and buildings. No districts have received a rating of Academic Emergency or Academic Watch since 2005.

Designations	Districts				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Excellent with Distinction	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Excellent	0	1	0	4	6
Effective	6	7	8	6	5
Continuous Improvement	5	4	4	2	1
Academic Watch	1	0	0	0	0
Academic Emergency	0	0	0	0	0
Designations	Schools				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Excellent with Distinction	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Excellent	6	10	9	13	18
Effective	18	32	32	30	20
Continuous Improvement	30	15	13	10	10
Academic Watch	2	0	0	0	1
Academic Emergency	0	0	0	0	0

Highlights 2009: Shared Expertise

Professional Learning Communities

The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center held a four part professional development series from September through December focusing on Professional Learning Communities. Focus teams involved in the PLC's from Bright Local School District and East Clinton Local School District included superintendents, building administrators, classroom teachers and support personnel. The teams learned the method of building a community of learners in which professionals engage in the process of increasing student achievement by aligning instruction with student need.

The Standards for Ohio Educators and knowledge of Robert Marzano's teaching strategies guided the work of each district's Professional Learning Community (PLC). District teams simulated Carlene Murphy's model of the "Whole Faculty Study Group" to identify student needs. Smaller teams (or study groups) were formed to examine student work and determine new and refined instructional practices. In the final session, district teams held a round table discussion to plan implementation of PLC's in their respective districts.

The SOESC facilitators for the Professional Learning Community sessions were Wannetta Hartman, Bonnie O'Connor and Nancy McDermott.



Highlight 2008 Shared Expertise

Hopewell Special Education Cooperative

Hopewell Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC) was established in 1968, with funding from a federal grant, administered by the Ohio Department of Education. From its inception the SERRC was governed by a Board composed of superintendents, parents of children with disabilities and representatives from county boards of developmental disabilities from the five counties served by the agency: Adams, Brown, Fayette, Clinton and Highland Counties. The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center has served as the fiscal agent for the SERRC since 1968.

Early in its history the Hopewell Board recognized a need for additional, specialized programs and services for children and youth with disabilities. The Board realized that there would be service and fiscal benefit to their individual districts to bring these programs to the region and to operate them cooperatively and formed the Hopewell Cooperative in 1971. The Region 14 Regional Advisory Council, which replaced the SERRC Governing Board in 2005, continues to oversee the operation of the Hopewell Cooperative.

The Hopewell Cooperative annually provides services to over 700 students in the region, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, adaptive physical education, education interpreter services, regional school psychology services, augmentative communication/assistive technology, Autism and low incidence consultation, Educational Audiology, as well as itinerant teacher services for children with hearing impairment, vision impairment, and preschool children with disabilities. The Cooperative also operates a primary hearing impaired classroom at East End Schools, in the Wilmington School District and an intermediate hearing impaired classroom at Fayetteville Middle School in the Fayetteville-Perry School District for students from the region.

The Hopewell Cooperative stands as an example of school districts, parents and agencies working together for the benefit of the children that they serve.