Committed to serving our school districts

Adams County/Ohio Valley Local Schools
141 Lloyd Rd.
West Union, OH 45693
937-544-5586

Blanchester Local Schools
951 Cherry Street
Blanchester, OH 45107
937-783-3523

Bright Local Schools
44 North High St., PO Box 299
Mount Orvin, OH 45155
937-442-3114

Clinton-Massie Local Schools
2566 Lebanon Rd.
Clarksdale, OH 45113
937-289-2471

East Clinton Local Schools
97 Astro Way
Sabina, OH 45169
937-584-2481

Fairfield Local Schools
11611 St. Rt. 771
Leesburg, OH 45135
937-780-2221

Greenfield Exempted Village Schools
200 N. 5th Street
Greenfield, OH 45123
937-981-2152

Hillsboro City Schools
39 Wiltieville Pike
Hillsboro, OH 45133
937-393-3475

Eastern Local Schools
11478 US 62
Sardinia, OH 45171
937-378-3981

Manchester Local Schools
130 Wayne Frye Drive
Manchester, OH 45144
937-549-4777

Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools
551 South Apple Street
Fayetteville, OH 45118
513-875-2423

Ripley-Union Lewis-Huntington Local Schools
120 Main Street
Ripley, OH 45167
937-982-4396

Georgetown Exempted Village Schools
1043 Mt. Obb Pike
Georgetown, OH 45121
937-378-2219

Western Brown Local Schools
524 West Main Street
Mt. Orban, OH 45154
937-444-2044

Strategic Partners

Educational Service Centers
ACCESS Regional Alliance
Brown County ESC
Clermont County ESC
Ross/Pike County ESC
South Central Ohio ESC

SOESC Joint Vocational School Districts
Adams County Career and Technical Center

Institutes of Higher Education
Ashland University
Ohio University
Southern State Community College

Chatfield College
University of Cincinnati
Wilmington College

Miami University
University of Dayton
Wright State University
Xavier University

Regional and State Partners
Cincinnati Educational Television
Ohio School Boards Association
Southwest Ohio Computer Association

Ohio Department of Education
Miami Valley Educational Computer Association
Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association

Ohio Educational Service Center Association
South Central Ohio Computer Association
A Message from Tony Long, Superintendent

On behalf of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the educators, administrators 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 congratulate all school districts on their successes and continue our commitment to serving all students and school districts. 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, collaborative partners and the community as we develop 21st century skills that prepare students for higher education and our future workforce.

Mr. Long was hired on October 27, 2009 to succeed Robert Dalton on January 1st, 2010 as the fourteenth superintendent of the SOESC. Mr. Long begins his twenty-fourth year with the SOESC and has held various positions within the SOESC.

Governing Board

Front row, left to right: Rod Lane, Martha Gausman, Roy Hill, Board President; Dennis Mount; Richard Peck
Back row: left to right: Corky Wilt; Jim Luck; Jim Clawson, Board Vice President; Roger West

Financials 2013-2014

AlleyneUniversaw has been an employee of the SOESC since 2004, serving as payroll clerk, assistant treasurer and was promoted to treasurer in 2007. On July 1, 2014 Alleyne accepted a new position as Treasurer at the Warren County ESC. The SOESC congratulates and wishes him well at his position.

REVENUES

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Rachel obtained her associate’s degree in accounting from Southern State CC in 2006. She graduated with her bachelor’s degree in business management from Franklin University in 2009. She also completed additional coursework in 2010-11 from Xavier University. Rachel earned her ODE treasurer’s license in 2011. Rachel lives in Winchester and is married to George. They have one daughter, JoAnna who is attending Wright State University.

Feel free to contact Rachel Meyer at 937-382-6921 ext. 1025 or so_rmeyer@mveca.org with any questions regarding the SOESC Fiscal Department.

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 fourth 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.

Roy Hill (West Union) President
Jim Clawson (Jeffersonsville) Vice-President
Martha Gausman (Hillsboro) Member
Rod Lane (Clarksville) Member
Jim Luck (Sabina) Member
Dennis Mount (Lynchburg) Member
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Ohio’s New Local Report Cards

Ohio is changing how it evaluates and communicates the academic performance of its schools and districts. Schools and districts will no longer receive labels like “Excellent” or “Continuous Improvement.” In its place, they will receive letter grades on several measures in the same way a student receives grades for his or her classes.

The new report card will be phased in over several years, starting in August 2013. Beginning in August 2015, schools and districts will receive grades on measures like the four-year graduation rate. The grades for measures will be combined into six broad categories, called components, which also will receive a grade. Finally, the component grades will be combined into an overall grade for the school or district.

The seven components that will be on the new report card are:

1. **Achievement**: This component measures absolute academic achievement compared to national standards of success.
2. **Progress**: This component measures the average annual improvement for each student (i.e., whether a student gained more or less a year of knowledge and skills each year).
3. **Gap Closing**: This component measures how well a school or district is doing in narrowing gaps in reading, math and graduation rate among students according to socioeconomic, racial, ethnic or disability status.
4. **Graduation Rate**: This component measures the percentage of students who entered the 9th grade and graduated in four and five years.
5. **K-3 Literacy**: This component measures the improvement in reading for students in kindergarten through grade three.
6. **Prepared for Success**: This component measures whether students who graduate are prepared for college or a career.
7. **Educational Data**: These measures answer several questions about spending and performance.

In August 2013, the report card had nine measures that receive grades. There will be no component or overall grades until August 2016. This will give schools time to adjust to the new system and focus their efforts on being successful in all areas that are being measured. The report card will also be interactive on ODE’s website.

Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA)

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- Clinton County: 3321 Airborne Rd., Wilmington, Ohio 45177
- Highland County: 39 Willettsville Pike, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

**Web Site:** www.southernohiosesc.org

SOESC Celebrates 100th Anniversary

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 Educational Service Centers (ESCs), 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 ESCs 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.

Throughout 2014, the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center will be celebrating their one hundred year anniversary. “Several things have changed since we were a county board of education, including our name three times. However one thing has not changed and will not change and that is the high quality of service that we provide to our member school districts,” stated Superintendent Tony Long.

**Strategic Partner ~ Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA)**

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-Washington Court House, Ohio 43160
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-Hillsboro, Ohio 45133
-Wilmington, Ohio 45177
-Washington Court House City Schools
-Hillsboro City Schools
-Miami Trace Local Schools
-Greenfield Exempted Village Schools
-Clinton County ESC
-Fayette County ESC
-Highland County ESC
-Clinton-Fayette-Highland Educational Service District
Through the collaborative efforts of our member districts, the SOESC had the opportunity to host two “Climbing the Data Ladder” workshops on September 18 and 19, 2013 with a total of 79 participants attending representing 9 districts. During this workshop participants used Measures of Academic Progress (MAP®) and MAP for Primary Grades (MGP) results to support classroom instruction. Topics included differentiated instruction, data-informed lesson planning using DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning and/or Primary Grades Instructional Data, and instructional strategies to support the academic needs of all students. Since ten of our SOESC member districts are currently implementing MAP® as a means to monitor student achievement and growth, it is extremely valuable for teachers and administrators to have the chance to network and collaborate with one another. The SOESC was able to provide districts that opportunity by hosting two “Stepping Stones to Using Data” workshops on November 5 & 6, 2013 with a total of 65 participants attending. In this full-day workshop teachers and administrators learned how to maximize the value of the data provided by MAP® and MGP. Participants learned how to access, interpret, and apply data and resources to inform instruction and monitor student academic growth as they collaboratively developed plans to use the data in their work.

The Next Generation of Assessments will be administered throughout the state of Ohio during the 2014-2015 school year. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) consortium continues working together with Ohio and seventeen other states, to develop the Math and English language arts assessments. In preparation for these assessments, the SOESC hosted four English language arts and Math sessions in October and November. Over 220 teachers and administrators from ten member districts gathered together to dig more deeply into evidence tables, performance level descriptors, model content frameworks and test blueprints.

Corky Wilt, Richard Peck, Dennis Mount and Jim Clawson are all members of the Southern Ohio ESC Governing Board; they were recently honored at the Ohio School Board’s Association (OSBA) Southwest Region Spring Conference.

Mr. Mount received a twenty year award. He began his service on the Highland County Board from 1994 until 1997 when the Highland County Board of Education merged with the Clinton and Fayette County Boards of Education to form the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center.

Receiving fifteen year awards were Mr. Wilt, Mr. Peck and Mr. Clawson. They served on the Clinton-Fayette-Highland Board of Education prior to the merger.

All four board members have served many roles on the board.
### Services Provided to Member Districts

#### Special Education Classrooms
- **Autism Classroom**
  - Students served: 8
- **Multiple Disabilities**
  - Students served: 9

#### Special Education Professional Services
- **Adaptive Physical Education**
  - Students Evaluated: 37
  - Students Served: 144
- **Audiology**
  - Students Evaluated: 96
  - Students Served: 115
- **Augmentative Communication**
  - Students Evaluated: 13
  - Students Served: 31
- **Autism Services**
  - Students Evaluated: 19
  - Students Served: 2
- **Behavior Services**
  - Students Evaluated: 2
  - Students Served: 11
- **BlindVision Impaired Itinerant Services**
  - Students Evaluated: 11
  - Students Served: 41
- **Dead-end of Hearing Itinerant Services**
  - Students Evaluated: 39
  - Students Served: 90

#### Cooperative Student Programs
- **Clinton County-Alternative School**
  - Total Students Served: 142
- **Clinton County-Work Study Program**
  - Classroom Visits/Presentations: 50
  - IEPT/ETP Meetings: 156
  - Job Site Visits: 8
  - Transition Plans: 83
- **Highland County-Parent Mentoring**
  - Total Families & Students Served: 36
  - T3P/TPR/MT/RTI Meetings: 36

#### Gifted & Talented Programs
- **Clinton County**
  - Notification of Identification: 152
  - Written Education Plans: 64
- **Highland County**
  - Whole group screening for Identification: Superior Cognitive, Specific Academic: 1410
  - Notification of Identification: Standard Error of Measurement: 64

#### Human Resources & District Support
- **Certification & Licensure**
  - Urban, Suburban, Rural: 88
- **Instructional Mentoring**
  - Educators participating: 311
- **KRA, IIS & Assessment Literacy**
  - Educators participating: 52

### President's Column

**Offer You Can't Refuse**

Offer You Can't Refuse focused on inspiring the audience with a pep rally for the human spirit. Dave literally transformed himself before everyone’s eyes in order to emphasize the power that is within each of us to overcome some of the hardships that keep us from our goals. Dave promoted a team-player environment that involved the entire audience with song and dance. It was a truly entertaining and uplifting evening enjoyed by all.

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**Oaks campus in Wilmington, which included recognition awards and two speakers.**

Tony Long, Superintendent of Southern Ohio ESC welcomed all of the bus drivers from Blanchester Local, Clinton-Massie Local, East Clinton Local and Wilmington City to the meeting and commended them on their incredible work ethic and patience during this past, almost record breaking, snowy winter.

Superintendents from each district spoke briefly expressing their gratitude to the bus drivers for getting up early each morning and putting themselves on the line for the safety and well-being of their students. Transportation Supervisors and Superintendents from each district presented milestone awards.

Following dinner, William Mahone, State Highway Patrol gave a brief overview on school bus safety issues. He also added how much he has enjoyed working in the Clinton County area and was very thankful for the strong communication skills displayed by all the transportation supervisors. The featured speaker of the evening was David Leedy. His speech titled “As
25th Annual Franklin B. Walter Award Recipients

Elijah Bedell—Adams County
Parash Baksh—Clinton County
Dallas DeBruin—Fayette County
James Laid Goble—Highland County

The Franklin B. Walter (FBW) All-Scholastic Award was created in 1990 by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) to honor Franklin B. Walter, past Superintendent of Public Instruction in Ohio, and to recognize one top student scholar from each county in Ohio. Franklin B. Walter served as state superintendent from March 1977 until August 1981. Each year, the OESCA honors one student from a local school district in Adams, Clinton, Fayette and Highland Counties to be the (OESCA) Franklin B. Walter Award Recipient.

HOPewELL REGION 14 STATE Support Team

During the 2014 School Year, Southern Ohio Educational Service Center was proud to continue to serve as fiscal agent for the Region 14 State Support Team, as well as to continue to provide special education and related services through a cooperative arrangement with member school districts in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette and Highland Counties.

The Cooperative currently provides the following services: occupational therapy, physical therapy, itinerant teacher services for preschool students and for those students who are blind or have visual impairment, deaf or hard of hearing, augmentative communication services, adaptive physical education consultant services, educational audiologists and consultants regarding Autism or other low incidence disabilities. The Cooperative is comprised of Region 14 SST Consultants or through contracts with the ESC’s serving the 5 county region comprising Region 14. The eight deliverables focused on the low incidence nature of the disability of the children for which it was designed or because recruitment for particular personnel is extremely difficult because the service needs to be shared by multiple districts due to the costs associated with the service.

The Cooperative participates in the following: use of an integrated framework for the Performance Agreement, deliverables involving all staff; the provision of individualized training and technical assistance to districts and schools using varied data sources to inform the work; the focus on math instruction; provision of KRA to 100% of kindergarten teachers within the region and provision of other trainings with a high degree of satisfaction and benefit from the training.

HOPewELL Co-operative

Since 1968, Southern Ohio Educational Service Center has also served as the fiscal agent for the Hopewell Cooperative. This Cooperative provides special education services and supports identified by member districts as needed within our 5 county region. Generally these are programs or services that an individual district or county could not provide because of the low incidence nature of the disability of the children for which it was designed or because recruitment for particular personnel is extremely difficult because the service needs to be shared by multiple districts due to the costs associated with the service.

Like the State Support Team, the Hopewell Cooperative benefited from the guidance and direction provided by the Region 14 Regional Advisory Council, which made recommendations to the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Superintendent and Board for development and implementation of programs and services provided through the Cooperative.