State of Illinois
SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 14
FINANCIAL AUDIT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Performed as Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, State of Illinois

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## SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 14 OFFICIALS

Regional Superintendent

(During the audit period - Resigned effective May 7, 2010)

Dr. Charles A. Flowers

Deputy Regional Superintendent

(Effective May 8, 2010)

Dr. Anthony Epah

Regional Superintendent

(Current - the Regional Office was abolished effective July 1, 2010)

N/A

Assistant Regional Superintendent

(During the audit period)

Dr. Predonna Roberts

Assistant Regional Superintendent

(9.5 months during the audit period)

Dr. Anthony Epah

Assistant Regional Superintendent

(5.5 months during the audit period)

Ms. Cynthia Broughton

Assistant Regional Superintendent

(.5 months during the audit period)

Dr. Harry Reynolds

Assistant Regional Superintendents

(Current - the Regional Office was abolished effective July 1, 2010)

N/A

Offices were located at:

2600 South 25th Avenue - Suite T Broadview, Illinois 60155

#### SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 14

#### FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

#### **AUDITORS' REPORTS**

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, we were engaged to conduct a financial audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act for the year ended June 30, 2010. The Regional Office of Education No. 14 was abolished effective July 1, 2010 and did not provide financial statements and note disclosures to the auditors for the year ending June 30, 2010. Consequently, we were unable to perform a financial audit and issue an opinion thereon. Further, we were unable to issue a "Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards" since a financial audit could not be performed.

Because of the lack of sufficient accounting records and because a financial audit was not completed, we were unable to conduct follow-up on the prior year audit findings. Below is a listing of the findings outstanding at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2009.

#### **SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS**

| Number of                         | This Audit | Prior Audit |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Audit findings                    | N/A        | 11          |
| Repeated audit findings           | N/A        | 11          |
| Prior recommendations implemented |            |             |
| or not repeated                   | N/A        | 1           |

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

| <u>Item</u><br>No.                                   | Description   | Type  |
|--|---|---|
|  | FINDINGS (GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS   | S)  |
| 09-1<br>09-2<br>09-3<br>09-4<br>09-5<br>09-6<br>09-7 | Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation Continuation as a Going Concern Inadequate Accounting Software and Internal Controls Inadequate Internal Control Over Disbursements Reconciliation of Bank Statements and Pooled Cash Accounts Inadequate Controls Over Property and Equipment Cash Advances to Employees Payment of Finance Charges, Late Fees, Transfer Fees, | Material Weakness<br>Material Weakness<br>Significant Deficiency<br>Material Weakness<br>Material Weakness<br>Material Weakness<br>Significant Deficiency |
| 09-9<br>09-10<br>09-11                               | Other Service Charges, and Sales Taxes Use of Regional Office Credit Cards Questionable Payroll Payments Restricted Funds Used for Unauthorized Purpose   | Significant Deficiency<br>Material Weakness<br>Material Weakness<br>Material Weakness   |

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## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

| <u>Item</u><br><u>No.</u> | Description                                      | Туре              |  |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
|                           | PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED (GOVERNMENT AUDITING | STANDARDS)        |  |
| 08-7                      | Recording of Payroll Transactions                | Material Weakness |  |

#### SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 14

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT SUMMARY

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC was engaged to perform a financial audit of the Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education No. 14 for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2010. However, the Regional Office of Education did not provide a trial balance or financial statements and related note disclosures. It is the responsibility of the Regional Office of Education's management to provide the trial balance and relating support for the financial statements and related note disclosures.

As a result, we were unable to issue an opinion on the financial statements and were unable to issue a "Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards."

As of July 1, 2010, the remaining assets of the Regional Office of Education No. 14 were to be transferred to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). According to ISBE, the Regional Office of Education No.14's fixed assets are being stored at the offices of ISC #2 West Cook County in Bellwood, Illinois pending final distribution and settlement.

According to the Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a, "The Auditor General shall annually cause an audit to be made, as of June 30th of each year, of the financial statements of all accounts, funds and other moneys in the care, custody or control of the regional superintendent of schools of each educational service region in the State." The School Code 105 ILCS 5/3-6.1 requires each Regional Superintendent to present for inspection or otherwise make available to the Auditor General, or to the agents designated by the Auditor General, all financial statements, books, vouchers and other records required to be so presented or made available pursuant to Section 2-3.17a.

Clinton, Iowa March 16, 2011

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