STATE OF ILLINOIS
NORTH COOK
INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 1
FINANCIAL AUDIT
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SINGLE AUDIT ACT
AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

PERFORMED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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OFFICIALS

NORTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 1

Executive Director (Current and during audit period) Mr. Robert Ingraffia

Administrative Assistant (Current and during audit period) Ms. Cindy Cirillo

Business Manager (Current and during audit period) Mr. Ronald Chilcote

Accounting Coordinator (Current and during audit period) Mr. Jeremy Barnes

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COMPLIANCE REPORT SUMMARY

The compliance audit testing performed in this audit was conducted in accordance with <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u> and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

AUDITORS' REPORTS

The auditors' reports on compliance and on internal controls do not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

Number of	This Audit	Prior Audit
Audit findings	1	-0-
Repeated audit findings	-0-	-0-
Prior recommendations implemented		
or not repeated	-N/A-	-N/A-

Details of audit findings are presented in a separately tabbed report section.

An additional two matters which are less than a significant deficiency or material weakness but more than inconsequential, have been reported in a Management Letter of Comments to the Executive Director. In prior years, these issues may have been included as immaterial findings in the auditors' reports.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Item No.	Page	Description	Finding Type
		FINDINGS (GOVERNMENT AUDITING STAN	DARDS)
08-01	11	Controls over Financial Statement Preparation	Material Weakness

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (FEDERAL COMPLIANCE)

-N/A-

PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED (GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS)

-N/A-

PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED (FEDERAL COMPLIANCE)

-N/A-

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Center waived having an exit conference per a letter dated January 28, 2009. Responses to the recommendations were provided by Mr. Ronald Chilcote, Business Manager, in a letter dated December 23, 2008.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT SUMMARY

The audit of the accompanying basic financial statements of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 was performed by Bass, Solomon & Dowell, LLP.

Based on their audit, the auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on the agency's basic financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Board of Directors North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated March 10, 2009 on our consideration of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and on other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Schedule of Funding Progress, on pages 16 through 19, and page 41, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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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

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Board of Directors North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We considered the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, 08-01.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider item 08-01 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We also noted certain matters that we reported to management of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, in a separate letter dated March 10, 2009.

North Cook Intermediate Service Center's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, agency management, others within the organization, the Illinois State Board of Education, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Palatine, Illinois March 10, 2009

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APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Board of Directors North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No.1's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on North Cook Intermediate Service Center No.1's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, agency management, others within the organization, Illinois State Board of Education, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Palatine, Illinois March 10, 2009

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Section 1 - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements		
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unqualified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	Xyes	no
 Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? 	yes X	none reported
 Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? 	yesX	no
Federal Award:		
Internal Control over major programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	yesX	no
 Significant deficiencies identifed not considered to be material weaknesses? 	yesX	none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqualified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?	yesX	no
Identification of major programs:		
<u>CFDA Number</u> 84.010A	Name of Federal Program of Title I - School Improvement &	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$300,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Y VAS	no

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Finding No. 08-01 - Controls over Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria/specific requirement:

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 (Service Center) is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's internal controls over GAAP financial reporting should include adequately trained personnel with the knowledge and expertise to prepare and/or thoroughly review GAAP based financial statements to ensure that they are free of material misstatements and include all disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

2. Condition:

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 does not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process. The Service Center maintains its accounting records on the cash basis of accounting. While the Service Center maintains controls over the processing of some accounting transactions, there are not sufficient controls over the preparation of the GAAP based financial statements for management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions to prevent or detect financial statement misstatements and disclosure omissions in a timely manner. For example, auditors in their review of the Service Center's accounting records, noted the following:

- Numerous journal entries were required in order to present the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. For example, adjusting journal entries were required due to the following:
 - The Center did not periodically review general ledger account balances for proper account classification, variances, and unusual items. For example, the accrued payroll liability account required an adjustment in the amount of \$14,206. Additionally, the prior year audit adjusting journal entries were not posted correctly. Due to the lack of general ledger account review, the Center did not detect audit adjustments from the prior fiscal period that were recorded in the current fiscal period. This resulted in an error of \$62,410 to the beginning fund balance.

Effect:

Management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions may not prevent or detect financial statement misstatements and disclosure omissions in a timely manner.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

Cause:

According to North Cook Intermediate Center No. 1's officials, they did not have adequate funding to hire and /or train accounting personnel in order to comply with these requirements. Additionally, reviews of general ledger accounts were not thoroughly performed due to the turnover in the Accounting Coordinator, Executive Director, and Business Manager positions.

Recommendation:

We recommend that North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 implement comprehensive review processes and year-end closing procedures to ensure that transactions and account balances are properly recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Such procedures should be performed by a properly trained individual(s) possessing a thorough understanding of applicable generally accepted accounting principles, GASB pronouncements, and knowledge of Intermediate Service Center activities and operations.

Management's response:

The Service Center agrees with the finding and will monitor/review year-end closing procedures and possibly employ other resources when additional monies become available to do so.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2008

 $Section\ III-Federal\ Award\ Findings-N/A$

NORTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 1 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Corrective Action Plan

FINDING 08-01

CONDITION:

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PLAN:

The general ledger will be scanned or reviewed periodically to review classifications in the general ledger. Additionally, the Service Center will monitor and review year-end closing procedures and possibly employ other resources when additional monies become available.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

The Center will implement the corrective action plan immediately.

CONTACT PERSON:

Ronald Chilcote, Business Manager

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2008

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

Required Supplementary Information Management Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended June 30, 2008

As management of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, we offer the readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a new element of required supplementary information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2008) and the prior year (2007) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

MD&A is provided at the beginning of the report to provide an overview of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's financial position at June 30, 2008 and the results of operations for the year. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit report, which consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements, required and other supplementary information.

Using This Financial Report

The financial section of this annual report consists of four parts – Independent Auditor's Reports, required supplementary information which includes the MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1: 1) Government-wide financial statements and 2) fund financial statements.

Government - Wide Financial Statements

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both short term and long term information about North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's overall financial status, similar to a private sector business. In the government-wide financial statements, activities are shown in one category – governmental activities. North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's basic service is education. These activities are largely financed with local, state and federal revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all the eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Governmental fund, which is in conformity with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual for Local Education Agencies and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become both "Measurable" and "Available" to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

Required Supplementary Information

Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's funds – not North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 as a whole. Funds are specific segregations of cash and accounting devices North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. Some funds are required by state law, while others are established to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is properly using certain revenues.

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for each. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 maintains an individual governmental fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for this fund. This fund is considered a major fund of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1. More detail of the individual revenues and expenditures for this fund is presented in the supplementary section of this report.

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is not legally required to adopt a budget, but an annual budget is adopted for the Education Fund. Illinois State Board of Education, a granting agency, requires the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 to adopt budgets for certain program revenues. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided as supplementary information for the Education Fund only, which is in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34.

Condensed Financial Information

Net assets are summarized in the table below.

	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 2,676,007	\$2,885,735
Capital Assets	<u>197,387</u>	231,813
Total Assets	<u>2,873,394</u>	3,117,548
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	244,776	507,175
Non-current Liabilities	0-	-0-
Total Liabilities	<u>244,776</u>	507,175
Net Assets:		
Investments in capital assets, net of debt	197,387	231,813
Unrestricted	2,431,231	2,378,560
Total Net Assets	\$2,628,618	\$2,610,373

Current assets consist of cash and investments, prepaid expense, accrued interest receivable and accounts receivable-governmental claims.

As of June 30, 2008, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 had no outstanding long-term debt.

Required Supplementary Information

Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2008

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's net assets consist of unrestricted net assets which represent net assets that have not been restricted by an outside party. This includes funds that have been designated for specific uses as well as amounts that are contractually committed for goods and services.

Revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets are summarized in the table below.

Condensed Statement of Activities For Fiscal Years Ending:

	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
Revenues received:		
Program:		
Operating grants and contributions	3,124,868	\$3,062,163
General:		
Local sources	2,060,117	1,769,381
On-behalf payments	268,379	166,567
Interest	123,035	129,247
Contributions	-0-	5
Miscellaneous	-0-	1,252
Total revenue received	5,576,399	5,128,615
Expenditures disbursed:		
Instructional services:		
Instruction	1,518,949	1,119,542
Supporting Services	3,137,223	2,914,622
Community Services	1,860	1,685
Nonprogrammed Charges	621,256	684,263
Administrative services:		ŕ
On-behalf payments	268,379	166,567
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	10,487	11,738
Total expenditures disbursed	<u>5,558,154</u>	4,898,417
Change in net assets	18,245	230,198
Beginning net assets	2,610,373	2,380,175
Ending net assets	\$2,628,618	\$2,610,373

Major sources of operating revenues for North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 include: Federal and State grants, and local tuition fees.

Management's Analysis of the Intermediate Service Center's Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations

As shown in the table above, the cost of governmental activities for this year was \$5,558,154. Federal and State grants financed 56% of this or \$3,124,868. Local sources consisting of primarily tuition was the next largest contributor with \$2,060,117.

Capital assets

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 invested \$18,009 in new computers and other miscellaneous computer hardware.

Required Supplementary Information Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2008

Management's Analysis of the Intermediate Service Center's Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations (Continued)

Unrestricted net assets

During the year unrestricted net assets and net assets invested in capital assets increased \$18,245, due to the fact that local and State revenue increased at a higher rate over expenses from a year ago. Total revenue for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 was \$5,128,615 and increased by \$447,784 to \$5,576,399 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, (primarily due to increased local revenue for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, Expenses increased by \$659,737 from \$4,898,417 in fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, to \$5,558,154 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The factors which have contributed to this condition are explained below.

Factors or Conditions Impacting Future Periods

On the revenue side, local revenue increased due primarily to the fact that the Center collected increased fees for increased service demands placed on it. Interest income decreased due to falling interest rates.

During the year, State grant revenues decreased and Federal grant revenues increased, although not as much as local revenues.

Expenditures were greater in fiscal year 2008 due to an increase in the number of participants enrolled in the various programs offered by North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1.

Contacting the Intermediate Service Center's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, agency management, others within the organization, Illinois State Board of Education, Federal award agencies and pass-through entities with a general overview of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Mr. Robert Ingraffia, Executive Director, 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018-3292.



Statement of Net Assets - Governmental Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current assets: Cash and investments Prepaid expenses Accrued interest receivable Accounts receivable-governmental claims	\$ 2,619,321 44,180 12,506 -0-
Total current assets	2,676,007
Noncurrent assets: Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	197,387
Total noncurrent assets	197,387
Total assets	2,873,394
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Deferred revenue Accrued payroll liabilities	59,775 155,372 29,629
Total current liabilities	244,776
NET ASSETS	
Invested capital assets, net of related debt	197,387
Unrestricted	2,431,231
Total net assets	\$ 2,628,618

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2008

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses		Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions		Prima	xpense) Revenue d Changes in Net Assets ary Government overnmental Activities
Primary government: Governmental activities: Instructional Services:						
Instruction Supporting Services Community Services Nonprogrammed Charges Administrative:	\$	1,518,949 3,137,223 1,860 621,256	\$	1,178,467 1,344,978 -0- 601,423	\$	(340,482) (1,792,245) (1,860) (19,833)
On-behalf payments Unallocated Depreciation Expense		268,379 10,487		-0- -0-		(268,379) (10,487)
Total governmental activities	\$	5,558,154	\$	3,124,868		(2,433,286)
General revenues: Local sources On-behalf payments Interest						2,060,117 268,379 123,035
Contributions Miscellaneous Total general revenues, special and						-0- -0-
extraordinary items, and transfers Change in net assets Net assets - beginning						2,451,531 18,245 2,610,373
Net assets - ending					\$	2,628,618

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2008

ACCUTO	Education Fund	
Cash and investments Prepaid expenses Accrued interest receivable Accounts receivable-governmental claims	\$	2,619,321 44,180 12,506 -0-
Total assets	\$	2,676,007
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts payable Deferred revenue Accrued payroll liabilities	\$	59,775 155,372 29,629
Total liabilities		244,776
FUND BALANCE		
Fund balance - unrestricted		2,431,231
Total fund balance		2,431,231
Total liabilities and fund balance	_\$	2,676,007

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

Total fund balance - governmental fund	s	2,431,231
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		197,387
Net assets of governmental activities	\$	2,628,618

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Type Education Fund
REVENUES	
Local Sources State Sources Federal Sources	\$ 2,183,152 2,135,851 989,017
Total Direct Revenues	5,308,020
On-behalf Payments	268,379
Total Revenues	5,576,399
EXPENDITURES	
Instruction Supporting Services Community Services Nonprogrammed Charges	1,495,010 3,137,223 1,860 621,256
Total Direct Expenditures	5,255,349
On-behalf Payments	268,379
Total Expenditures	5,523,728
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	52,671
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	2,378,560
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 2,431,231

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities Governmental Funds

Year ended June 30, 2008

Net change in fund balances		\$	52,671
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.			
Capital outlay Depreciation expense	\$ 18,009 (52,435)		(34,426)
Change in net assets of governmental activities		s	18,245

Notes To The Financial Statements

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to local governmental units of this type. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>:

The purpose of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 shall be to provide services designed to be responsive to the specific needs of the schools in North Cook County. This area shall include the districts within the territorial boundaries of the following high school districts:

Evanston Township H.S. Dist. 202 Maine Township H.S. Dist. 207 Township H.S. Dist. 214 Northfield Township H.S. Dist. 225 New Trier Township H.S. Dist. 203 Township H.S. Dist. 211 Niles Township Comm. H.S. Dist. 219

More specifically, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No 1 incorporates the following activities into its overall plan of services:

- Provide a variety of in service training and staff development opportunities to improve the knowledge and skills of educators.
- Coordinate the communication and data reporting requirements from local and regional programs and services to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education as needed.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for educational information and research.
- Serve as the primary regional delivery system for federal and/or state supported programs and services in education as authorized in Section 2-3.62 of <u>The School</u> <u>Code</u> or as directed by the State Superintendent of Education.
- Provide other services as set out in Section 500.50 of the Emergency Rules of the State Board of Education.

In evaluating how to define North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include or exclude a potential component unit in the reporting entity is made by applying the criteria set forth in Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America. The definition of a component unit is a legally separate organization for which North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on it. North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 also may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on it regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government or (3) a jointly appointed board. Even though there are local government agencies within the geographic area served by North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1, such as the municipality, library and park district, these agencies have been excluded from the report because they are legally separate and it is not financially accountable for them.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Intermediate Service Center.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted funding resources available to finance the program. It is the policy of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is improving or deteriorating. The net assets of the Intermediate Service Center are classified as follows:

Invested in Capital Assets – represents the Intermediate Service Center's total investment in capital assets. There is no outstanding debt related to these assets at this time.

Unrestricted Net Assets – represent resources used for transactions relating to the general operations of the Intermediate Service Center and may be used at the discretion of management to meet expenses for any purpose.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation:

The accounts are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund balance, revenues and expenditures or expenses as appropriate. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose, and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (continued):

The Center has the following fund types:

Governmental Funds are used to account for general government activities. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they are both "measurable and available". "Measurable" means that the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. All revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

State and federal aid, and interest on investments are susceptible to accrual. Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

The Education Fund is the primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

All federal, State and local programs are accounted for in the Education Fund. Federal grants that are accounted for and included in the Education Fund in the financial statements are as follows:

K-12 Learn and Serve: A program comprised of community service activities for students aligned to school curriculum.

Title I - School Improvement and Accountability: This program provides direct technical assistance to schools and districts in academic status. The program provides funds to put school support teams (educational advisors) in each school in academic trouble.

Title II-Teacher Quality-Leadership Grant: This program provides professional development for teachers in schools that are in status. The program provides funding to help offset the cost of training teachers.

State grants that are accounted for and included in the Education Fund are as follows:

I.S.C. Operations: Program monies for I.S.C. administrative operations. Program funding is used to keep offices open in order to provide professional development to teachers in the area.

Regional Safe Schools: Alternative program created through state legislation for students in grades 6 through 12 that have multiple suspensions or that have been expelled from their district. Eligible students are administratively transferred from their district into this program.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (continued):

Regional Safe Schools - General State Aid: This program is for students placed in Regional Safe Schools. Districts give up their general state aid claim for the students while placed in the Regional Safe Schools program.

Other State Programs: System-Of-Support funding that assists districts having academic difficulty to align their curriculum to Illinois Standards.

Government-wide and fund financial statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Center.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Net assets of the Center are classified as Unrestricted Net Assets. Unrestricted Net Assets represent resources used for transactions relating to the general operations of the Center and may be used at the discretion of management to meet expenses for any purpose.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental fund (Education Fund) is reported as a separate column in the fund financial statements.

D. Basis of Accounting:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all the eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. <u>Basis of Accounting (Continued)</u>:

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Governmental fund, which is in conformity with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual for Local Education Agencies and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recoded when susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become both "Measurable" and "Available" to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity:

Deposits and Investments

State statutes authorize North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain highly-rated commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. Investments are stated at fair value.

Capital Assets

Capital assets used in governmental fund types are recorded in the government-wide financial statements at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's threshold for capitalizing fixed assets are those with a cost of \$500 or more. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. All capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful life:

Equipment

7 years

Capital assets in the governmental fund financial statements are reported as expenditures when incurred.

F. New Accounting Pronouncements:

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2008, the Center adopted GASB Statement No. 48 Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues, which establishes criteria that governments will use to ascertain whether the proceeds received from sales and pledges of receivables should be reported as revenue or as a liability. There was no significant impact on the Center's financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2008, the Center adopted GASB Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures-an amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27, which adds additional disclosures to defined benefit plans. The statement has had no effect on North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1's net assets or changes in net assets.

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STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. <u>Budgetary Data</u>:

Budgeted amounts for the Education Fund are adopted on the modified accrual basis, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Federal grants administered that have budgets are as follows: K-12 Learn and Serve, Title I-School Improvement and Accountability and Title II-Teacher Quality-Leadership Grant.

State grants administered that have budgets are as follows: I.S.C. Operations, Regional Safe Schools-General State Aid, Regional Safe Schools and Other State Programs.

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 has not legally adopted the budgets and is not required to do so. The Governing Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The Administration submits to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Prior to August 31, the Governing Board reviews the budget.
- 3. Management is authorized to transfer budget amounts, provided funds are transferred between the same function and object codes. The Governing Board is authorized to transfer up to a legal level of 10% of the total budget between functions within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Governing Board after following the public hearing process mandated by law.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the governmental fund.
- 5. Budgeted amounts for the governmental fund are adopted on a basis that is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of on-behalf payments made by other governmental units, which are not required to be budgeted under state laws and regulations and are not budgeted.
- Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are as originally adopted because there were no amendments during the past fiscal year.

DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments:

Under the Illinois Compiled Statutes, school districts and related organizations are authorized to enter into contracts among themselves and to confirm and transfer powers and functions by intergovernmental cooperation. On July 1, 1996 the Wheeling Township Treasurer and Trustees were abolished. At this time, Community Consolidated School District No. 21, the Center's Administrative Agent, as well as a number of other districts in the township, entered into an intergovernmental agreement to transfer many of the duties and powers of the Township Treasurer to Township High School District No. 214.

Notes To The Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Effective July 1, 2000, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 began utilizing Des Plaines School District No. 62 as its administrative agent in order to better facilitate accounting for its transactions. Township treasurer duties rest with Maine Township High School District No. 207 for Des Plaines School District No. 62 and a number of other districts. At June 30, 2000, all investments had been transferred to District No. 207.

District 207 invests excess funds at its discretion, subject to the legal restrictions discussed below. For these purposes, District 207 is permitted to combine monies from more than one fund of a single district and to combine monies of more than one district in the township. Monies combined under these circumstances as well as investment earnings are accounted for separately for each fund and/or district.

Cash and investments, other than the depository account and imprest funds, are part of a common pool for all school centers and cooperatives within the township. District 207 maintains records that segregate the cash and investment balance by district or cooperative. Income from investments is distributed monthly based upon the percentage participation in the pool.

At June 30, 2008, North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 had a total of \$2,619,321 in cash and investments. This consists of \$2,613,629 held on deposit with District 207, a \$5,492 imprest account and \$200 cash on hand. Because all cash and investments are pooled by a separate legal governmental agency (District 207), categorization by risk category is not determinable.

	Carrying Amount	Bank <u>Balance</u>
Cash deposits	<u>\$5,492</u>	<u>\$4,843</u>

The deposits shown above were fully covered by depository insurance.

Credit Risk

District 207's investment policies are established by an Advisory Board made up of representatives of the member districts as prescribed by the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Compiled Statutes. District 207 is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, certificates of deposit issued by commercial banks and savings and loan associations, and commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications by at least two standard rating services (subject to certain limitations). As of June 30, 2008, the District's investment in the external pool was rated A-1+ and A-1+ by Standard and Poor's and F-1+ and F-1+ for short-term ratings and AA- and AA-for long-term ratings by Fitch Ratings.

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DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District has no specific policy on the interest rate risk at year-end. Management guidelines suggest investments not to exceed six years in maturity from the date of purchase.

B. Capital Assets:

The governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

6	Balance June 30, 2007	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2008
Cost: Equipment	<u>\$719,435</u>	\$18,009	<u>\$2,116</u>	\$735,328
Accumulated Depreciation: Equipment	<u>\$487,622</u>	\$52, <u>435</u>	\$2, <u>116</u>	<u>\$537,941</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net Equipment	\$231,813	(\$34,426)	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$197,387</u>
Depreciation expen	se was charged to go	vernmental functio	ns as follows:	
Instruction Depreciation not ch Total deprec	narged to a specific fu	nction ital activities		\$41,948 <u>10,487</u> \$52,435

C. Lease Commitments:

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 has entered into three operating leases as follows:

Lease 1: On December 10, 1999, a lease agreement was entered into for office and classroom suites in Des Plaines, IL. An amendment was made on September 21, 2005 which extends the lease until June 30, 2010. In addition, a second amendment was made on February 1st 2007 which extends the lease until July 31, 2014. The lease required the following rental terms:

Upper level suite:

February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005 at \$11,059.44 per month February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006 at \$9,309.00 per month February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 at \$9,588.27 per month February 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 at \$9,875.92 per month April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 at \$9,877.88 per month April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 at \$10,174.22 per month

Notes to The Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

C. <u>Lease Commitments (continued)</u>:

April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 at \$10,479.45 per month April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 at \$10,793.83 per month April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 at \$11,117.64 per month April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 at \$11,451.17 per month April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at \$11,794.71 per month April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 at \$12,150.12 per month

Lower level suites:

February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005 at \$8,639.26 per month February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006 at \$7,960.17 per month February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 at \$8,198.97 per month February 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 at \$8,444.94 per month April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 at \$8,443.46 per month April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 at \$8,696.77 per month April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 at \$8,957.67 per month April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 at \$9,226.40 per month April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 at \$9,503.19 per month April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 at \$9,788.29 per month April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at \$10,081.94 per month April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 at \$10,388.02 per month

April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 at \$2,010.31 per month April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 at \$4,142.38 per month April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 at \$4,266.67 per month April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 at \$4,393.51 per month April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 at \$4,525.41 per month April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 at \$4,659.86 per month April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at \$4,801.91 per month April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 at \$4,943.96 per month

Lease 1 (Amendment): On February 1, 2003, an additional 1,610 square feet was rented for classroom suites in Des Plaines, IL. Amendments were made on September 21, 2005 and February 1, 2007 which extends the lease to July 31, 2014. The lease required the following rental terms:

Additional suite:

February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005 at \$2,763.83 per month February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006 at \$2,415.00 per month February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 at \$2,487.45 per month February 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 at \$2,562.07 per month April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 at \$2,562.58 per month April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 at \$2,639.46 per month April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 at \$2,718.64 per month April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 at \$2,800.20 per month April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 at \$2,884.21 per month April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 at \$2,970.74 per month April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at \$3,059.86 per month April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 at \$3,151.57 per month

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DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

C. <u>Lease Commitments</u> (continued):

Lease 2: On August 1, 2003 a lease agreement was entered into for property located in Skokie, IL. The lease required the following rental terms:

August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004 at \$11,484.60 per month August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2005 at \$12,233.60 per month August 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 at \$12,982.60 per month

Lease 2 (Amendment): On March 24, 2006, a decrease of 631 square feet was deleted from classroom space rented in Skokie, IL. The amendment also extended the lease agreement until July 31, 2011. The revised lease agreement required the following rental terms:

April 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007 at \$11,720.70 per month August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008 at \$12,347.46 per month August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 at \$12,974.24 per month August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 at \$13,601.01 per month August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 at \$14,227.79 per month

Lease 3: On April 22, 2005 a new lease agreement was entered into for property located in Palatine, IL. The lease required the following rental terms:

August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006 at \$5,500.00 per month August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007 at \$6,000.00 per month August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008 at \$6,180.00 per month August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 at \$6,365.00 per month August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 at \$6,556.00 per month

The leases carry no restrictions on the financial operating policies.

Minimum future rental payments under the above non-cancelable leases having remaining terms in excess of 1 year as of June 30, 2008 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

Year Ended June 30	
2009	\$ 541,402
2010	560,510
2011	499,124
2012	353,112
2013	349,046
Thereafter	364,491
	\$2,667,685

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DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

C. <u>Lease Commitments (continued)</u>:

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 also leases certain copy equipment under noncancellable rental agreements. The lease terms are for five years. The following is a schedule of future rental payments required under these equipment leases:

Year Ended June 30	
2009	\$22,538
2010	15,420
2011	13,510
2012	3,300
	\$54.768

D. <u>Accounts Receivable-Governmental Claims</u>:

As of June 30, 2008 North Cook Intermediate Service Center did not have accounts receivable due from Federal and State programs.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

Λ. Risk Management:

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which it carries commercial insurance through the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool (SSCIP).

B. Employee Retirement Systems & Plans:

Teachers' Retirement System

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS). TRS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. The Illinois Pension Code outlines the benefit provisions of TRS, and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The State of Illinois maintains primary responsibility for the funding of the plan, but contributions from participating employers and members are also required. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System's administration.

TRS Members include all active nonannuitants that are employed by a TRS-covered employer to provide services for which teacher certification is required. The active TRS members contribution rate through June 30, 2008 was 9.4 percent of their creditable earnings. These contributions, which may be paid on behalf of employees by the employer, are submitted to TRS by the employer. In addition, virtually all employers and members pay a contribution to the Teachers' Health Insurance Security (THIS) Fund, a separate fund in the State Treasury that is not a part of this retirement plan. The employer THIS Fund contribution was 0.63 percent during the year ended June 30, 2008, and the member THIS Fund health insurance contribution was 0.84 percent.

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OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems & Plans (continued):

Teachers' Retirement System (continued)

The State of Illinois makes contributions directly to TRS on behalf of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No 1's TRS covered employees.

 On-behalf contributions. The State of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1. For the year ended June 30, 2008, State of Illinois contributions were based on 13.11 percent of creditable earnings, and the Center recognized revenue and expenditures of \$268,379 in pension contributions that the State of Illinois paid directly to TRS. For the years ended June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2006, the State of Illinois contribution rates as percentages of creditable earnings were 9.78 percent (\$166,567) and 7.06 percent (\$111,770), respectively.

The state contributions to TRS for the year ended June 30, 2008 were based on an actuarial formula. The state contributions for the years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 were based on dollar amounts specified by the statute and were not actuarially determined.

North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 makes three other types of employer contributions directly to TRS.

- 2.2 formula contributions. Employers contribute 0.58 percent of creditable earnings for the 2.2 formula change. Contributions for the year ending June 30, 2008 were \$11,873. Contributions for the years ending June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 were \$9,878 and \$9,182, respectively.
- Federal and trust fund contributions. When TRS members are paid from federal and trust funds administered by the Center, there is a statutory requirement for the Center to pay an employer pension contribution from those funds. Under a policy adopted by the TRS Board of Trustees that was first effective in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, employer contributions for employees paid from federal and trust funds will be the same as the State contribution rate to TRS. For the year ended June 30, 2008, the employer pension contribution was 13.11 percent of salaries paid from federal and trust funds. For the year ended June 30, 2007, the employer pension contribution was 9.78 percent of salaries paid from federal and trust funds.

For the year ended June 30, 2006, the employer contribution was 7.06 percent of salaries paid from federal and trust funds. For the year ended June 30, 2008, salaries totaling \$192,431 were paid from federal and trust funds that required employer contributions of \$25,228. For the years ended June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2006, required Center contributions were \$3,112 and \$10,506, respectively.

 Early Retirement Option (ERO). North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 is also required to make one-time employer contributions to TRS for members retiring under the Early Retirement Option. The payments vary depending on the age and salary of the member and under which ERO program the member retires.

Under Public Act 94-0004, a "Pipeline ERO" program is provided for members to retire under the same terms as the ERO program that expired June 30, 2005, provided they meet certain conditions and retire on or before July 1, 2007. If members do not meet these conditions, they can retire under the "Modified ERO" program which requires higher member and employer contributions to TRS.

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June 30, 2008

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B. Employee Retirement Systems & Plans (continued):

Teachers' Retirement System (continued)

Also, under Modified ERO, Public Act 94-0004 eliminates the waiver of member and employer ERO contributions that had been in effect for members with 34 years of service (unless the member qualifies for the Pipeline ERO).

Under the ERO program that expired on June 30, 2005 and the Pipeline ERO, the maximum employer contribution is 100 percent of the member's highest salary used in the final average salary calculation.

Under the Modified ERO, the maximum employer contribution is 117.5 percent. Both the 100 percent and 117.5 percent maximums apply when the member is age 55 at retirement.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for employer contributions under the Pipeline ERO and Modified ERO programs. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006, the Center paid \$-0- in employer ERO contributions.

 Salary increases over 6 percent and excess sick leave. Public Act 94-0004 added two new employer contributions to TRS.

If an employer grants salary increases over 6 percent and those salaries are used to calculate a retiree's final average salary, the employer makes a contribution to TRS. The contribution will cover the difference in actuarial cost of the benefit based on actual salary increases and the benefit based on salary increases of up to 6 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006, the Center paid \$-0- in employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent.

If an employer grants sick leave days in excess of the normal annual allotment and those days are used as TRS service credit, the employer makes a contribution to TRS. The contribution is based on the number of excess sick leave days used as service credit, the highest salary used to calculate final average salary, and the TRS total normal cost rate (17.62 percent of salary during the year ended June 30, 2008).

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for sick leave days granted in the excess of the normal annual allotment. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006, the Center paid \$-0- in employer contributions granted for sick leave days.

TRS financial information, an explanation of TRS' benefits, and descriptions of member, employer and state funding requirements can be found in the TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2007. The report for the year ended June 30, 2008, is expected to be available in late 2008. The reports may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, P.O. Box 19253, 2815 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9253. The most current report is also available on the TRS Web site at www.trs.state.il.us.

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B. Employee Retirement Systems & Plans (continued):

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The employer's defined benefit pension plan for Regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The employer plan is affiliated with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), an agent multiple-employer plan. Benefit provisions are established by statue and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

IMRF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained on-line at www.imrf.org

Funding Policy

As set by statute, the employer Regular plan members are required to contribute 4.50 percent of their annual covered salary. The statutes requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The employer contribution rate for calendar year 2007 was 3.40 percent of annual covered payroll. The employer also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by the IMRF Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Annual Pension Cost

For 2007, the employer's annual pension cost of \$8,658 for the Regular plan was equal to the employer's required and actual contributions.

Three-Year Trend Information for the Regular Plan

Fiscal	Annual	Percentage	Net
Year	Pension	of APC	Pension
Ending	Cost (APC)	Contributed	Obligation
12/31/07	\$ 8,658	100%	\$ -0-
12/31/06	13,921	100%	-0-
12/31/05	2,123	100%	-0-

The required contribution was determined as part of the December 31, 2005, actuarial valuation using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions at December 31, 2005, included (a) 7.5 percent investment rate of return (net of administrative and direct investment expenses), (b) projected salary increases of 4% a year, attributable to inflation, (c) additional projected salary increases ranging from 0.4% to 10.0% per year depending on age and service, attributable to seniority/merit, and (d) post-retirement benefits increases of 3% annually. The actuarial value of the employer plan assets was determined using techniques that spread the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of investments over a five-year period with a 15% corridor between the actuarial and market value of assets. The employer Regular plan's overfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2007, was 5 years.

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OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems & Plans (continued):

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (continued)

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2007, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the Regular plan was 100.97 percent funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$423,189 and the actuarial value of assets was \$427,305, resulting in an overfunded accrued liability (UAAL) of \$4,116. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$254,662 and since the plan is overfunded, there is no ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as RSI following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of the plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (OTHER THAN MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS)

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund - Schedule of Funding Progress (Unaudited)

June 30, 2008

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
12/31/07	\$427,305	\$423,189	(\$4,116)	100.97%	\$254,662	0.00%
12/31/06	\$437,505	\$421,277	(\$16,228)	103.85%	\$237,555	0.00%
12/31/05	\$424,954	\$366,892	(\$58,062)	115.83%	\$225,872	0.00%

On a market value basis, the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2007 is \$469,142. On a market basis, the funded ratio would be 110.86%.

*Digest of Changes

The actuarial assumptions used to determine the actuarial accrued liability for 2007 are based on the 2002 - 2004 Experience Study.

The principal changes were:

- The 1994 Group Annuity Mortality implemented.
- For Regular members, fewer normal and more early retirements are expected to occur.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Education Fund

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Local Sources			
Interest	\$ 100,000	\$ 123,035	23,035
Services Provided Other LEA's	2,057,440	2,060,117	2,677
Contributions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	 -0-	-0-	-0-
Total Local Sources	 2,157,440	2,183,152	25,712
State Sources	700 017	010.104	
Regional Safe Schools - General State Aid Regional Safe Schools	769,617	812,106	42,489
Other State Programs	1,223,675	1,211,214	(12,461)
I.S.C. Operations	115,333	56,525	(58,808)
no.c. Operations	 54,233	56,006	1,773
Total State Sources	 2,162,858	2,135,851	(27,007)

Budgetary Comparison Schedules Education Fund (Continued)

REVENUES	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Federal Sources			
K-12 Learn and Serve	-0-	14,553	14,553
Title I - School Improvement & Accountability	550,881	844,840	293,959
Title II - Teacher Quality - Leadership Grant	82,596	129,624	47,028
Total Federal Sources	633,477	989,017	355,540
Total Direct Revenues	4,953,775	5,308,020	354,245
On-Behalf Payments	-0-	268,379	268,379
Total Revenues	4,953,775	5,576,399	622,624
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction			
High School Programs			
Salaries	1,176,813	1,148,857	27,956
Employee Benefits	236,575	172,896	63,679
Purchased Services	51,452	36,690	14,762
Supplies and Materials	71,500	78,729	(7,229)
Capital Outlay	48,000	57,838	(9,838)
Total Instruction	1,584,340	1,495,010	89,330
Support Services Pupils			
Attendance and Social Work Services			
Salaries	378,168	422,990	(44,822)
Employee Benefits	58,091	60,144	(2,053)
Guidance Services	20,001	00,117	(2,000)
Salaries	113,157	70,384	42,773
Employee Benefits	32,202	40,985	(8,783)
Purchased Services	250	487	(237)
Supplies and Materials	10,000	7,364	2,636
Total Pupils	591,868	602,354	(10,486)

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Education Fund (Continued)

EXPENDITURES	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Instructional Staff			
Improvement of Instruction Services			
Salaries	42,825	38,181	4,644
Employee Benefits	4,720	23,802	(19,082)
Purchased Services	501,381	606,978	(105,597)
Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	46,000	21,452	24,548
Other Objects	-0- 6,000	2,040 6,825	(2,040) (825)
Total Instructional Staff	600,926	699,278	(98,352)
General Administration			
Executive Administrative Services			
Salaries	105,777	70,064	35,713
Employee Benefits	7,665	31,366	(23,701)
Purchased Services Supplies and Materials	60,000	24,396	35,604
Capital Outlay	4,200	5,109	(909)
Other Objects	5,000	1,290	3,710
Special Area Administrative Services	200	414	(214)
Salaries	324,169	216,225	107,944
Employee Benefits	84,791	39,370	45,421
Purchased Services	58,000	131,516	(73,516)
Supplies and Materials	17,500	21,007	(3,507)
Capital Outlay	-0-	4,785	(4,785)
Total General Administration	667,302	545,542	121,760
School Administration Other Support Services			
Salaries	327,870	320,724	7,146
Employee Benefits	67,962	55,524	12,438
Total School Administration	395,832	376,248	19,584
Business			
Fiscal Services			
Salaries	16,919	705	16,214
Employee Benefits Purchased Services	-0-	(4,950)	4,950
Supplies and Materials	29,000	38,176	(9,176)
Facilities Acquisition	-0-	115	(115)
Purchased Services	-0-	6,282	(6,282)
Operations and Maintenance of Plant		0,202	(0,262)
Purchased Services	524,375	562,659	(38,284)
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
Pupil Transportation Services			
Purchased Services	45,000	24,679	20,321
Supplies and Materials Food Services	67,000	-()-	67,000
Purchased Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Business	682,294	627,666	54,628
Central			
Planning, Research and Development			
Salaries	-0-	24,150	(24.150)
Purchased Services	160,000	162,250	(24,150) (2,250)
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
Data Processing Purchased Services	-0-	26,149	
Total Central			(26,149)
Total College	160,000	212,549	(52,549)

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Education Fund (Continued)

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES			
Other Support Services			
Salaries	4,037	1,947	2,090
Employee Benefits	-0-	-0-	-0-
Purchased Services	34,000	71,639	(37,639)
Total Other Support Services	38,037	73,586	(35,549)
Total Support Services	3,136,259	3,137,223	(964)
Community Services			
Purchased Services	-0-	1,860	(1,860)
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Community Services	-0-	1,860	(1,860)
Nonprogrammed Charges Other Payments to In-State Government Units			
Purchased Services	264,200	254.710	0.400
Transfers	264,200 144,596	254,710	9,490
Transicis	144,390	366,546	(221,950)
Total Nonprogrammed Charges	408,796	621,256	(212,460)
Total Direct Expenditures	5,129,395	5,255,349	(125,954)
On-behalf Payments		268,379	(268,379)
Total Expenditures	5,129,395	5,523,728	(394,333)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (175,620)	52,671	\$ 228,291
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		2,378,560	
Fund Balance, End of Year		\$ 2,431,231	

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2008

				Expenditures			
Federal Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	CFDA Number (A)	Project # or Contract # (B)	7/01/			/07 - 06/30/08 (D)	
U.S. Dept. of Education passed through Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE):							
Title I - School Improvement & Accountability (M) Title I - School Improvement & Accountability (M)	84.010A 84.010A	07-4331-SS 08-4331-SS	\$	223,707 400,660 624,367	\$	420,111 424,729 844,840	
Title II - Teacher Quality - Leadership Grant Title II - Teacher Quality - Leadership Grant Corporation for National and Community Services passed through Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE):	84.367A 84.367A	07-4935-SS 08-4935-SS		156,111 23,344 179,455	:	50,953 78,671 129,624	
K-12 Learn & Serve K-12 Learn & Serve	94.004 94.004	07-4910-00 08-4910-00		5,445 8,025 13,470		4,667 9,886 14,553	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			s	817,292	s	989,017	

(M) - Program was audited as a major program.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NORTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 1 NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the Federal grant activity of North Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 1 and is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUBRECIPIENTS

-NONE-

NOTE 3 - DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

The following federal programs were audited as major programs in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Title I - School Improvement & Accountability:

This program is part of the Center's System of Support Coordination and Services Plan. The program is part of a strategy to nurture and assist low-performing schools in North Cook County. Services initially are targeted in elementary and high schools now on the Academic Early Warning List (AEWL), with provision to support additional schools when they are identified. Moreover, schools in jeopardy of being identified as low-performing will be encouraged to access school improvement resources on a fee for services basis.

The goals of the program are to:

- Establish a regional support system to provide improvement support to schools and districts on the AEWL and AWL;
- Assist other schools and districts whose performance make placement on the list in the near future likely;
- · Build capacity within each targeted school and district for continuous school improvement;
- Serve all schools and districts identified for support in the region and assist and collaborate with other regional centers to provide full coverage of targeted districts through efficient and cost-effective programs; and
- Provide the Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education with school improvement consultants to evaluate various sections of the school improvement plan.

NOTE 4 – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

-NONE-

NOTE 5 - AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

-NONE-

NOTE 6 - LOANS OR LOAN GUARANTEES OUTSTANDING

-NONE-