

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE
SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
FINANCIAL AUDIT
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SINGLE AUDIT ACT
AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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

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OFFICIALS

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Executive Director	(Current and during audit period)	Dr. Vanessa Kinder
Executive Assistant	(Current and during audit period)	Ms. Joani Fadool
Bookkeeper	(Current and during audit period)	Ms. Shelia Ivy

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Chicago Heights, IL 60411

COMPLIANCE REPORT
SUMMARY

The compliance audit testing performed during this audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards 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

<u>Number of</u>	<u>This Audit</u>	<u>Prior Audit</u>
Audit findings	1	1
Repeated audit findings	1	1
Prior recommendations implemented or not repeated	0	0

Details of the audit findings are presented in a separate report section.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Finding Type</u>
FINDINGS (GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS)			
11-1	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 February 26, 2012. Responses to the recommendations were provided by Dr. Vanessa Kinder, Executive Director, in a letter dated February 26, 2012.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
REPORT SUMMARY

The audit of the accompanying basic financial statements of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 was performed by Bass, Solomon, and Dowell, LLP.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable William G. Holland
Auditor General
State of Illinois

Board of Directors
South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4

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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 adopted GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* during the year ended June 30, 2011. The statement changed the classifications of governmental fund balances and clarified the definitions of existing fund types. The adoption of this statement had no effect on any of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's governmental funds' assets or liabilities nor was there any effect to the total amount of any of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's governmental fund balances as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 9, 2012 on our consideration of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and 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, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund-Schedule of Funding Progress and the Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions Schedule of Funding Progress, on pages 16 through 19, page 45 and page 46, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. 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 Schedules 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.

Bass, Johnson & Oswell, LLP

Palatine, Illinois
March 9, 2012

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4

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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2012. 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

Management of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in finding 11-1 in the accompanying Schedule of Finding and Questioned Costs to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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*.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 entity, 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.

Case, Johnson & Powell LLP

Palatine, Illinois
March 9, 2012

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT
COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON 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
South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4

Compliance

We have audited the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, 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 entity, 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.

Case, Johnson & O'Neill, LLP

Palatine, Illinois
March 9, 2012

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? X yes no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Award:

Internal Control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X 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)? yes X no

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010A	Title I - School Improvement & Accountability
84.389	ARRA Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act
84.357A	Title I - Reading First Part B SEA Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes X no

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Finding No. 11-1 – Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation
(Repeat of Finding 10-1, 09-1, and 08-1)

1. *Criteria/specific requirement:*

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 (Service Center) is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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:*

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 most accounting transactions, there are not sufficient controls over the preparation of 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:

- The Service Center did not have adequate controls over the maintenance of complete records of accounts receivable, accounts payable, or deferred revenue.
- Numerous adjustments were required to present financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. *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.

4. *Cause:*

According to South Cook Intermediate Center No. 4's officials, they did not have adequate funding to hire and/or train accounting personnel in order to comply with these requirements.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Section II – Financial Statement Findings (Concluded)

Finding No. 11-1 – Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation
(Repeat of Finding 10-1, 09-1, and 08-1) (Concluded)

5. *Recommendation:*

As part of its internal control over the preparation of financial statements, including disclosures, we recommend that South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 implement comprehensive preparation and/or review procedures to ensure that financial statements, including disclosures, are complete and accurate. 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 the Intermediate Service Center's activities and operations.

6. *Management's response:*

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 has discussed the options concerning the capabilities of preparing financial statements, including complete footnote disclosures that would not require significant changes by the auditor. We believe that it would not be cost beneficial to hire another employee or service provider to perform such a task. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is confident in the abilities of the accounting/bookkeeping staff to prepare cash basis financial information as needed for reporting purposes throughout the year. In addition, the Bloom Township Treasurer's Office also oversees all financial statement preparation. Management will pursue additional training when it is considered cost beneficial since training costs would take away from the funds available to provide educational services for the schools in the region.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Section III – Federal Award Findings

There were no findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Corrective Action Plan for Current-Year Audit Finding
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Corrective Action Plan

Finding No. 11-1 - Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation

Condition:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 most accounting transactions, there are not sufficient controls over the preparation of 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:

- The Service Center did not have adequate controls over the maintenance of complete records of accounts receivable, accounts payable, or deferred revenue.
- Numerous adjustments were required to present financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Corrective Action Plan:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 has discussed the options concerning the capabilities of preparing financial statements, including complete footnote disclosures that would not require significant changes by the auditor. We believe that it would not be cost beneficial to hire another employee or service provider to perform such a task. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is confident in the abilities of the accounting/bookkeeping staff to prepare cash basis financial information as needed for reporting purposes throughout the year. In addition, the Bloom Township Treasurer's Office also oversees all financial statement preparation. Management will pursue additional training when it is considered cost beneficial since training costs would take away from the funds available to provide educational services for the schools in the region.

Anticipated Date of Completion:

The Center will implement the corrective action plan immediately.

Name of Contact Person:

Dr. Vanessa Kinder, Executive Director.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
10-1	Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation	Repeated

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(Required Supplementary Information)

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Required Supplementary Information Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2011

As management of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, we offer the readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an 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 (2011) and the prior year (2010) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

MD&A is provided at the beginning of the report to provide an overview of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's financial position at June 30, 2011 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.

During fiscal year 2011, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, which required certain programs and funds to be reclassified and the restatement of beginning fund balances in the financial statements. Because of these reclassifications, the fund analysis is not comparable between fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011.

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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4: 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's overall financial status, similar to a private sector business. In the government-wide financial statements, activities are shown in one category – governmental activities. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 financial statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues and assets are recognized when earned; expenditures and liabilities are recognized when incurred.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Required Supplementary Information
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's funds – not South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 as a whole. Funds are specific segregations of cash and accounting devices South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 maintains various governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and the Changes in Fund Balance for these funds. More detail of the individual revenues and expenditures for these funds are presented in the supplementary section of this report.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is not legally required to adopt budgets. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is required by the Illinois State Board of Education, the granting agency, to adopt annual budgets for the Education Fund of the governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided as supplementary information for the general, education, and nonmajor special revenue funds, which is in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34.

Condensed Financial Information

Net assets are summarized in the table below.

	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u>
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 7,533,720	\$ 7,582,540
Capital Assets	<u>3,472,111</u>	<u>3,600,257</u>
Total Assets	<u>11,005,831</u>	<u>11,182,797</u>
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	2,432,435	756,370
Non-current Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,432,435</u>	<u>756,370</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested Capital Assets, net of related debt	3,472,111	3,600,257
Unrestricted	4,509,045	6,826,170
Restricted for educational purposes	<u>592,240</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 8,573,396</u>	<u>\$ 10,426,427</u>

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Required Supplementary Information
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Condensed Financial Information (continued)

Current assets consist of cash, investments, and accounts receivable-governmental claims. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's net assets consist of unrestricted and restricted net assets and invested capital assets net of related debt.

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

Condensed Statement of Activities		
For Fiscal Year Ending:		
	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
Revenues received:		
Program:		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 4,140,504	\$ 6,261,232
General:		
Local sources	1,313,335	1,044,946
On-behalf payments	373,990	362,498
Interest	<u>121,329</u>	<u>206,486</u>
Total revenue received	<u>5,949,158</u>	<u>7,875,162</u>
Expenditures disbursed:		
Instruction	1,096,542	1,100,793
Supporting services	5,263,516	5,554,861
Community services	-0-	-0-
Nonprogrammed charges	1,068,141	939,957
Debt Service	-0-	-0-
Administrative services:		
On-behalf payments	<u>373,990</u>	<u>362,498</u>
Total expenditures disbursed	<u>7,802,189</u>	<u>7,958,109</u>
Change in net assets	(1,853,031)	(82,947)
Net assets – beginning	<u>10,426,427</u>	<u>10,509,374</u>
Net assets – ending	<u>\$ 8,573,396</u>	<u>\$ 10,426,427</u>

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Required Supplementary Information
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Concluded)
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Major sources of operating revenues for South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 include: Federal and State grants and intergovernmental revenue.

Management's Analysis of the ISC's Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations

As shown in the condensed Statement of Activities, the cost of government activities for this year was \$7,802,189. Federal and State grants financed 70% of this or \$4,140,504. Local sources were the next largest contributor with \$1,313,335.

Capital assets

During the year ended June 30, 2011, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 invested monies in various capital assets. Total additions this year were \$114,994. Capital asset additions consisted primarily of the purchase of a building, computers and surveillance equipment.

Net Assets

During the year, net assets decreased by \$1,853,031, which is significantly higher than the \$82,947 decrease for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. Total revenue for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 was \$7,875,162 and decreased by \$1,926,004 to \$5,949,158 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This was mainly due to a decrease in State and Federal grant monies. Expenses decreased by \$155,920 from \$7,958,109 in fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, to \$7,802,189 in fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. Expenditures were lower in fiscal year 2011 compared to fiscal year 2010 due to a slight decrease in instruction and supporting services. The factors which have contributed to this condition are explained below.

Factors or Conditions Impacting Future Periods

On the revenue side, even though State and Federal grant monies decreased; local revenue was higher due to the new ROE responsibilities assumed by the Center and an increase in the number of participants enrolled in the various programs offered by South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4.

On the expenditure side, increases in service demands by growing districts in the educational service region will continue to place increasing pressure on spending.

In summary, this expectation of continued increases in service demand will result in larger response times, reduced array of services, and the need to do more with existing human resources.

Contacting the Intermediate Service Center's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's citizens, taxpayers, clients and other constituents with a general overview of its finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If the reader has questions concerning this report or need additional financial information, please contact the Executive Director of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 at 253 West Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2011

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 6,718,606
Accounts receivable - governmental claims	<u>815,114</u>
Total current assets	<u>7,533,720</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>3,472,111</u>
Total assets	<u>11,005,831</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u> 	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	1,196,952
Deferred revenue	<u>1,235,483</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,432,435</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u> 	
Invested capital assets, net of related debt	3,472,111
Unrestricted	4,509,045
Restricted for educational purposes	<u>592,240</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 8,573,396</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Expenses	Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Primary government:			
Governmental activities:			
Instructional services:			
Instruction	\$ 1,096,542	\$ -	\$ (1,096,542)
Supporting services	5,263,516	4,104,624	(1,158,892)
Nonprogrammed charges	1,068,141	35,880	(1,032,261)
Administrative:			
On-behalf payments	373,990	-0-	(373,990)
Total governmental activities	\$ 7,802,189	\$ 4,140,504	(3,661,685)
General revenues:			
Local sources			1,313,335
On-behalf payments			373,990
Interest			121,329
Total general revenues, special and extraordinary items, and transfers			1,808,654
Change in net assets			(1,853,031)
Net assets - beginning			10,426,427
Net assets - ending			\$ 8,573,396

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds**

June 30, 2011

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Petty cash	\$ 200	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 200
Cash - Imprest fund	10,000	-0-	-0-	10,000
Cash - Old Second Bank	4,458	-0-	-0-	4,458
Equity in pooled cash and investments	5,788,774	886,980	28,194	6,703,948
Due from other governments	356,495	439,293	19,326	815,114
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,159,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,273</u>	<u>\$ 47,520</u>	<u>\$ 7,533,720</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts payable	\$ 110,291	\$ 1,073,847	\$ 12,814	\$ 1,196,952
Deferred revenue	59,415	1,290,493	-0-	1,349,908
Total liabilities	<u>169,706</u>	<u>2,364,340</u>	<u>12,814</u>	<u>2,546,860</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>				
Nonspendable	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Restricted	475,311	-0-	34,706	510,017
Committed	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assigned	2,284,716	-0-	-0-	2,284,716
Unassigned	3,230,194	(1,038,067)	-0-	2,192,127
Total fund balance	<u>5,990,221</u>	<u>(1,038,067)</u>	<u>34,706</u>	<u>4,986,860</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 6,159,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,273</u>	<u>\$ 47,520</u>	<u>\$ 7,533,720</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2011

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 4,986,860
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.	3,472,111
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds	<u>114,425</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 8,573,396</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local Sources	\$ 1,010,605	\$ 113,916	\$ 188,814	\$ 1,313,335
State Sources	1,876,977	515,041	-0-	2,392,018
Federal Sources	-	2,080,127	-0-	2,080,127
Total Direct Revenues	<u>2,887,582</u>	<u>2,709,084</u>	<u>188,814</u>	<u>5,785,480</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>373,990</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>373,990</u>
Total Revenues	<u>3,261,572</u>	<u>2,709,084</u>	<u>188,814</u>	<u>6,159,470</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Instruction	1,096,542	-0-	-0-	1,096,542
Support Services	2,399,842	2,634,848	100,680	5,135,370
Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Nonprogrammed Charges	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,014,713</u>	<u>53,428</u>	<u>1,068,141</u>
Total Direct Expenditures	<u>3,496,384</u>	<u>3,649,561</u>	<u>154,108</u>	<u>7,300,053</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>373,990</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>373,990</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,870,374</u>	<u>3,649,561</u>	<u>154,108</u>	<u>7,674,043</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)</u>				
Interest	<u>121,329</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>121,329</u>
Total other financing sources	121,329	-0-	-0-	121,329
Net Change in Fund Balance	(487,473)	(940,477)	34,706	(1,393,244)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2010	<u>6,477,694</u>	<u>(97,590)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,380,104</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 5,990,221</u>	<u>\$ (1,038,067)</u>	<u>\$ 34,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,986,860</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2011

Net change in fund balances	\$	(1,393,244)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
Capital outlay	\$	114,994
Depreciation expense		<u>(242,371)</u>
Net adjustment		(127,377)
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(769)
<p>Revenues in the Statement of Activities that did not provide financial resources in the prior year and are not reported as revenues in the government-wide statements in the current year</p>		
		(446,066)
<p>Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds</p>		
		<u>114,425</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(1,853,031)</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Beginning on the first Monday of August 1995, each of the 45 Regional Offices of Education established pursuant to Section 3A-4 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/3A-4) shall have an oversight board to carry out the duties and oversee the planning and delivery of programs and services as specified in the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/3A-16 and 3A-17).

That portion of Cook County outside of the City of Chicago will constitute a Regional Office of Education (105 ILCS 5/3A-1) and its oversight board shall be responsible for the duties and programs specified in Section 3A-17 of the Illinois School Code and be administered through three (3) Intermediate Service Centers (North Cook, West Cook and South Cook).

South Cook now known as South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, includes the area within the territorial boundaries of the following school districts:

Summit School Dist. No. 104	Willow Springs School Dist. No. 108	Indian Springs School Dist. No. 109
Central Stickney School Dist. No. 110	Burbank School Dist. No. 111	Lemont-Bromberek School Dist. No.113A
North Palos School Dist. No. 118	Palos Com. Cons. School Dist. No. 118	Ridgeland School Dist. No. 122
Oak Lawn-Hometown School Dist. No. 123	Evergreen Park School Dist. No. 124	Atwood Heights School Dist. No. 125
Alsip/Hazelgreen/Oak Lawn School Dist. No. 126	Worth School Dist. No. 127	Chicago Ridge School Dist. No. 127 ½
Palos Heights School Dist. No. 128	Blue Island School Dist. No. 130	Calumet Park School Dist. No. 132
Patton School Dist. No. 133	Orland Park School Dist. No. 135	Kirby School Dist. No. 140
Forest Ridge School Dist. No. 142	Midlothian School Dist. No. 143	Posen-Robbins School Dist. No. 143 ½
Prairie-Hills School Dist. No. 144	Arbor Park School Dist. No. 145	Tinley Park School Dist. No. 146
Harvey/Dixmoor School Dist. No. 147	Dolton West School Dist. No. 148	Dolton School Dist. No. 149
South Holland School Dist. No. 150	South Holland School Dist. No. 151	Harvey School Dist. No. 152
Hazel Crest School Dist. No. 152 ½	Homewood School Dist. No. 153	Thornton School Dist. No. 154
Burnham School Dist. No. 154 ½	Calumet City School Dist. No. 155	Lincoln School Dist. No. 156
Hoover/Schrum School Dist. No. 157	Lansing School Dist. No. 158	Elementary District School Dist. No. 159
Country Club Hills School Dist. No. 160	Flossmoor School Dist. No. 161	Matteson School Dist. No. 162
Park Forest-Chicago Heights School Dist. No. 163	Brookwood School Dist. No. 167	Community Consolidated School Dist. No. 168
Ford Heights School Dist. No. 169	Chicago Heights School Dist. No. 170	Sunnybrook School Dist. No. 171
Sandridge School Dist. No. 172	Steger School Dist. No. 194	Thornton Twp. H.S. Dist. No. 205
Bicom Twp. H.S. Dist. No. 206	Lemont Twp. H.S. Dist. No. 210	T-F Township H.S. Dist. No. 215
Argo Community H.S. Dist. No. 217	Community H.S. Dist. No. 218	Reavis H.S. Dist. No. 220
Rich Twp H.S. Dist. No. 227	Bremen Community H.S. Dist. No. 228	Oak Lawn Community H.S. Dist. No. 229
Consolidated H.S. Dist. No. 230	Evergreen Park H.S. Dist. No. 231	H-F Community H.S. Dist. No. 233

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is governed by a twelve member board. The administrative agent designated for this Center is Robert Grossi, of the Bloom Township Treasurer's Office.

In accordance with the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 2/3.62) the services to be made available shall include the planning, implementation and evaluation of the following:

- Education for Gifted Children;
- Computer Technology Education;
- Mathematics, Science and Reading Resources for teachers, including continuing education, in-service training, and staff development.; and
- Teacher Certification.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 (also referred to herein as “Center”) may also provide training, technical assistance, coordination and planning in other program areas. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to operate South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4.

A. Reporting Entity:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 provides educational services to sixty-six member school districts and is governed by the Governing Board. Operations are conducted through one of its member districts which acts as its administrative agent.

These financial statements include South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 and its component units, entities for which it is considered financially accountable. As defined by GASB Statement 14, “*The Financial Reporting Entity*”, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is not financially accountable for any other entity nor are there any other entities for which the nature and significance of their relationship with South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 are such that exclusion would cause South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Based upon the above criteria, Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is not aware of any entity which would be financially accountable for Intermediate Service Center No. 4, which would result in Intermediate Service Center No. 4 being considered a component entity.

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. These basic 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 the 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 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, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 to first apply restricted fund balances, then unrestricted. For unrestricted fund balances, committed fund balances are used first, then assigned fund balances, then unassigned, if any.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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.

Unrestricted Net Assets – represents 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.

Restricted Net Assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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 of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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. 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.

Governmental funds are used to account for general governmental activities. The governmental fund uses the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. when they are "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. Revenues received more than 60 days after the end of the current period are deferred in the governmental fund financial statements but are recognized as current revenues in the government wide financial statements. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except expenditures for prepaid expenses, and other long-term obligations, which are recognized when paid.

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.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

Governmental funds are those which most governmental functions typically are reported. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

As prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34, governmental fund reporting focuses on the major funds, rather than on the fund type. There is a two-step process for determining if a fund should be reported as a major fund: 1) total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses (excluding extraordinary items) of an individual fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for the fund type, and 2) total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditure/expenses (excluding extraordinary items) of an individual fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for the total of all governmental and proprietary funds combined. Funds that do not meet the major fund determination requirements are reported in aggregate as nonmajor funds. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 has presented all major funds that met the above qualifications.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 reports the following major governmental funds:

The Education Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted by grant agreements or contracts to expenditures for specified purposes supporting education enhancement programs.

The following programs are included in the Education Fund:

Title I – Reading First Part B SEA Funds: Funding which provides reading support to teachers in schools that are having academic difficulty and that have a high incidence of low income students. Reading First regions are identified by ISBE and funding goes to those agencies identified by the State.

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 I Grant to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act: Funds are used to help local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools improve the teaching and learning of children failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic achievement standards.

Education Jobs Fund: The objective of this program is to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in saving or creating education jobs for school year 2010-2011.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

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

Teacher & Administrators Mentoring Program: Designed to provide professional development for novice teachers and designed specifically for the needs of beginning teachers.

Early Childhood Monitoring: Provides for grants to establish programs that offer coordinated services to at-risk infants, toddlers, and their families.

Gifted Education: Accounts for grant monies received for, and payments of, expenditures incurred to provide professional learning opportunities in the area of gifted education.

South Cook Math Initiative: A partnership among 22 south Cook County districts to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics in grades six through nine.

Youth Service of America: Educates youth, teachers, community organizations, media, and public officials in the power of youth as problem solvers. In addition, engages children and youth as volunteers, as academic achievers, and as community leaders.

Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program: Provides new principals with the individualized mentoring support they need to successfully transition into effective educational leaders.

Response to Intervention: Contributes to the improvement of instruction for students with disabilities and to the prevention of inappropriate identification of specific learning disabilities.

The General Fund is the operating fund of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4. It is used to account for all financial resources within the territorial boundaries of the Center, except those required to be accounted and reported for in another fund. General Funds include the following:

Regional Safe Schools Program: 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.

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.

Local Services: These are revenues and expenditures associated with workshops conducted by South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than fiduciary or major capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund includes the following:

Institute: This fund accounts for fees collected for the registration and renewal of teaching certificates. These fees are used to defray administrative expenses incidental to teachers' institutes, workshops, or meetings of a professional nature that are designed to promote the professional growth of teachers or to defray the expense of any general or special meeting of teachers or school personnel. All funds generated remain restricted until expended only on the aforementioned activities.

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a Governmental Fund. The following types of fund balances may be presented in the Governmental Funds Combining Schedule of Accounts:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are not available to be spent, either short term or long term, in either form or through legal restrictions. There are no accounts presenting a nonspendable fund balance.

Restricted Fund Balance – the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following account fund balances are restricted by grant agreements or contracts: Regional Safe Schools, Teacher Certification, South Cook Math Initiative, Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program, Teacher & Administrators Mentoring Program, Youth Service of America, ROE/ISC Operations, Early Childhood Mentoring, Gifted Education, Title I – Grant to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act, Education Jobs Fund, Title I - School Improvement and Accountability and Title I - Reading First Part B SEA Funds. The following funds are restricted by Illinois Statute: Institute.

Committed Fund Balance – the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets with self-imposed constraints or limitations that have been placed at the highest level of decision making. There are no accounts presenting a committed fund balance.

Assigned Fund Balance – the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets to denote an intended use of resources. The accounts presented with assigned fund balances are specified for a particular purpose by the Executive Director. The following accounts comprised the assigned fund balance: Tuition monies for teachers and administrator workshops.

Unassigned Fund Balance – available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The unassigned fund is made up of the General Operations account.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity:

Deposits and Investments

Cash and investments are in the custody of the Bloom Township School Treasurer, except for petty cash and imprest funds which are in the custody of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (continued):

The Treasurer maintains one bank account, records transactions of the general, education, and nonmajor special revenue funds and invests any excess cash. These investments are made in the name of the Treasurer. The Treasurer also, at times, pools the funds with other districts under his control. A portion of the pool is reported on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments".

The Illinois statutes authorize the Treasurer, on South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's behalf, to invest in U.S. Government, State of Illinois and municipal securities; certificates of deposit or time savings deposits insured by the FDIC; mortgage notes, bonds or debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administration; bonds and other obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association; and certain short-term obligations of U.S. corporations.

In the selection of the authorized investment vehicles, deposits in any one financial institution shall not exceed 75% of the capital surplus/net worth of the institution as required by the School Code. Investments are stated at fair value.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

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. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's threshold for capitalizing fixed assets are those with a cost of \$5,000 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 asset lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful life:

Furniture & Equipment	5 - 15 years
Buildings	40 years

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

Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt of the governmental fund is reported at face value in the government-wide financial statements.

Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (concluded)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (concluded):

Reclassifications

Certain fund balance classifications in the 2010 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2011 presentation with no effect on previously reported changes in net assets.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information:

Although the operating budget was reviewed, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 did not formally adopt a budget for the year ended June 30, 2011 and is not legally required to do so.

However, the Illinois State Board of Education requires budgets for certain State and Federal programs. These budgets were used to prepare the Budgetary Comparison Schedule of the Education, General, and Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds.

The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting for the governmental fund type which is an acceptable method as prescribed by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and is the same basis that is used for financial reporting. This allows for comparability between budget and actual amounts.

Federal grants administered that have budgets are as follows: Title I – School Improvement and Accountability, Title I – Reading First Part B SEA Funds, Title I – Grant to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act and Education Jobs Fund.

State grants administered that have budgets are as follows: I.S.C. Operations, Teachers & Administrators Mentoring Program, Gifted Grant, Early Childhood Mentoring, Regional Safe Schools – General State Aid, Regional Safe Schools and Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program. Local sources administered that have budgets are as follows: Youth Service of America and South Cook Math Initiative.

Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 does not utilize an encumbrance system. These procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- The Executive Director submits to the Governing Board 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 October 1, the budget is reviewed through the passage of a resolution.
- The Executive Director is authorized to transfer up to 10% of the total budget between various items within the fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of the general fund must be approved by the Governing Board.
- Formal Budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- The Governing Board may amend the budget (in other ways) by the same procedures required of its original budget.

The reported budgetary data represents the original budget as reviewed.

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3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash balances are at several financial institutions. All bank balances as of June 30, 2011 are entirely insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

June 30, 2011, investment balances consisted of the following:

	Carrying Value/ Fair Value	Cost
Petty Cash	\$ 200	\$ 200
Cash Deposits	99,420	99,420
Investments not subject to categorization:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments of the Bloom Township School Treasurer	6,618,986	6,618,986
	\$ 6,718,606	\$ 6,718,606

Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer. The Trustees of Schools will minimize credit risk by:

- Limiting investments to the safest types of securities/financial instruments;
- Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisers with which the Trustees of Schools will do business; and
- Diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.

As of June 30, 2011, the credit ratings by Moody's or Standard and Poor's were A, AA, and AAA which are all average credit quality.

Interest Rate Risk. The Trustees of Schools will minimize the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates, by:

- Structuring the investment portfolio so that a significant portion of the securities either meet cash requirements for ongoing operations or have active secondary or resale markets; and
- Investment operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2011 consisted of the following:

Title I – Grant to Education Agencies,	
Recovery Act	\$ 181,438
Education Jobs Fund	38,379
Regional Safe Schools	356,495
ROE/ISC Operations	162,496
Intermediate Service Center No. 2	44,104
Teacher & Administrator Mentoring Program	32,202
	\$ 815,114

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

The governmental activities capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2011 is as follows:

	Balance <u>July 1, 2010</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2011</u>
Cost:				
Equipment	\$1,886,894	\$ 28,234	\$ 17,032	\$ 1,898,096
Buildings	<u>4,011,535</u>	<u>86,760</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,098,295</u>
	<u>\$5,898,429</u>	<u>\$ 114,994</u>	<u>\$ 17,032</u>	<u>\$ 5,996,391</u>
 Accumulated Depreciation:				
Equipment	\$1,344,699	\$ 141,330	\$ 16,263	\$ 1,469,766
Buildings	<u>953,473</u>	<u>101,041</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,054,514</u>
	<u>\$2,298,172</u>	<u>\$ 242,371</u>	<u>\$ 16,263</u>	<u>\$ 2,524,280</u>
 Total Capital Assets, Net				
Equipment	\$ 542,195	\$ (113,096)	\$ 769	\$ 428,330
Buildings	<u>3,058,062</u>	<u>(14,281)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,043,781</u>
	<u>\$3,600,257</u>	<u>\$ (127,377)</u>	<u>\$ 769</u>	<u>\$ 3,472,111</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Support Services	\$ <u>242,371</u>
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6. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is recognized in programs where program monies have been received but not yet spent. The following programs recognized deferred revenue at June 30, 2011:

Title I – School Improvement & Accountability	\$ 1,235,483
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7. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and workers' compensation for which commercial insurance is carried. The amount of coverage has not decreased nor have the amount of settlements exceeded coverage in the current year or any of the past three years.

B. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans:

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans (continued):

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (continued)

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 who are employed by a TRS-covered employer to provide services for which teacher certification is required. The active member contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2011 was 9.4 percent of creditable earnings. The same contribution rate applies to members whose first contributing service is on or after January 1, 2011, the effective date of the benefit changes contained in Public Act 96-0889.

These contributions, which may be paid on behalf of employees by the employer, are submitted to TRS by the employer. The active member contribution rate was also 9.4 percent for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

The State of Illinois makes contributions directly to TRS on behalf of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's TRS covered employees.

- *On-behalf contributions.* The State of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4. For the year ended June 30, 2011, State of Illinois contributions were based on 23.10 percent of creditable earnings not paid from federal funds, and the Center recognized revenue and expenditures of \$360,266 in pension contributions that the State of Illinois paid directly to TRS.

For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the State of Illinois contribution rates as percentages of creditable earnings not paid from federal funds were 23.38 percent (\$349,926) and 17.08 percent (\$245,998), respectively.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 makes other types of employer contributions directly to TRS.

- *2.2 formula contributions.* Employers contribute 0.58 percent of total creditable earnings for the 2.2 formula change. This rate is specified by statute. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2011 were \$9,046. Contributions for the years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2009, were \$8,681 and \$8,354, respectively.
- *Federal and special trust fund contributions.* When TRS members are paid from federal and special trust funds administered by South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4, 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 special trust funds will be the same as the State contribution rate to TRS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans (continued):

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the employer pension contribution was 23.10 percent of salaries paid from federal and special trust funds. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the employer contributions were 23.38 percent and 17.08 percent of salaries paid from federal and special trust funds, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2011, salaries totaling \$146,603 were paid from federal and special trust funds that required employer contributions of \$33,865. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, required contributions were \$32,893 and \$23,124, respectively.

- *Early Retirement Option.* South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is also required to make one-time employer contributions to TRS for members retiring under the Early Retirement Option (ERO). The payments vary depending on the age and salary of the member.

The maximum employer ERO contribution is 117.5 percent and applies when the member is age 55 at retirement.

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for employer contributions under the ERO program. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the Center paid \$-0- in employer ERO contributions.

- *Salary increases over 6 percent and excess sick leave.*

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, 2011, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent, respectively.

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 (18.03 percent of salary during the year ended June 30, 2011, as recertified pursuant to Public Act 96-1511).

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Center paid \$-0- to TRS for sick leave days granted in excess of the normal annual allotment. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the Center paid \$-0- in employer contributions granted for sick leave days, respectively.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans (continued):

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (concluded)

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, 2010. The report for the year ended June 30, 2011, is expected to be available in late 2011. The reports may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, 2815 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 19253, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9253. The most current report is also available on the TRS Web site at <http://trs.illinois.gov> .

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Plan Description

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4'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 plan is affiliated with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), an agent multiple-employer plan. Benefit provisions are established by statute 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. That report may be obtained on-line at www.imrf.org .

Funding Policy

As set by statute, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's regular plan members are required to contribute 4.50 percent of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The employer annual required contribution rate for calendar year 2010 was 10.41 percent. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 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

The required contribution for calendar year 2010 was \$94,316.

Three-Year Trend Information for the Regular Plan

Actuarial Valuation Date	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
12/31/10	\$ 94,316	100%	\$0
12/31/09	\$ 96,385	100%	\$0
12/31/08	\$ 95,418	100%	\$0

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

B. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans (concluded):

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (concluded)

The required contribution for 2010 was determined as part of the December 31, 2008 actuarial valuation using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions at December 31, 2008, 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% per year depending on age and service, attributable to seniority/merit, and (d) post-retirement benefit increases of 3% annually. The actuarial value of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's regular 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 20% corridor between the actuarial and market value of assets. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's regular plan's unfunded actuarial accrued liability at December 31, 2008 is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open 10 year basis.

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2010, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the Regular plan was 76.94 percent funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,295,011 and the actuarial value of assets was \$996,388, resulting in an underfunded accrued liability (UAAL) of \$298,623. The covered payroll for calendar year 2010 (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$906,011 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 33 percent.

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.

C. Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions:

Plan Description and Actuarial Valuation

In addition to providing the pension benefits described, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 provides postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) for retired employees through a single employer defined benefit plan. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by the Intermediate Service Center No. 4 and can be amended by board approval. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund, as an irrevocable trust has not been established to account for the plan. The plan does not issue a separate report.

For financial statement purposes, an actuarial valuation is required at least biennially for OPEB plans with a total membership (including employees in active service, terminated employees who have accumulated benefits but are not yet receiving them, and retired employees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits) of 200 or more, or at least triennially for plans with a total membership of fewer than 200. As a result of these requirements, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 was not required to have an actuarial valuation for the year ended June 30, 2011. July 1, 2009 was the most recent actuarial valuation of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's plan. The results of this latest actuarial valuation are described below.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

C. Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (continued):

Benefits Provided

The Intermediate Service Center No. 4 provides continued health insurance coverage at the blended employer rate to all eligible retirees in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes, which creates an implicit subsidy of retiree health insurance.

To be eligible for benefits, an employee must qualify for retirement under the Intermediate Service Center No. 4 retirement plan. Upon a retiree reaching age 65 years of age, Medicare becomes the primary insurer and the retiree is no longer eligible to participate in the plan, but can purchase a Medicare supplement plan from the Intermediate Service Center No. 4 insurance provider.

Membership

At June 30, 2010 membership consisted of:

Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	-
Terminated Employees Entitled to Benefits but not yet Receiving Them	-
Active Vested Employees	10
Active Nonvested Employees	28
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TOTAL	38
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Participating Employers	1
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Funding Policy

The Intermediate Service Center No. 4 is not required to and currently does not advance fund the cost of benefits that will become due and payable in the future. Active employees do not contribute to the plan until retirement.

The Intermediate Service Center No. 4 had an actuarial valuation performed for the plan as of July 1, 2009 to determine the funded status of the plan as of that date as well as the employer's annual required contribution (ARC) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

Annual OPEB Costs and Net OPEB Obligation

The Intermediate Service Center No. 4's annual OPEB cost (expense) of \$8,043 was equal to the ARC for the fiscal year, as the transition liability was set at zero as of July 1, 2009. The Intermediate Service Center No. 4's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation for fiscal year 2010 was as follows (information for the two preceding years before fiscal year 2010 is not available as an actuarial valuation was performed for the first time as of July 1, 2009):

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

C. Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (continued):

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Employer Contributions	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
June 30, 2010	\$ 8,043	\$ -	0%	\$ 8,043

The net OPEB obligation as of July 1, 2009, was calculated as follows:

Annual Required Contribution	\$ 8,043
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	-
Adjustment to Annual Required Contribution	-
Annual OPEB Cost	8,043
Contributions Made	-
Increase (decrease) in Net OPEB Obligation	8,043
Net OPEB Obligation Beginning of Year	-
NET OPEB OBLIGATION END OF YEAR	\$ 8,043

Funded Status and Funding Progress. The funded status of the plan as of July 1, 2009, was as follows:

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$ 59,133
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	-
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	59,133
Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value of Plan Assets/AAL)	0.0%
Covered Payroll (Active Plan Members)	\$ N/A
UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.0%

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

C. Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (continued):

The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the July 1, 2009, actuarial valuation, the entry age method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a discount rate of 5.00% and an initial healthcare cost trend rate of 8.00% with a 6.00% increase for later years. Both rates include a 3.00% inflation assumption.

The actuarial value of assets was not determined as the Intermediate Service Center No. 4 has not advance funded its obligation. The plan's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized using an open, level percentage of pay method. The remaining amortization period at July 1, 2009 was 30 years.

Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 participates in the Teacher Health Insurance Security (THIS) Fund, a cost-sharing, multi-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan that was established by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. The THIS Fund provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). Annuitants may participate in the state administered participating provider option plan or choose from several managed care options.

The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375) outlines the benefit provisions of THIS Fund and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) administer the plan with the cooperation of TRS. The director of HFS determines the rates and premiums for annuitants and dependent beneficiaries and establishes the cost-sharing parameters. Section 6.6 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 requires all active contributors to the TRS who are not employees of the state make contributions to THIS Fund.

The percentage of employer required contributions in the future will be determined by the director of HFS and will not exceed 105 percent of the percentage of salary actually required to be paid in the previous fiscal year.

On behalf contributions to THIS Fund

The State of Illinois makes employer retiree health insurance contributions on behalf of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4. State contributions are intended to match contributions to THIS Fund from active members which were 0.88 percent of pay during the year ended June 30, 2011. State of Illinois contributions were \$13,724, and South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 recognized revenue and expenditures of this amount during the year.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (continued)

C. Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (concluded):

State contributions intended to match active member contributions during the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009 were 0.84 percent of pay. State contributions on behalf of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4's employees were \$12,572 and \$12,098, respectively.

Employer Contributions to THIS Fund

South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 also makes contributions to THIS Fund. The Center THIS Fund contribution was 0.66 percent during the year ended June 30, 2011, and 0.63 percent during the years ended June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2009. For the year ended June 30, 2011, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 paid \$10,293 to the THIS Fund. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, the Center paid \$9,429 and \$9,074 to the THIS Fund, respectively, which was 100 percent of the required contribution.

Further information on THIS Fund

The publicly available financial report of the THIS Fund may be obtained by writing to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 201 S. Grand Ave., Springfield, IL 62763-3838.

8. ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS

The State of Illinois paid the following retirement and other postemployment benefits on-behalf of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4:

TRS Pension Contribution	\$ 360,266
Teachers' Health Insurance Security	<u>13,724</u>
	<u>\$ 373,990</u>

These amounts have been recorded in the accompanying financial statements as State revenue and expenditures.

9. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In 2011, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, GASB Statement No. 59, *Financial Instruments Omnibus*, and GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 implemented these standards during the current year; however GASB Statements No. 59 and 62 had no impact on the financial statements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 54 changed fund balance reporting for governmental funds by adding some additional fund balance classifications, clarifying governmental fund type definitions, and providing additional disclosures on how fund balance constraints are imposed and may be modified or eliminated.

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10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 9, 2012, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(Other than Management's Discussion and Analysis)

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund – Schedule of Funding Progress
(Unaudited)
June 30, 2011

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability -Entry Age (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
	(a)	(b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	((b-a)/c)
12/31/10	\$996,388	\$1,295,011	\$298,623	76.94%	\$906,011	32.96%
12/31/09	1,015,859	1,277,461	261,602	79.52%	905,873	28.88%
12/31/08	887,385	1,054,459	167,074	84.16%	861,953	19.38%

On a market value basis, the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2010 is \$1,061,115. On a market basis, the funded ratio would be 81.94%.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions – Schedule of Funding Progress
(Unaudited)
 June 30, 2011

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability -Entry Age (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
	(a)	(b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	((b-a)/c)
06/30/10	\$0	\$59,133	\$59,133	0.00%	N/A	0.00%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund Account
Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Local Sources			
Services Provided Other LEA's	\$ 1,292,000	\$ 1,010,605	\$ (281,395)
Total Local Sources	<u>1,292,000</u>	<u>1,010,605</u>	<u>(281,395)</u>
State Sources			
Regional Safe Schools - General State Aid	1,016,981	1,016,981	-0-
Regional Safe Schools Program	<u>594,159</u>	<u>859,996</u>	<u>265,837</u>
Total State Sources	<u>1,611,140</u>	<u>1,876,977</u>	<u>265,837</u>
Total Direct Revenues	<u>2,903,140</u>	<u>2,887,582</u>	<u>(15,558)</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>-0-</u>	<u>373,990</u>	<u>373,990</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,903,140</u>	<u>3,261,572</u>	<u>358,432</u>

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund Account (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Instruction			
Salaries	977,800	965,415	12,385
Employee Benefits	138,609	128,169	10,440
Purchased Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies and Materials	4,400	2,958	1,442
Capital Outlay	-	-	-0-
Total Instruction	<u>1,120,809</u>	<u>1,096,542</u>	<u>24,267</u>
Support Services			
Instructional Staff			
Improvement of Instruction Services			
Salaries	145,411	160,615	(15,204)
Employee Benefits	57,298	55,546	1,752
Purchased Services	182,000	175,608	6,392
Supplies and Materials	43,500	41,711	1,789
Capital Outlay	4,500	9,000	(4,500)
Educational Media Services			
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Instructional Staff	<u>432,709</u>	<u>442,480</u>	<u>(9,771)</u>
General Administration			
Executive Administration Services			
Salaries	232,551	212,332	20,219
Employee Benefits	75,892	91,762	(15,870)
Purchased Services	128,300	160,017	(31,717)
Supplies and Materials	35,000	24,648	10,352
Capital Outlay	50,000	15,796	34,204
Other Objects	4,000	17,350	(13,350)
Office of Principal Services			
Salaries	486,880	492,827	(5,947)
Employee Benefits	110,279	112,478	(2,199)
Purchased Services	14,300	28,080	(13,780)
Supplies and Materials	-0-	1,742	(1,742)
Total General Administration	<u>1,137,202</u>	<u>1,157,032</u>	<u>(19,830)</u>

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund Account (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Facility Acquisition & Construction Services			
Capital Outlay	-0-	86,760	(86,760)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services			
Salaries	196,300	199,639	(3,339)
Employee Benefits	22,697	24,198	(1,501)
Purchased Services	47,400	174,813	(127,413)
Supplies and Materials	60,906	68,496	(7,590)
Capital Outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Pupil Transportation			
Purchased Services	13,000	15,558	(2,558)
Food Services			
Purchased Services	-0-	3,662	(3,662)
Data Processing Services			
Salaries	180,261	186,647	(6,386)
Employee Benefits	40,435	40,557	(122)
Purchased Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
 Total Business	 <u>560,999</u>	 <u>800,330</u>	 <u>(239,331)</u>

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund Account (Continued)**

Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Other Support Services			
Employee Benefits	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies and Materials	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Other Support Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Support Services	2,130,910	2,399,842	(268,932)
Nonprogrammed Charges			
Other Payments to In-State Government Units			
Purchased Services	-	-0-	-0-
Total Direct Expenditures	3,251,719	3,496,384	(244,665)
On-behalf Payments	-0-	373,990	(373,990)
Total Expenditures	3,251,719	3,870,374	(618,655)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (348,579)</u>	(608,802)	<u>\$ (260,223)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)</u>			
Interest		\$ 121,329	
Total other financing sources		121,329	
Net change in fund balances		(487,473)	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2010		<u>6,477,694</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2011		<u>\$ 5,990,221</u>	

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Education Fund Account
Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Local Sources			
Response to Intervention	\$ -0-	\$ 26,529	\$ 26,529
Youth Service America	5,000	-0-	(5,000)
South Cook Math Initiative	210,700	87,387	(123,313)
Total Local Sources	215,700	113,916	(101,784)
State Sources			
Illinois New Principal Mentoring	35,000	40,783	5,783
I.S.C. Operations	297,864	369,444	71,580
Early Childhood Monitoring	33,580	42,391	8,811
Teachers & Administrators Mentoring Program	61,029	-0-	(61,029)
Gifted Education	303,965	62,423	(241,542)
Total State Sources	731,438	515,041	(216,397)
Federal Sources			
Title I Grant to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	360,000	341,033	(18,967)
Education Jobs Fund	92,596	91,549	(1,047)
Title I - School Improvement and Accountability	2,486,573	1,246,400	(1,240,173)
Title I - Reading First Part B SEA Funds	699,747	401,145	(298,602)
Total Federal Sources	3,638,916	2,080,127	(1,558,789)
Total Direct Revenues	4,586,054	2,709,084	(1,876,970)
On-behalf Payments	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Revenues	4,586,054	2,709,084	(1,876,970)

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Education Fund Account (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Instruction			
Salaries	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Total Instruction	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Support Services			
Instructional Staff			
Improvement of Instruction Services			
Salaries	1,222,269	1,220,910	1,359
Employee Benefits	220,587	205,111	15,476
Purchased Services	625,450	789,011	(163,561)
Supplies and Materials	137,665	272,004	(134,339)
Capital Outlay	18,000	24,390	(6,390)
Educational Media Services			
Supplies and Materials	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Instructional Staff	<u>2,223,971</u>	<u>2,511,426</u>	<u>(287,455)</u>
General Administration			
Executive Administration Services			
Salaries	-0-	3,869	(3,869)
Employee Benefits	-0-	1,847	(1,847)
Purchased Services	<u>15,519</u>	<u>21,639</u>	<u>(6,120)</u>
Total General Administration	<u>15,519</u>	<u>27,355</u>	<u>(11,836)</u>
Business			
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services			
Purchased Services	2,893	3,039	(146)
Supplies and Materials	<u>9,925</u>	<u>11,463</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>
Total Business	<u>12,818</u>	<u>14,502</u>	<u>(1,684)</u>

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Education Fund Account (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Other Support Services			
Salaries	15,000	15,000	-0-
Employee Benefits	-0-	-0-	-0-
Purchased Services	<u>8,472</u>	<u>66,565</u>	<u>(58,093)</u>
Total Other Support Services	<u>23,472</u>	<u>81,565</u>	<u>(58,093)</u>
Total Support Services	<u>2,275,780</u>	<u>2,634,848</u>	<u>(359,068)</u>
Nonprogrammed Charges			
Other Payments to In-State Government Units			
Purchased Services	<u>1,313,935</u>	<u>1,014,713</u>	<u>299,222</u>
Total Direct Expenditures	<u>3,593,715</u>	<u>3,649,561</u>	<u>(55,846)</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,593,715</u>	<u>3,649,561</u>	<u>(55,846)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 992,339</u>	<u>(940,477)</u>	<u>\$ (1,932,816)</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2010		<u>(97,590)</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2011		<u>\$ (1,038,067)</u>	

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Local Sources			
Institute	\$ 220,000	\$ 188,814	\$ (31,186)
Total Local Sources	<u>220,000</u>	<u>188,814</u>	<u>(31,186)</u>
Total Direct Revenues	<u>220,000</u>	<u>188,814</u>	<u>(31,186)</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>220,000</u>	<u>188,814</u>	<u>(31,186)</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u> 			
Support Services			
Instructional Staff			
Improvement of Instruction Services			
Salaries	96,996	48,308	48,688
Employee Benefits	26,482	24,490	1,992
Purchased Services	89,304	22,407	66,897
Supplies and Materials	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,475</u>	<u>(2,475)</u>
Total Instructional Staff	<u>215,782</u>	<u>100,680</u>	<u>115,102</u>
Total Support Services	<u>215,782</u>	<u>100,680</u>	<u>115,102</u>
Nonprogrammed Charges			
Other Payments to In-State Government Units			
Other Objects	<u>90,000</u>	<u>53,428</u>	<u>36,572</u>
Total Direct Expenditures	<u>305,782</u>	<u>154,108</u>	<u>151,674</u>
On-behalf Payments	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>305,782</u>	<u>154,108</u>	<u>151,674</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (85,782)</u>	34,706	<u>\$ 120,488</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2010		<u>-0-</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2011		<u>\$ 34,706</u>	

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SECTION

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2011

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Project Number	Expenditures	
			7/01/09 - 06/30/10	7/01/10 - 06/30/11
U.S. Department of Education				
Title I - Cluster				
Passed-Through Illinois State Board of Education:				
<i>ARRA Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies,</i>				
<i>Recovery Act</i>				
	M 84.389	11-4854-00	-0-	341,033
	M 84.010A	11-4331-SS	-0-	1,246,400
	M 84.010A	10-4331-SS	2,249,982	
Total Title I - Cluster			2,249,982	1,587,433
Passed-Through Illinois State Board of Education:				
<i>Education Jobs Fund</i>				
	84.410	11-4880-93	\$ -0-	\$ 91,549
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund - Cluster				
Passed-Through Illinois State Board of Education:				
<i>ARRA-General State Aid-Education SFSF</i>				
	84.394	10-4850-93	135,199	-0-
<i>ARRA-General State Aid-Government SFSF</i>				
	84.397	10-4870-93	45,066	-0-
Total State Fiscal Stabilization Fund - Cluster			180,265	-0-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants				
Passed-Through Illinois State Board of Education:				
<i>Title II - Teacher Quality - Leadership Grant</i>				
	84.367A	10-4935-SS	226,580	-0-
			226,580	-0-
Reading First State Grants				
Passed-Through Illinois State Board of Education:				
<i>Title I - Reading First Part B SEA Funds</i>				
	M 84.357A	10-4337-00	179,116	400,953
			179,116	400,953
Total Federal Awards			\$ 2,835,943	\$ 2,079,935

(M) Program was audited as a major program.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2011

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 and is presented 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 – SUB-RECIPIENTS

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4 provided federal awards to sub-recipients as follows:

PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA #	AMOUNT PROVIDED TO SUB-RECIPIENTS
-NONE-	-N/A-	-N/A-

NOTE 3 – DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS

The following federal programs were audited as a major program 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 Southern Cook County. Services initially are targeted in 85 elementary and high schools and 28 districts now on the Academic Early Warning List (AEWL) and Academic Watch List (AWL), with provision to support additional districts and 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; and
- 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.

SOUTH COOK INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER NO. 4

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2011

NOTE 3 – DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS (Concluded)

Title I – Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act

The objective of this program is to help local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools improve the teaching and learning of children failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic achievement standards.

Title I – Reading First Part B SEA Funds:

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) authorized Reading First, which emphasizes the importance of both improving student reading achievement and implementing programs and strategies scientifically proven to be effective. The goal of the program is to have every student reading at grade level or above by third grade.

Eligible school districts are identified by the state. Each funded district will receive a three year grant to support professional development, core and supplementary reading materials, assessment materials, and instruction aligned to scientific based reading research for K-3 classrooms.

Each school's reading program must include the five essential components of reading instruction as reported in the National Reading Panel report in 2000. These include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. In addition, professional development will include ways to effectively screen, identify and overcome barriers facing K-3 students.

The goals of the program are to:

- Provide professional development that recognizes and removes barriers to reading;
- Help schools choose appropriate assessments, implement scientifically-proven literacy programs and learning strategies;
- Help schools and communities improve family literacy; and
- Support early literacy in students and families where English is not their native language.

NOTE 4 – NONCASH ASSISTANCE

-NONE-

NOTE 5 – LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEES OUTSTANDING

-NONE-

NOTE 6 – INSURANCE

-NONE-