**Basic Financial Statements** 

June 30, 2006

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Independent Auditors' Report



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council - Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan 303 Corporate Center Drive Suite 208 Vandalia, Ohio 45377

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council - Self Insured Dental and Vision Plan, Montgomery County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council - Self Insured Dental and Vision Plan is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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September 28, 2007

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council - Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan 303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 208 Vandalia, Ohio 45377

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan (the Trust) of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 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 opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council as of June 30, 2006, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 31, 2007, on our consideration of the Trust'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 on compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or 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 (pages 3 through 6) and the Schedule of Claims Development (page 15) are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires 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.

Clark, Schufer, Hackett \$ Co.

Springfield, Ohio July 31, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

The discussion and analysis of Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council's Benefit Plan Trust, Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan, (the Trust) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2006. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues and activities and to identify any significant changes in financial position. We encourage the reader to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

# The Trust:

The Trust is a function of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, which is a duly organized and existing Regional Council of Governments formed under the auspices of Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, which allows it to perform any function or duty performable by its member school districts. The benefits through this trust include dental and vision insurance coverage for employees of participating member school districts through a risk sharing (self-insurance) pool.

The risk sharing pool, or self-insurance pool, pays the dental and vision claims submitted by covered employees from contributions collected and maintained by the Trust, and therefore, the risk remains with the Trust. Claims for both types of insurance coverage are processed by a third party administrator (TPA), currently CoreSource for dental coverage and Vision Service Plan for vision coverage, in accordance with benefits established by the Trust. Due to the relatively low individual benefits offered and the size of the pool, the Trust does not have stop-loss insurance for either type of coverage. The renewal dates for the dental and vision coverage are January 1 and October 1 of each year, respectively.

For fiscal year 2006, the dental coverage had 47 participating school districts with 8,600 covered employees while the vision coverage had 28 participating school districts with 3,825 covered employees. Individual benefits offered to employees are based on negotiations between the Trust and each of the participating school districts.

# Basic Financial Statements and Presentation:

The financial statements presented by the Trust are the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows. These statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and measurable, not when received. Expenses are recognized when they are incurred, not when paid. The Trust is structured with one enterprise fund.

#### Balance Sheet:

The Balance Sheet presents information on all of the Trust's assets, liabilities and net assets. Assets consist mainly of cash and cash equivalents and investments. Liabilities consist mainly of reserves for claims payable and unearned participant contributions.

The decrease in cash and cash equivalents noted during fiscal year 2006 was the result of the Trust decision to invest some interim cash in investment vehicles which provide a higher rate of return. If the total cash and cash equivalents and investments are compared with those balances reported for the prior year, an increase of nearly \$185,000 would be seen. This increase is the result of cash received for premiums from member school districts being greater than the claims and other cash outlays of the plan

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during the fiscal year. Premiums are set by the Trust at levels designed to cover the claims against the plan regardless of when they are submitted for payment.

Liabilities associated with claims payable represent 70 percent of the Trust's total liabilities reported at June 30, 2006. Processed claims payables represent payments that have been approved and paid by the TPA but have not been presented to the Trust for payment. Reserve for claims payable are liabilities carried for net unpaid claims, both reported and incurred but unreported existing at the end of the fiscal year. The reserve for claims payable is established annually with the assistance of an outside actuary based on statistical models. The reserve for claims payable amount reported at June 30, 2006 decreased by \$206,438 over the liability reported for the previous year. The decrease in this liability is directly related to the number of employees covered by the plan and benefit options offered to those employees by their respective employers.

The increase in the unearned participants contributions at June 30, 2006 compared with those at June 30, 2005 is simply a timing issue associated with the premium billings sent to participating school district and when the participating districts submitted payment for their July 2006 coverage. All unearned participant contributions were for July 2006 coverage and were recognized as revenue in that month.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Trust's net assets for 2006 compared with 2005.

#### TABLE 1 NET ASSETS

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
Assets:				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,194,459	\$	1,505,329
Premium receivable		2,116		3,289
Noncurrent Assets:				
Investments		495,500		_
Total Assets		1,692,075		1,508,618
Liabilities:				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable		24,524		29,485
Processed claims payable		47,425		38,739
Reserve for claims payable		408,000		614,438
Unearned participants contributions		173,749		140,792
Total Liabilities		653,698		823,454
Net Assets:				
Unrestricted		1,038,377		685,164
Total Net Assets	\$	1,038,377	\$	685,164

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets:

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets present information showing how the Trust's net assets changed during the year. During 2006, the Trust reported an increase in net assets of \$353,213 or 52 percent of the total net assets reported for June 30, 2005. With the necessary reserve, as determined by the actuary, included as a liability, the unrestricted net assets totaled \$1,038,377 at year end or approximately 16 percent of Trust's operating expenses reported for fiscal year 2006. An increase in net assets should not be associated with "over-funding" as it is not unusual for a year with a good claims experience to be followed with an unexpectedly high claims year. Establishing reserves is a necessity of all risk sharing insurance pools to address these fluctuations in claims.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2006, as well as revenue and expense comparisons to fiscal year 2005.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Participants contributions	\$ 6,803,423	\$ 7,026,522
Total Operating Revenues	6,803,423	7,026,522
Operating Expenses:		
Claims expense	6,083,500	6,320,623
Third party adminstrator expense	357,649	356,385
COBRA expense	57,712	-
Administrative expense	4,913	7,021
Total Operating Expenses	6,503,774	6,684,029
Operating Income	299,649	342,493
Non-Operating Revenues:		
Interest and dividends	53,564	25,879
Change in Net Assets	353,213	368,372
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	685,164	316,792
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,038,377	\$ 685,164

# TABLE 2CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

As shown in table 2, approximately 93.5 percent of the \$6.5 million in expenses reported by the Trust for fiscal year 2006 were directly related to the settlement of claims. In addition, another 5.5 percent of the expenses were paid to the third party administrator of the self-insured plan to process and administer the submitted claims. The COBRA expense accounted for 0.9 percent of the operating expenses. The remaining \$4,913 of administrative expenses represents only 0.1 percent of the total expenses of the Trust for the fiscal year.

Participant Contributions decreased during the fiscal year as two districts opted not to remain part of the dental and vision plan effective October 1, 2005. The employees of these two districts only paid premiums for three months in fiscal year 2006 compared with a full year in the previous fiscal year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

## Statement of Cash Flows:

The Statement of Cash Flows allows the reader of the financial statements to assess the Trust's adequacy or ability to generate sufficient cash flow to meet its obligations in a timely manner. During fiscal year 2006 the cash and cash equivalents of the Trust decreased by \$310,870 over the amount reported at June 30, 2005. While the operating activities, self-insurance pool, provided a \$131,066 surplus for the year, the decision to invest interim cash amounts into higher yielding investment vehicles reduced the available cash and cash equivalent balance at year-end. During fiscal year 2006, the Trust earned \$53,564 in interest income.

#### Contacting the Administration of the Trust:

This financial report is designed to provide member school districts and other users with a general overview of the Trust's finances and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Barbara Coriell, Administrator at 303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 208, Vandalia, Ohio 45377 or by calling (937) 890-3725.

Balance Sheet June 30, 2006

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,194,459
Receivables:	
Premiums	2,116
Total current assets	1,196,575
Noncurrent assets:	
Investments	495,500
Total noncurrent assets	495,500
Total assets	1,692,075
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	24,524
Matured outstanding claims payable	47,425
Reserve for claims payable	408,000
Unearned participant contributions	173,749
Total liabilities	653,698
<u>Net assets</u>	
Unrestricted	1,038,377
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Total net assets	<u>\$ 1,038,377</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2006

Operating revenues:		
Participants premiums	\$	6,803,423
Total operating revenues	-	6,803,423
Operating expenses:		
Claims expense		6,083,500
Third party administrator expense		357,649
COBRA Expense		57,712
Administrative expense		4,913
Total operating expenses		6,503,774
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Operating income		299,649
Non-operating revenues:		
Interest earnings		53,564
interest earnings	-	
Total non-operating revenues	-	53,564
Change in net assets		353,213
Net assets at beginning of year		685,164
Net assets at end of year	\$	1,038,377

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2006

Cash received for premium contributions	\$	6,837,553
Cash payments for claim payments	ψ	(6,281,252)
Cash payments for claim administration		(420,322)
Cash payments for office expenses		(4,913)
		(1,910)
Net cash provided by operating activities		131,066
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of investments		(495,500)
Interest earnings		53,564
Net cash provided by investing activities		(441,936)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(310,870)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,505,329
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$	1,194,459
<u>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by</u> <u>operating activities</u>		
Operating income	\$	299,649
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income	Ŷ	2,5,615
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in premium receivables		1,173
Increase in accounts payable		(4,961)
Decrease in processed claims payable		8,686
Decrease in reserve for claims payable		(206,438)
Increase in unearned participant contributions		32,957
Total Adjustments		(168,583)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

# 1. Description of the Plan:

The following description of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Benefit Plan Trust, Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan (the Trust) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Trust Agreement for a more complete description of the Trust's provisions. The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council is a duly organized and existing Regional Council of Governments formed under the auspices of Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, which allows it to perform any function or duty performable by its member school districts.

#### General

The Trust is a function of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council which provides dental and vision insurance coverage for employees of participating employers thru a risk sharing (self-insurance) pool. Individual benefit coverage limits are set by negotiations between the Trust and the participating school districts. With the relatively low individual benefit levels, the Trust does not have stop-loss insurance coverage for its dental or vision plans. Through separate plans, the Trust also provides medical insurance coverage options to participating school district. The financial activity of the medical insurance plan is covered by a separate annual report.

The dental and vision risk sharing pool, or self-insurance pool, pays the dental and vision claims submitted by covered employees from contributions collected and maintained by the Trust, and therefore, the risk remains with the Trust. Claims for both types of insurance coverage are processed by a third party administrator (TPA), currently CoreSource for dental coverage and Vision Service Plan for vision coverage, in accordance with benefits established by the Trust. For fiscal year 2006, the dental coverage was offered by 47 participating school district covering 8,600 eligible employees and their dependents. Vision coverage was offered by 28 participating districts with 3,825 covered employees.

# **Benefits**

The Trust establishes and maintains the fund to provide dental and vision benefits to employees, their dependents and designated beneficiaries and to set aside funds for such purposes. Any amount of such benefits, as the Trustees may determine, may be provided in whole or in part through one or more insurance policies.

# Contributions

Under the terms of the Trust Agreement, participating school districts make monthly (or more frequent, if necessary) premium payments to fund claims, administrative costs, as well as sufficiently fund adequate reserves.

Participating school districts contribute an amount that is determined by the number of eligible employees and dependents for that month multiplied by funding amounts established at the renewal date for each plan, which was January 1 for dental and October 1 for vision during fiscal year 2006. The funding amounts are based on claim experience, claims administration expenses, and needed reserve amounts. Every other year school districts are reassessed individually to ensure contributions are in line with average claim costs

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encountered over the previous two years. In the off year, all participating school districts receive the same renewal percentage change.

## 2. <u>Summary of Accounting Policies</u>:

The following accounting principles and practices of the Trust are set forth to facilitate the understanding of data presented in the financial statements.

# Basis of accounting:

The Trust follows the accrual basis of accounting as required by enterprise funds and is not legally required to adopt a budget. All transactions are accounted for in a single enterprise fund. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the Trust has elected not to apply the provisions for the Statements and Interpretations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued after November 30, 1989. The Association will continue to apply all applicable pronouncements issued by the GASB.

#### Cash and cash equivalents:

All deposits with financial institutions, and a State of Ohio depository institution, having an original maturity of 90 days or less are reported as cash and cash equivalents.

# Claims payable:

Provision for claims payable is based on information calculated by the TPA and the Trust's actuary. This amount represents claims that have been processed but not yet presented for payment and an estimate of reported, unpaid claims, plus a provision for claims incurred but not reported. The Trust believes this estimate of its liability for claims payable is reasonable and supported by valid actuarial calculations; however, actual incurred claim expense may not conform to the assumptions inherent in the determination of the liability. Accordingly, the ultimate settlement of claims may vary from the estimated amounts included in the accompanying financial statements.

Should the provisions for claims payable not be sufficient, the Trust will utilize unrestricted net assets to cover the excess claims. Future member contributions will be adjusted, if necessary, to ensure adequate reserve coverage is maintained.

# Unearned participant contributions:

Unearned participant contributions represent contributions from member school districts received prior to the end of the fiscal year but are intended to fund required contributions for the subsequent fiscal year.

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#### Net assets:

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. It is displayed in three separate components as follows:

<u>Invested in capital assets, net of related debt</u> – This consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

<u>Restricted</u> – This consists of net assets that are legally restricted by outside parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted</u> – This consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

As of June 30, 2006, the Trust does not have any net assets meeting the definition of "invested in capital assets, net of related debt" or "restricted" net assets. As deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees, the Trust may distribute all or part of the unrestricted net assets to participating school districts during years when surplus funds are reported.

In the event of the termination of the Trust, net assets will be used to settle all claims and other obligations incurred by the Trust, as well as establishing an appropriate reserve to settle any future claims. Remaining net assets will be distributed based on the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

#### Classification of revenue:

The Trust classifies its revenues as either operating or non-operating. Non-operating revenue is a result of the receipt of interest income. Contributions from participating school districts are recognized on the accrual basis and are recorded as revenue in the period earned.

#### Tax status:

The Trust is exempt from income taxes due to the fact that it is defined as a Council of Governments. According to the Internal Revenue Service filing requirements, due to its governmental status the plan is excluded from the Form 5500 filing requirements.

#### ERISA:

Due to the Plan being deemed a governmental plan by the Internal Revenue Service, it is not covered by the rules and regulations of ERISA, Title I.

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## Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Trust's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# 3. Deposits and Investments:

# **Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Trust's deposits may not be returned to it. Protection of the Trust's deposits is provided by the federal deposit insurance corporation as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets. By Ohio law, financial institutions must collateralize all public deposits. The face value of the pooled collateral must equal at least 105 percent of public funds on deposit with that specific institution. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institution.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Trust's deposits was \$1,194,459 with the bank balance being the same amount. Of the bank balance, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$1,094,459 was subject to custodial credit risk as it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all state statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Trust to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

# Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. As of June 30, 2006, the Trust had the following investments:

		Percent of
	Fair	Total
Investment Type	Value	Investments
FHLB	\$ 396,000	79.9%
FHLMC	 99,500	20.1%
Total	\$ 495,500	100.0%

Custodial Credit Risk: All investments shall be issued in the name of the Trust per Ohio Law.

*Interest Rate Risk*: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from erosion of market value or change in market conditions, the Trust's investment policy requires investments to mature no later than five years from the settlement date or on the date the invested funds are expected to be disbursed in satisfaction of an obligation of the Trust, whichever is earlier.

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All investments held by the Trust have maturity dates within the range of two to three years from June 30, 2006. All the investment also has callable dates within three months after year-end.

*Credit Risk*: The Trust's investment policy permits investment in all vehicles permitted by State Law. At June 30, 2006 the Trust's investments in U.S. Agency Securities (FHLB and FHLMC) were all rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

*Concentration of Credit Risk*: While no specific limit is placed on any one issuer, the investment policy of the Trust requires the portfolio to be diversified in order to minimize potential losses with respect to individual securities.

4. <u>Reserve for Claims Payable:</u>

As discussed in Note 2, the Trust establishes a reserve for claims payable for its self-insured plan option which includes both reported and incurred but unreported reported claims. The changes in the reserve for claims payable for the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	June 30		
	2006	2005	
Claims payable - beginning of year	\$ 653,177	\$ 680,828	
Incurred claims and claim adjustments: Provision for insured events of the current year Change in provision for insured events of prior year	6,083,500	6,320,623	
Total incurred claims and claim adjustments	6,083,500	6,320,623	
Payments: Claim payments attributable to claims of current year Claim payments attributable to claims of prior years	5,769,502 511,750	5,823,281 524,993	
Total payments	6,281,252	6,348,274	
Claims payable - end of year	<u>\$ 455,425</u>	\$ 653,177	
Amounts per Balance Sheet: Processed claims payable Reserve for claims payable	\$ 47,425 408,000	\$ 38,739 <u>614,438</u>	
Total claims payable - end of year	\$ 455,425	\$ 653,177	

Schedule of Claims Development

For the Years Ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 (A)

		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
1.	Required contribution and investment revenue:			
	Earned (paid contributions) Ceded (excess insurance) (B)	6,803,423	7,026,522	6,681,880 
	Net earned	6,803,423	7,026,522	6,681,880
2.	Unallocated expenses:	362,562	363,406	360,445
3.	Estimated claims and expenses, end of fiscal year:			
	Incurred	6,083,500	6,320,623	6,691,311
	Ceded (B)			
	Net Incurred	6,083,500	6,320,623	6,691,311
4.	Net paid claims as of:			
	End of fiscal year	5,769,502	5,823,281	5,841,230
	One year later	-	511,750	524,993
5.	Re-estimated net incurred claims and expense, as of:			
	End of fiscal year	6,083,500	6,320,623	6,691,311
	One year later	-	6,335,031	6,366,223
6.	Increase(decrease) in estimated incurred claims and expenses from end of policy year: (C)	-	-	-

Note:

(A) Table only includes last three years as information from prior years was not practically available. Information for additional years will continue to be added in future years.

(B) Excess insurance is not purchased by the Trust due to the level of benefits offered and the total maximum risk the plan is subjected to.

(C) Due to the nature of the claims, it is highly unlikely that any significant claim amount would remain unpaid at the end of the subsequent fiscal year. Therefore, there is no component included in the IBNR calculation for changes in prior years estimated claims and expenses.



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* 

Board of Trustees Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council - Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan 303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 208 Vandalia, Ohio 45377

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Self-Insured Dental and Vision Plan (the Trust) of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated July 31, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United Sates of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected with in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

# Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Trust in a separate letter dated July 31, 2007.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, Board Committees, and the management of the Trust and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Clark, Schafer, Hackett \$ Co.

Springfield, Ohio July 31, 2007





## SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL PURCHASING COUNCIL SELF-INSURED DENTAL AND VISION PLAN

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

# **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 11, 2007

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