

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL CONSORTIUM PROPERTY & CASUALTY POOL  
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

***BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(AUDITED)***

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2011***

**TOM MOREHOUSE, TREASURER**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Members of the Assembly  
Portage Area School Consortium Property and Casualty Pool  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Portage Area School Consortium Property and Casualty Pool, Portage County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. 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 Portage Area School Consortium Property and Casualty Pool is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

March 28, 2012

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Independent Accountants' Report

Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool  
Portage County  
326 E. Main Street  
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To the Members of the Assembly:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool, Portage County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool'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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Portage Area School Consortium is comprised of two stand alone pools: the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool and the Portage Area School Consortium Health & Welfare Pool, which issues a separate report. This report represents only the Property & Casualty Pool.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool, Portage County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in cash financial position, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with the accounting basis Note 2 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2012, on our consideration of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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We conducted our audit to opine on the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's financial statements taken as a whole. Management's Discussion & Analysis includes tables of net cash assets and changes in net cash assets. These tables provide additional information, but are not part of the basic financial statements. However these tables are management's responsibility, and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. These tables were subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Other than the aforementioned procedures applied to the tables, we applied no procedures to any other information in Management's Discussion & Analysis, and we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 19, 2012



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool (the "Consortium") financial performance provides an overall review of the Consortium's financial activities for the fiscal year 2011, within the limitations of the Consortium's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Consortium's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and cash-basis financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Consortium's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key Financial highlights for fiscal 2011 are as follows:

- In total, net cash assets were \$12,631 at June 30, 2011, which represents a 77.76% decrease from fiscal year 2010.
- The Consortium had operating cash receipts of \$485,789 for fiscal year 2011. The Consortium had operating cash disbursements of \$530,181 for fiscal year 2011. The Consortium also received \$231 in interest income non-operating cash receipts during fiscal year 2011. The total change in net cash assets for fiscal year 2011 was a decrease of \$44,161.

**Using these Cash-Basis Financial Statements**

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Consortium's cash basis of accounting. This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Consortium's financial activities. The *Statement of Net Assets-Cash Basis* and the *Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Net Cash Assets* provide information about the activities of the Consortium.

**Reporting the Consortium Financial Activities**

**Statement of Net Assets-Cash Basis and Statements of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Net Cash Assets**

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2011?" The Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis and Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Net Cash Assets - answer this question.

These statements include *only net cash assets* using the *cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid. These two statements report the Consortium's net assets and changes in those assets on a cash basis. This change in net cash assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the Consortium as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the Consortium has improved or diminished.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in these cash-basis financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The table below provides a summary of the Consortium's net cash assets at June 30, 2011 and 2010.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 12,631	\$ 56,792
Total assets	<u>\$ 12,631</u>	<u>\$ 56,792</u>
<b><u>Net Cash Assets</u></b>		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 12,631</u>	<u>\$ 56,792</u>
Total net cash assets	<u>\$ 12,631</u>	<u>\$ 56,792</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, the Consortium's net cash assets totaled \$12,631 and \$56,792, respectively.

This table below shows the changes in net cash assets for fiscal year 2011 and 2010.

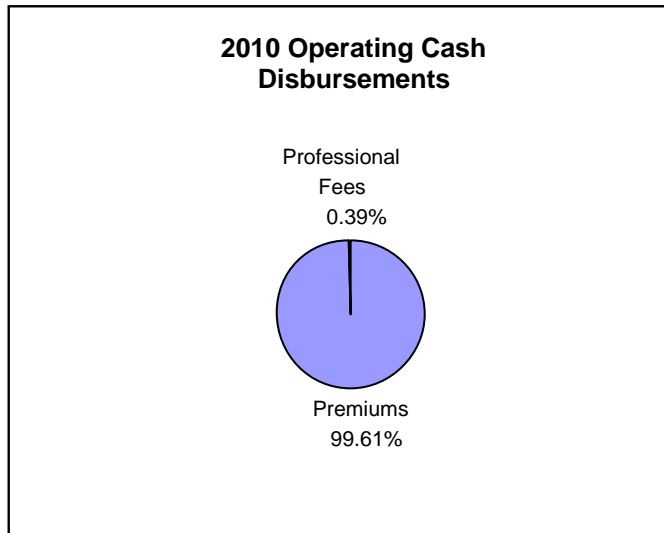
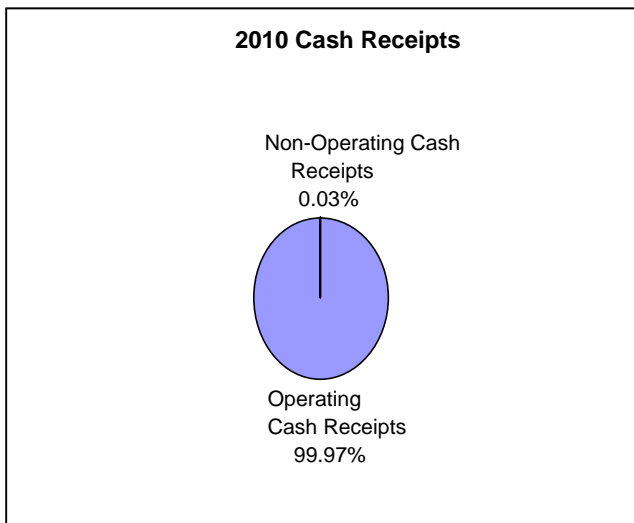
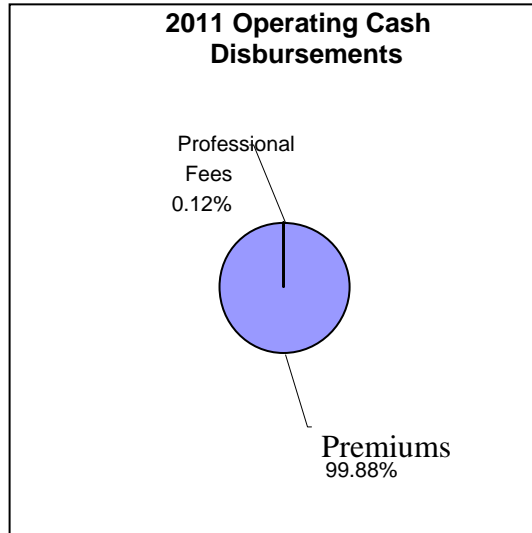
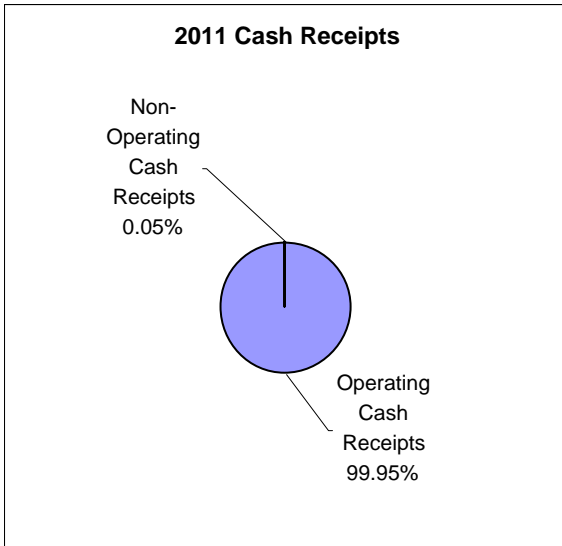
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b><u>Operating cash receipts</u></b>		
Contributions from members	\$ 485,789	\$ 359,253
Total operating cash receipts	<u>485,789</u>	<u>359,253</u>
<b><u>Operating Cash Disbursements:</u></b>		
Insurance Premiums	529,521	359,253
Professional fees	660	1,415
Total operating cash disbursements	<u>530,181</u>	<u>360,668</u>
<b><u>Non-operating cash receipts:</u></b>		
Interest income	<u>231</u>	<u>97</u>
Total non-operating cash receipts	<u>231</u>	<u>97</u>
Change in net cash assets	<u>(44,161)</u>	<u>(1,318)</u>
Net cash assets at beginning of year	<u>56,792</u>	<u>58,110</u>
Net cash assets at end of year	<u>\$ 12,631</u>	<u>\$ 56,792</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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For fiscal year 2011, operating cash receipts and operating cash disbursements increased by 35.22% and 47.00% respectively, over fiscal year 2010. Normally each participating member pays 2 semi-annual contributions. In fiscal year 2011, the insurance carrier required a prepayment prior to July 1, 2011. This resulted in the members making 3 payments. However, 2 members were not able to make this 3<sup>rd</sup> payment until after July 1, 2011. This resulted in greater increases in receipts and an even greater increase in disbursements. It is expected that these 2 districts will be able to make 3 payments in fiscal 2012. The operating cash receipts and disbursements also increased due to new construction and additional contents coverage in some of the member districts. The operating cash receipts and disbursements will increase and decrease from year-to-year due to property values. An audit was also conducted during fiscal year 2010 which increased the disbursements during that year.

The charts below illustrate the cash receipts and operating cash disbursements for the Consortium for fiscal years 2011 and 2010.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Current Financial Related Activities**

The Consortium is owned and operated by 9 school districts in Portage County, Ohio. The Consortium's main source of revenue is premiums paid by the member school districts. The Consortium also receives interest revenue through investments.

The Consortium is an insurance purchasing pool. It is an arrangement by which governments pool funds or resources to purchase property and casualty insurance coverage. The risk is transferred to the insurance company. The insurance carrier is subject to the Trustee's approval. The insurance policy of coverage is different for each member school district at their own administrative decision.

The Consortium was established to provide property and casualty risk management services and risk sharing to participating members. The primary purpose is to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of the member schools districts, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for that coverage.

The Consortium Trustees and its Insurance Agent, Reed & Bauer Insurance Agency, continually discuss program enhancements to the existing product line, in addition to watching for new opportunities for consortium members.

Each district reached an agreement with Indiana Insurance on a 3 year rate guarantee.

Establishing premiums that satisfy all insurance premiums, administration fees, and other expenses for the Consortium, in addition to enhancing the net assets position is important for the short-term and long-term interests of the Consortium.

**Contacting the Consortium's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our member districts and citizens with a general overview of the Consortium's finances and to show the Consortium's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Mr. Tom Morehouse, Treasurer, Portage Area Schools Consortium, 326 E. Main St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

**CASH BASIS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL CONSORTIUM PROPERTY & CASUALTY POOL  
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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2011**

<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in pooled cash and investments.....	<u>\$ 12,631</u>
Total assets.....	<u>12,631</u>
<b>Net Cash Assets:</b>	
Unrestricted.....	<u>12,631</u>
Total net cash assets.....	<u><u>\$ 12,631</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the cash-basis financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN NET CASH ASSETS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<b>Operating cash receipts:</b>	
Contributions from members	\$ 485,789
Total operating cash receipts	<u>485,789</u>
 <b>Operating cash disbursements:</b>	
Insurance premiums	529,521
Professional fees	<u>660</u>
Total operating cash disbursements	<u>530,181</u>
 Excess of operating cash receipts over/(under) operating cash disbursements	
	<u>(44,392)</u>
 <b>Non-operating cash receipts:</b>	
Interest income	<u>231</u>
Total non-operating cash receipts	<u>231</u>
 Change in cash net assets	 (44,161)
 <b>Net cash assets at beginning of year</b>	 <u>56,792</u>
<b>Net cash assets at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,631</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the cash-basis financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE CASH-BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSORTIUM**

The Portage Area Schools Consortium, Portage County, is a Council of Governments established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The Portage Area Schools Consortium is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio as defined by Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Portage Area Schools Consortium is a shared risk pool as defined by Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10 and amended by GASB No. 30.

The governing body of the Portage Area Schools Consortium is an Assembly composed of Superintendents (Trustees) of the members and any other representative (Alternate Trustees) of members who have been appointed by the respective governing bodies of the members. All representatives shall serve without compensation. The Operations Committee shall function as an advisory board to the Trustees. It shall consist of Superintendents and Treasurers of the participating member districts. The chairperson of the Portage Area Schools Consortium shall be a Superintendent of a participating member district. The Chairperson is elected by the Trustees each year on a rotating basis. The Portage County Educational Service Center serves as the Portage Area Schools Consortium's fiscal agent and the Treasurer of the Consortium shall be the Treasurer of the Fiscal Agent. The Fiscal Agent is re-elected each year by the Trustees.

The Portage Area Schools Consortium is a stand alone entity, comprised of two stand alone pools: the Property & Casualty Pool and the Health & Welfare Pool. This report is only concerning the Property & Casualty Pool. The Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool (the Consortium) was established by the Portage Area School Consortium on August 5, 1988 to provide property and casualty risk management services and risk sharing to members of the Property & Casualty Pool. The Property & Casualty Pool was established as a local government risk pool under Section 1744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code and is not subject to federal tax filing requirements.

The Consortium's primary purpose is to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of the member school districts, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for that coverage.

The members joining the Consortium must agree to participate for a period of one fiscal year; a member may withdraw from the Consortium by notifying the Assembly and the Consortium in writing, no less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year of participation. School districts applying for membership in the pool may do so on approval of a two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

As of June 30, 2011, there were 9 participating members: Aurora City Schools, Crestwood Local Schools, James A. Garfield Local Schools, Maplewood Career Center, Portage County Board of DD, Portage County Educational Service Center, Rootstown Local Schools, Waterloo Local Schools, and Windham Exempted Village Schools. It should be noted that while the Board of DD is a member, they are not a contributing member. Indiana Insurance will not insure some of the vehicles that they own. Therefore, they purchase their coverage elsewhere currently but have not withdrawn from the Consortium in case they can get coverage in the future through the Consortium. It should also be noted that Maplewood will be leaving the Consortium Pool in fiscal year 2012.

The Consortium's management believes these cash basis financial statements present all activities for which the Consortium is financially accountable.



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**NOTES TO THE CASH-BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in Note 2.B, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In cases where these cash basis statements contain items that are the same as, or similar to, those items in the financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP, similar informative disclosures are provided.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Consortium's financial statements consist of a statement of net assets - cash basis and statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements and changes in net cash assets.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

The Consortium's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Consortium's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received, but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

The Consortium uses an enterprise fund to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the Consortium. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the Consortium. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**C. Cash and Investments**

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Consortium has invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal year 2011. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2011.

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**NOTES TO THE CASH-BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**D. Budgetary Process**

The Consortium is not required to follow the budgetary process by law, but incorporated in the bylaws that on or before November 30, a written estimate shall be submitted to the Trustees of the program costs for the ensuing fiscal year and members' shares of those program costs.

**E. Net Cash Assets**

Net cash assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Consortium or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Consortium had no restricted net cash assets at fiscal year end.

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the Consortium into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Consortium treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Consortium has identified as not required for use within the current period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim moneys are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more that one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of Consortium's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreements must not exceed thirty days.
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;

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**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that the investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);

7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment an any one time: and,

8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated either of the two highest classifications by at least two national recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purposes of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Consortium, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investment to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

*Deposits:* As of June 30, 2011 the Consortium's bank balance was \$165,267, while the carrying amount was \$819 due to outstanding checks and bank adjustments. This amount was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

As of June 30, 2011, the Consortium had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investments Maturities</u>			
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 Months</u>	<u>13 to 18 Months</u>	<u>19 to 24 Months</u>
StarOhio	\$ 11,812	\$ 11,812	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 11,812</u>	<u>\$ 11,812</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

*Interest Rate Risk:* As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value loses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the Consortium's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

*Credit Risk:* The Consortium's investments were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. Ohio law requires that StarOhio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* The Consortium places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Consortium at June 30:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
StarOhio	\$ 11,812	100%
	<u>\$ 11,812</u>	<u>100%</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH-BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Consortium contracts with Indiana Insurance through Reed & Bauer Insurance Agency for property and fleet insurance. The Consortium also allows members to purchase their educational liability insurance with Indiana through the Consortium if so desired. Members pay premiums to the Consortium based upon amounts approved by the individual members and the Trustees. The Fiscal Officer issues payments to the Reed & Bauer for insurance coverage. Premiums are paid two times per year.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the pervious year.

The insurance carrier is elected annually by the Trustees. Risk is transferred to the insurance carrier.

**NOTE 5 - CONTRACTED SERVICES**

The Consortium uses Reed & Bauer Insurance Agency to assist them with the annual renewals of their coverage. Reed & Bauer helps the Consortium and it members with maintaining the current levels of coverage that are needed by their individual district. Fees for Reed & Bauer are built into the premiums that are paid by the members.



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To the Members of the Assembly:

We have audited the financial statements of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2012, wherein we noted the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Members of the Assembly  
Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management, audit committee, Members of the Assembly, and others within the Portage Area School Consortium Property & Casualty Pool. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian & Grube, Inc.".

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 19, 2012



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL CONSORTIUM PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POOL**

**PORTAGE 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  
APRIL 10, 2012**