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FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
July 31, 2009 to June 30, 2011



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Treasurer	Dr. Anthony Lux	07-01-09 to 06-30-12
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial statement of the Northwest Indiana Public School Study Council (Study Council), for the period of July 31, 2009 to June 30, 2011. The Study Council's management is responsible for the financial statement. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial statement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Study Council prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Study Council for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statement. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Study Council's management and the governing Board, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

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February 2, 2012

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement and accompanying notes were approved by the management of the Study Council. The financial statement and notes are presented as intended by the Study Council.

NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and 2011

	Cash and Investments 07-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 06-30-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 06-30-11
General	\$ 49,123	\$ 23,062	\$ 32,258	\$ 39,927	\$ 8,061	\$ 7,245	\$ 40,743

NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Study Council was established under the laws of the State of Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 35-1-1 and Indiana Code 20-5-4 on April 5, 1984. The Study Council was organized for the purpose of promoting the "Joint Study of Educational Issues" and is governed by a Board of Directors.

The accompanying financial statement presents the financial information for the Study Council (primary government).

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipts

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statement. The aggregate receipts include local sources which are member dues and other receipts such as interest and reimbursements not listed in another category.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(Continued)

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statement. The aggregate disbursements include professional development and general administration.

F. Fund Accounting

The General Fund is established, maintained, and reported by the Study Council and is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on the fund are set by statute or are internally restricted by the Study Council. The money accounted for in the General Fund may only be available for use for certain legally restricted purposes.

Note 2. Budgets

The fund of the Study Council is not required to be budgeted.

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statutes authorize the Study Council to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

The supplementary information presented was approved by management of the Study Council. It is presented as intended by the Study Council.

NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

	General
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 49,123
Receipts:	
Local sources	20,000
Other	3,062
Total receipts	23,062
Disbursements:	
General administration	2,443
Professional development	29,815
Total disbursements	32,258
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	(9,196)
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 39,927

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 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

	General
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>39,927</u>
Receipts:	
Local sources	8,000
Other	<u>61</u>
Total receipts	<u>8,061</u>
Disbursements:	
General administration	1,660
Professional development	<u>5,585</u>
Total disbursements	<u>7,245</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	<u>816</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u><u>\$ 40,743</u></u>

NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY COUNCIL
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 2, 2012, with Dr. Anthony Lux, Treasurer. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.