

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

JUNE 30, 2007

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SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

OFFICIALS

JUNE 30, 2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Board of Directors</u>		
Harold Mick	President	2007
Peggy Campbell	Vice-President	2007
John Adam	Member	2007
Joy Prothero	Member	2007
Dwain Dooley	Member	2007
H. Michael Neary	Member	2007
George Holder	Member	2007
Larry Bettis	Member	2007
Dianna Meredith	Member	2007
<u>Agency</u>		
Joseph Crozier	Administrator	Annual Contract
Nancy Brown	Board Secretary	Appointed
Dennis Gourley	Business Manager and Treasurer	Appointed

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Agency officials. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 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, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 at June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our reports dated December 20, 2007 on our consideration of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15'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. 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 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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 13 and 31 through 33 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 inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. 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 Southern Prairie Education Agency 15's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2006 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ANDERSON, LARKIN & CO P.C.

Ottumwa, Iowa
December 20, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the Agency's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The analysis focuses on the Agency's financial performance as a whole.

Please read it in conjunction with the Agency's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- General Fund revenues increased from \$13,186,669 in fiscal 2006 to \$13,706,569 in fiscal 2007 while General Fund expenditures increased from \$13,189,585 in fiscal 2006 to \$13,554,632 in fiscal 2007. This resulted in a decrease in the Agency's General Fund balance from \$1,780,060 in fiscal 2006 to \$1,763,000 in fiscal 2007, a 1 percent decrease from the prior year. The decrease in fund balance was due primarily to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007.
- The increase in General Fund revenues was primarily attributable to the increase in state aid received in fiscal year 2007. The increase in expenditures was due primarily to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Agency.

- The first two statements are *Agency-wide financial statements* that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Agency's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the Agency, reporting the Agency's operations in more detail than the Agency-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds statements* explain how basic services such as educational services, special education support and media services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Proprietary funds statements* offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the Agency operates like businesses. The Agency operates a Cooperative Purchasing Fund for the local school districts.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Agency's budget for the year.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

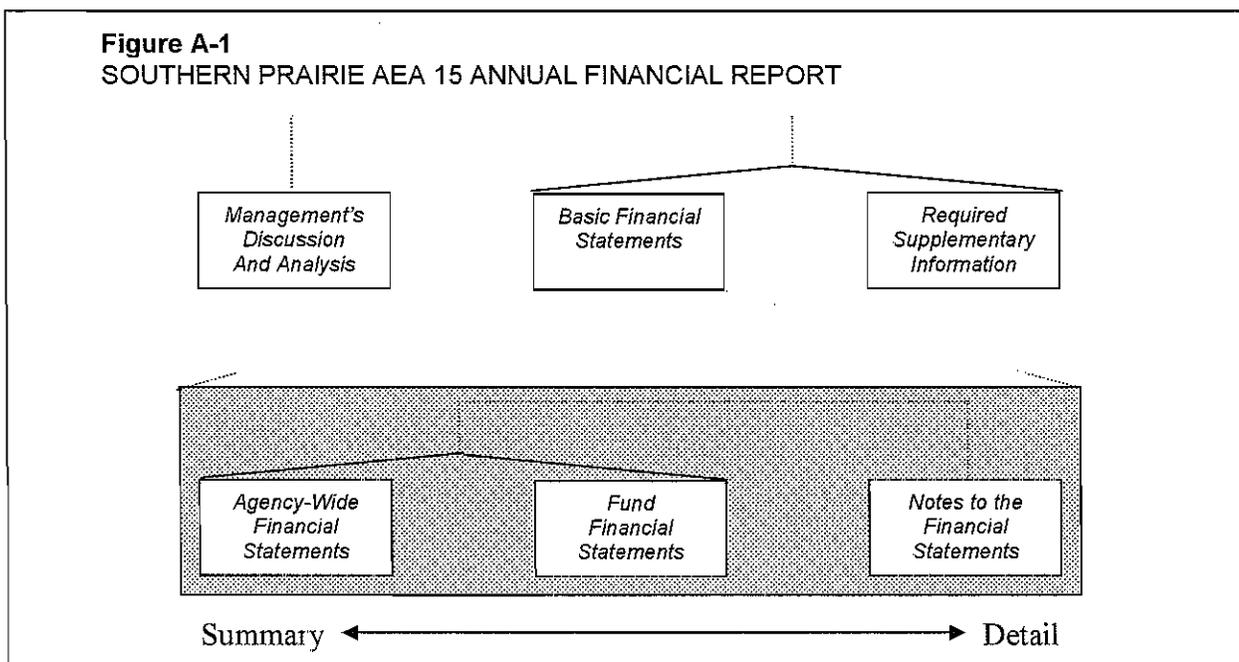


Figure A-2 summarizes the major feature of the Agency’s financial statements, including the portion of the Agency’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of the management discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2 MAJOR FEATURES OF THE AGENCY-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS				
	Agency-Wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Propriety Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Agency (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Agency that are not proprietary or fiduciary such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the Agency operates similar to private businesses: cooperative purchasing	Instances in which the Agency administers resources on behalf of someone else. The Agency currently has no fiduciary funds.
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net assets • Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset / liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow / outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Agency-Wide Statements

The Agency-wide statements report information about the Agency as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Agency's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two Agency-wide statements report the Agency's *net assets* and how they have changed. Net assets – the difference between the Agency's assets and liabilities – are one way to measure the Agency's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Agency's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the Agency's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in enrollments in the local school districts that the Agency serves and the condition of the Agency's office buildings.

In the Agency-wide financial statements, the Agency's activities are divided into two categories:

- *Governmental activities*: Most of the Agency's basic services are included here, such as instructional services, media services, special education support, and administration. Property taxes, state aid and federal program grants finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities*: The Agency charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The Agency's cooperative purchasing program would be included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Agency's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the Agency as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Agency uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.
- The Agency establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for Juvenile Home funds.

The Agency has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds:* Most of the Agency's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on 1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Agency's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the Agency-wide statements, additional information following the governmental funds statements explains the relationship or differences between the two statements.

The Agency's governmental funds include the General Fund, Juvenile Home Fund and the Debt Service Fund.

- *Proprietary funds:* Services for which the Agency charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the Agency-wide statements.

The Agency's enterprise funds, one type of proprietary fund, are the same as its business-type activities but provide more detail and additional information such as cash flows. The Agency currently has one enterprise fund, the cooperative purchasing fund.

Financial Analysis of the Agency as a Whole

Net assets. The Agency's combined net assets increased \$134,322 during fiscal year 2007. The increase occurred primarily due to the installation of a new voice over internet phone system in all agency offices.

Figure A-3

SUMMARY OF NET ASSETS (in thousands of dollars)							
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		TOTAL		Percentage Change <u>2006-2007</u>
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Total Assets	\$ 8,734.3	\$ 8,763.0	\$ 4.7	\$ 8.0	\$ 8,739.0	\$ 8,771.0	0.4%
Total Liabilities	4,607.2	4,501.5	4.7	8.0	4,611.9	4,509.5	-2.2%
Net Assets							
Invested in Capital Assets net of related Debt	2,586.6	2,705.9	-	-	2,586.6	2,705.9	4.6%
Restricted for							
Encumbrances	25.9	26.2	-	-	25.9	26.2	1.2%
Inventories	32.3	38.5	-	-	32.3	38.5	19.2%
Other	252.0	0.0	-	-	252.0	0.0	-100.0%
Unrestricted	1,230.3	1,490.9	-	-	1,230.3	1,490.9	21.2%
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,127.1	\$ 4,261.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,127.1	\$ 4,261.5	3.3%

Figure A-4

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATING RESULTS
(in thousands of dollars)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		TOTAL		Percentage Change 2006-2007
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
Program Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 581.3	\$ 630.6	\$ 69.1	\$ 86.0	\$ 650.4	\$ 716.6	10.2%
Operating Grants and Contributions	5,990.1	6,099.7			5,990.1	6,099.7	1.8%
General Revenues							
Property taxes	3,025.2	3,092.7			3,025.2	3,092.7	2.2%
State aid	3,772.8	4,050.2			3,772.8	4,050.2	7.4%
Unrestricted investment earnings	117.7	144.8			117.7	144.8	23.0%
Operating transfers	7.4	-	(7.4)	0.0	--	--	0.0%
Total revenues	13,494.5	14,018.0	61.7	86.0	13,556.2	14,104.0	4.0%
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instruction	942.8	887.4			942.8	887.4	-5.9%
Student support services	9,997.1	9,873.3			9,997.1	9,873.3	-1.2%
Media services	908.5	1,168.5			908.5	1,168.5	28.6%
General administration	508.7	547.5			508.7	547.5	7.6%
Educational services	923.9	926.8			923.9	926.8	0.3%
Plant operations and maintenance	208.8	277.0			208.8	277.0	32.7%
Central and other support services	177.7	148.1			177.7	148.1	-16.7%
Interest on long-term debt	44.9	40.4			44.9	40.4	-10.0%
Fees	1.5	1.5			1.5	1.5	0.0%
Cooperative purchasing			61.7	86.0	61.7	86.0	39.4%
Total expenditures	13,713.9	13,870.5	61.7	86.0	13,775.6	13,956.5	1.3%
Excess (deficiency) before special item	(219.4)	147.5	--	--	(-219.4)	147.5	167.2%
Special Items:							
Donation of property	855.0	-			855.0	-	
Loss on disposal of assets	(1.9)	(13.2)			(1.9)	(13.2)	
Total Special Items	853.1	(13.2)			853.1	(13.2)	-98.5%
Increase in net assets	\$ 633.7	\$ 134.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 633.7	\$ 134.3	-78.8%

The Agency's increase in net assets is due to the installation of a new voice over internet phone system in all agency offices

Figure A-5

Revenues
Fiscal Year 2007

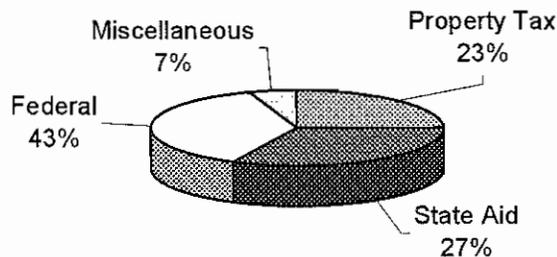
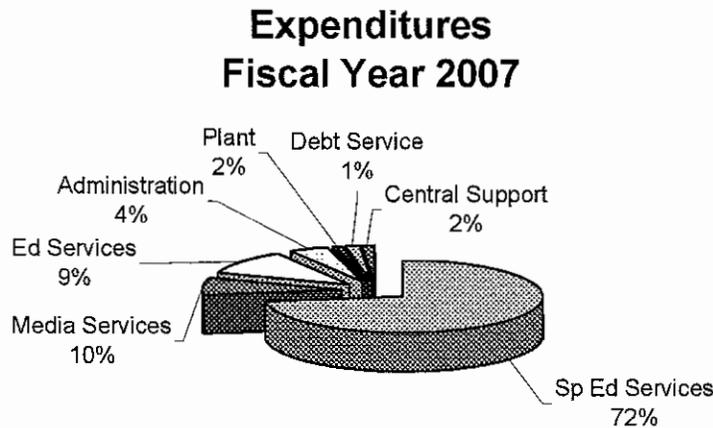


Figure A-6



Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Agency's governmental activities increased 4.5 percent, and total expenses increased 1.1 percent compared to the prior year. The increase in expenditures was due primarily to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007.

Revenues for governmental activities were \$14,018,002 while expenses amounted to \$13,870,492.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the Agency's major governmental activities: instruction, student support services, media services, general administration, educational services, plant operations and maintenance, central and other support services and other expenses.

Figure A-7

	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services		
	2006	2007	Percentage Change 2006-2007	2006	2007	Percentage Change 2006-2007
Instruction	\$ 942.8	\$ 887.4	-5.9%	\$ 61.1	\$ (54.7)	-189.5%
Student support services	9,997.1	9,873.3	-1.2%	(275.8)	(672.4)	143.8%
Media services	908.5	1,168.5	28.6%	(204.0)	(4.4)	-97.8%
General administration	508.7	547.5	7.6%	508.7	547.5	7.6%
Educational services	923.9	926.8	0.3%	(178.4)	(285.8)	60.2%
Plant operations and maintenance	208.8	277.0	32.7%	(646.2)	277.1	-142.9%
Central and other support services	177.7	148.1	-16.7%	177.7	148.1	-16.7%
Interest on long-term debt	44.9	40.4	-10.0%	44.9	40.4	-10.0%
Fees	1.5	1.5	0.0%	1.5	1.5	0.0%
Total	\$ 13,713.9	\$ 13,870.5	1.1%	\$ (510.5)	\$ (2.7)	-99.5%

- The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$13,713,881
- The portion of the cost financed by users of the Agency's programs was \$630,634
- The federal and state government subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$10,149,913.
- The net cost portion of governmental activities was financed with \$3,092,700 in flowthrough property tax, \$4,050,227 in state foundation aid and \$144,456 in interest income.

Business-Type Activities

Revenues and expenditures of the Agency's business-type activities (the Cooperative Purchasing Fund) increased from \$61,719 to \$86,008, an increase of 39.4 percent

Financial Analysis of the Agency's Funds

As previously noted, Southern Prairie AEA 15 uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements

The financial performance of the Agency as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the Agency completed the year, its governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$1,763,000 which was a decrease from last year's ending fund balances of \$1,780,060. The primary reason for the decrease in combined fund balances in fiscal 2007 was due to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The Agency's General Fund financial position decreased due to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007
- The General Fund balance decreased from \$1,780,060 to \$1,763,000 due to an increase in capital expenditures in preparation for the merger of Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 on July 1, 2007

Proprietary Fund Highlights

The Co-op Fund net assets remained constant at \$0 from fiscal 2006 to fiscal 2007. As previously noted, the Agency operates a cooperative purchasing fund for the benefit of the school districts served by the Agency.

Budgetary Highlights

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Directors annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except its private-purpose trust and agency funds. The budget may be amended during the year. The Agency's budget is prepared on the accrued basis. Over the course of the year, the Agency amended its annual operating budget one time to reflect additional revenue and expenditures associated with the IDEA Part B federal grant and increased state aid. A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the Agency's actual financial activity is included in the required supplementary information section of this report.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

- The Agency's General Fund budget did not vary significantly from actual results. The financial statements include a comparison of budget and actual for the governmental and proprietary fund types. Variances between budget and actual were \$44,600 or less than 0.3% of expenditures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

By the end of fiscal 2007, the Agency had invested \$3.75 million, net of accumulated depreciation, in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, materials lending library, computers and audio-visual equipment (See Figure A-8). This amount represents a net decrease of 0.4 percent from last year. More detailed information about capital assets is available in Note 3 to the financial statements. Depreciation expense for the year was \$519,466.

Excluding accumulated depreciation, the Agency has \$8.89 million in capital assets. Governmental funds account for the entire \$8.89 million.

Figure A-8

CAPITAL ASSETS			
(net of accumulated depreciation, in thousands of dollars)			
	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change 2006-2007
	2006	2007	
Land	\$ 267.7	\$ 267.7	0.0%
Buildings	2,223.7	2,170.7	-2.4%
Improvements other than buildings	465.0	438.3	-5.7%
Furniture and equipment	561.9	637.0	13.4%
Library books and films	251.3	240.2	-4.4%
	\$ 3,769.6	\$ 3,753.9	-0.4%

Long-Term Liabilities

At year-end, the Agency had \$1,436,516 in long-term liabilities outstanding. This represents a decrease of 10.4 percent from last year (See Figure A-9). More detailed information about the Agency's long-term liabilities is available in Notes 4 and 9 to the financial statements.

In February 2003, the Agency completed paying for the Jefferson County Satellite Office located in Fairfield, Iowa. In May 2003, the Agency refinanced its certificates of participation indebtedness for the Ottumwa Office at an interest rate of 3.51% down from the 4.60% interest rate prior to the refinancing. All other terms of the bonded indebtedness remained the same, including the principal payment amounts and dates. As of June 30, 2007, the Agency had total outstanding certificates of participation indebtedness of \$1,048,000.

Figure A-9

OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
(in thousands of dollars)			
	Total Agency		Total Percentage Change
	2006	2007	2006-2007
Certificates of participation	\$ 1,183.0	\$ 1,048.0	-11.4%
Compensated absences	71.9	83.8	16.6%
Early retirement benefits	349.1	304.7	-12.7%
Total	<u>\$ 1,604.0</u>	<u>\$ 1,436.5</u>	<u>-10.4%</u>

Factors Bearing on the Agency's Future

At the time these financial statements were audited and prepared, Southern Prairie AEA 15 and Great River AEA 16 had merged as of July 1, 2007 to form Great Prairie AEA. Great Prairie AEA will serve over 40,000 students and the merger will result in lower administrative costs

Contacting the Agency's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the Agency's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Agency's finances and to demonstrate the Agency's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Dennis Gourley, Business Manager, Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15, 2814 North Court Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501-1163

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 3,571,156	\$ -	\$ 3,571,156
Receivables:			
Interest	13,951	-	13,951
Accounts	122,232	7,968	130,200
Due from other governments	1,263,314	-	1,263,314
Inventories	38,510	-	38,510
Capital assets - Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,753,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,753,860</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>8,763,023</u>	<u>7,968</u>	<u>8,770,991</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	1,078,132	7,968	1,086,100
Salaries and benefits payable	1,837,656	-	1,837,656
Deferred revenue:			
Federal grants	149,274	-	149,274
Long-term liabilities:			
Portion due or payable within one year:			
Certificates of participation	145,000	-	145,000
Early retirement benefits	97,307	-	97,307
Compensated absences	83,794	-	83,794
Portion due or payable after one year:			
Certificates of participation	903,000	-	903,000
Early retirement benefits	<u>207,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,415</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,501,578</u>	<u>7,968</u>	<u>4,509,546</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt	2,705,860	-	2,705,860
Restricted for:			
Encumbrances	26,222	-	26,222
Unrestricted	<u>1,529,363</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,529,363</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ <u>4,261,445</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>4,261,445</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Program Revenues		
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Service</u>	<u>Operating Grants, and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants, and Contributions</u>	
<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:</u>				
Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 887,329	\$ 630,634	\$ 311,433	\$ -
Student support services	9,873,269	1,092,447	9,453,220	-
Media services	1,168,463	953,249	219,656	-
General administration	547,522	-	-	-
Educational services	926,789	1,047,004	165,604	-
Plant operations and maintenance	277,075	-	-	-
Central and other support services	148,127	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	40,382	-	-	-
Fees	1,536	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	13,870,492	3,723,334	10,149,913	-
Business type activities:				
Non-instructional programs:				
Cooperative purchasing	86,008	86,008	-	-
Total	\$ 13,956,500	\$ 3,809,342	\$ 10,149,913	\$ -

GENERAL REVENUES:

Unrestricted investment earnings
Loss on disposal of fixed assets

Change in net assets

Net assets beginning of year

Net assets end of year

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
\$ 54,738	\$ -	\$ 54,738
672,398	-	672,398
4,442	-	4,442
(547,522)	-	(547,522)
285,819	-	285,819
(277,075)	-	(277,075)
(148,127)	-	(148,127)
(40,382)	-	(40,382)
(1,536)	-	(1,536)
<u>2,755</u>	-	<u>2,755</u>
-	-	-
2,755	-	2,755
144,755	-	144,755
<u>(13,188)</u>	-	<u>(13,188)</u>
134,322	-	134,322
<u>4,127,123</u>	-	<u>4,127,123</u>
\$ <u>4,261,445</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>4,261,445</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 3,499,224	\$ 71,932	\$ 3,571,156
Receivables:			
Interest	13,951	-	13,951
Accounts	122,232	-	122,232
Due from other governments	1,263,314	-	1,263,314
Inventories	<u>38,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,510</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>4,937,231</u>	\$ <u>71,932</u>	\$ <u>5,009,163</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,075,326	\$ 2,806	\$ 1,078,132
Salaries and benefits payable	1,776,702	60,954	1,837,656
Early retirement benefits	91,490	5,817	97,307
Compensated absences	83,794	-	83,794
Deferred revenue:			
Federal grants	<u>146,919</u>	<u>2,355</u>	<u>149,274</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,174,231</u>	<u>71,932</u>	<u>3,246,163</u>
Fund balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances	26,222	-	26,222
Inventories	38,510	-	38,510
Designated for:			
Carpet	91,450	-	91,450
Rooftop units	126,000	-	126,000
Undesignated	<u>1,480,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,480,818</u>
Total fund balances	<u>1,763,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,763,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>4,937,231</u>	\$ <u>71,932</u>	\$ <u>5,009,163</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007

<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES</u>	\$ 1,763,000
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of assets is \$8,886,597 and the accumulated depreciation is \$5,132,737	3,753,860
Long-term liabilities, including certificates of participation and early retirement benefits are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(1,255,415)</u>
<u>NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	\$ <u>4,261,445</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 3,861,538	\$ -	\$ 3,861,538
State sources	3,975,684	311,433	4,287,117
Federal sources	<u>5,869,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,869,347</u>
Total revenues	<u>13,706,569</u>	<u>311,433</u>	<u>14,018,002</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction	-	303,511	303,511
Student support services	9,803,656	-	9,803,656
Media services	1,358,210	-	1,358,210
General administration	554,325	-	554,325
Educational services	1,299,099	-	1,299,099
Plant operations and maintenance	294,977	-	294,977
Central and other support services	244,365	-	244,365
Debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>176,919</u>	<u>176,919</u>
Total expenditures	<u>13,554,632</u>	<u>480,430</u>	<u>14,035,062</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>151,937</u>	<u>(168,997)</u>	<u>(17,060)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	7,922	176,919	184,841
Transfers out	<u>(176,919)</u>	<u>(7,922)</u>	<u>(184,841)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(168,997)</u>	<u>168,997</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficiency of revenues and other financing sources under expenditures and other financing uses	(17,060)	-	(17,060)
Fund balances beginning of year	<u>1,780,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780,060</u>
Fund balances end of year	\$ <u>1,763,000</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>1,763,000</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ (17,060)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expenses to allocate those expenditures over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Governmental funds report the selling price of fixed assets disposed while governmental activities report gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets. Depreciation expense and loss on disposal of assets exceeded capital outlay expenditures in the current year, as follows:

Expenditures for capital assets	\$	516,876		
Depreciation expense		(519,466)		
Loss on disposal of assets		<u>(13,188)</u>		(15,778)
Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets but is not reported in the Statement of Activities				135,000
Early retirement benefits expense reported in the Statement of Activities is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.				<u>32,160</u>
<u>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>				<u>\$ 134,322</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2007

Cooperative
Purchasing

ASSETS:

Accounts receivable

\$ 7,968

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable

7,968

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted

\$ -

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Cooperative Purchasing</u>
<u>Operating revenues:</u>	
Charges for service	\$ 86,008
<u>Operating expenses:</u>	
Non-instructional programs:	
Supplies and materials	<u>86,008</u>
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS -
Net assets beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Net assets end of year	\$ <u>-</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Cooperative Purchasing</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 82,727
Cash paid to suppliers	<u>(82,727)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	-
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	\$ <u>-</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income:	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	\$ (3,281)
Decrease in excess warrants issued over bank balance	(770)
Increase in accounts payable	<u>4,051</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ <u>-</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 is an intermediate school corporation established to identify and serve children who require special education. The Agency also provides media services and education support services. These programs and support services are provided to 25 school districts and private schools in a ten-county area. The Agency is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis.

The Agency's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Agency has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Agency are such that exclusion would cause the Agency's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Agency to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Agency. Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide financial statements – The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the activities of the Agency. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the Agency's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. 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 and (2) grants, contributions and interest that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Unrestricted interest income and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The Agency reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Agency. All general revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Agency.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Agency 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 net assets available to finance the program. It is the Agency's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The proprietary fund of the Agency applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Agency's Enterprise Fund is charges to customers for services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents – Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market funds. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost

All short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months

Inventories – Inventories are stated at cost using the first-in, first-out method and consist of expendable supplies and materials. The cost of these items is recorded as an expenditure at the time of consumption.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of one year.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land	\$ 300
Buildings	300
Improvements other than buildings	300
Furniture and equipment	300
Library books and films	300

Capital assets of the Agency are depreciated using the straight line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	50
Improvements other than buildings	20
Furniture and equipment	5
Library books and films	5

Salaries and Benefits Payable – Payroll and related expenses for teachers with annual contracts corresponding to the current school year, which are payable in July, August and September have been accrued as liabilities.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Revenue – Deferred revenue represents an excess of cash advances by the funding source over accrued expenditures at year end.

Compensated Absences – Agency employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability has been recorded in the Statement of Net Assets representing the Agency's commitment to fund non-current compensated absences. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2007. The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General and Special Revenue Funds.

Long-Term Liabilities – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column in the statement of net assets.

Fund Balances – In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

Restricted Net Assets – In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

NOTE 2: CASH AND POOLED INVESTMENTS

The Agency's deposits in banks at June 30, 2007 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the state sinking fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Agency is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Directors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts, and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Agency had investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust Diversified Portfolio which are valued at an amortized cost of \$4,894 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk – The Agency's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Agency.

Credit risk - The investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust is rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 is as follows:

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ <u>267,732</u>	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -	\$ <u>267,732</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,646,197	-	-	2,646,197
Improvements other than buildings	1,036,299	26,447	-	1,062,746
Furniture and equipment	3,199,830	374,525	281,907	3,292,448
Library books and films	<u>1,827,433</u>	<u>115,904</u>	<u>325,863</u>	<u>1,617,474</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>8,709,759</u>	<u>516,876</u>	<u>607,770</u>	<u>8,618,865</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	422,544	52,924	-	475,468
Improvements other than buildings	571,278	53,137	-	624,415
Furniture and equipment	2,637,916	286,387	268,719	2,655,584
Library books and films	<u>1,576,115</u>	<u>127,018</u>	<u>325,863</u>	<u>1,377,270</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,207,853</u>	<u>519,466</u>	<u>594,582</u>	<u>5,132,737</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>3,501,906</u>	<u>(2,590)</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>3,486,128</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>3,769,638</u>	\$ <u>(2,590)</u>	\$ <u>13,188</u>	\$ <u>3,753,860</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	
Student support services	\$ 358,432
Media services and instruction	67,530
General administration	20,779
Educational services	46,752
Plant operations and maintenance	15,584
Central and other support services	<u>10,389</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ <u>519,466</u>

Buildings within governmental activities includes \$1,500,000 acquired under capital leases.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4: CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2007 is as follows:

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance End Of Year</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Certificates of participation	\$ 1,183,000	\$ -	\$ 135,000	\$ 1,048,000	\$ 145,000
Compensated absences	71,871	83,794	71,871	83,794	83,794
Early retirement benefits	<u>349,147</u>	<u>83,305</u>	<u>127,730</u>	<u>304,722</u>	<u>97,307</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,604,018</u>	<u>\$ 167,099</u>	<u>\$ 334,601</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,516</u>	<u>\$ 326,101</u>

Certificates of Participation

The Agency has sold certificates of participation for land and facilities for a total of \$2,500,000. The certificates of participation represent an ownership interest of the certificate holder in a lease purchase agreement. The certificates mature over a period of 20 years with an interest rate of 5.8%. On May 1, 2003, the lease was refinanced with an interest rate of 3.51%. The following is a schedule by year of the future minimum payments required:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 145,000	\$ 35,556	\$ 180,556
2009	155,000	30,379	185,379
2010	165,000	24,850	189,850
2011	175,000	18,972	193,972
2012	185,000	12,741	197,741
Thereafter	<u>223,000</u>	<u>6,651</u>	<u>229,651</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,048,000</u>	<u>\$ 129,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,177,149</u>

Payments on the certificates of participation for the year ended June 30, 2007, including interest, totaled \$175,383

NOTE 5: PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Agency contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the Agency is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Agency's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$423,251, \$426,748 and \$419,124 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Agency assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7: MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE

The Agency receives the majority of its funding from grants with the State of Iowa and the Federal Government. The majority of the Agency's funding is accomplished through a reimbursement system. The Agency incurs expense, pays for the expense, submits a reimbursement voucher to the appropriate agency and is reimbursed for the expense.

NOTE 8: OPERATING LEASES

The Agency has leased various facilities within the area to house the different divisions of the Agency. These leases have been classified as operating leases and, accordingly, all rents are charged to expenditures as incurred. The leases expire between September 14, 2007 and June 30, 2010. Certain leases are renewable for additional periods. Some of the leases also require the payment of normal maintenance and insurance on the properties. In most cases, management expects that the leases will be renewed or replaced by other leases.

The Agency has leased various pieces of office equipment. The lease has been classified as an operating lease and, accordingly, all rents are charged to expenditures as incurred. The lease expires September 30, 2009.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases which have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2007.

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Space Rental</u>	<u>Office Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 50,532	\$ 26,364	\$ 76,896
2009	49,092	26,364	75,456
2010	<u>22,008</u>	<u>6,591</u>	<u>28,599</u>
	<u>\$ 121,632</u>	<u>\$ 59,319</u>	<u>\$ 180,951</u>

The total rental expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2007, for all operating leases were \$96,210.

NOTE 9: EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Agency offers early retirement benefits to eligible employees. Employees who take early retirement are eligible for up to five years health insurance coverage with the premiums paid by the Agency. Currently, there are 17 employees who are participating. Individuals who take early retirement are paid a percentage of their final year's salary (dependent upon their age when they retire). Salary and insurance expenses are expensed in the year that the employee elects early retirement. During the year ended June 30, 2007, \$83,305 was expensed for future health insurance benefits.

NOTE 10: LITIGATION

The Agency is, from time to time, involved in lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of its business that, in the opinion of management, will not have a material effect on the Agency's results of operations.

NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Boards of Directors of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 and Great River Area Education Agency 16 have agreed to merge the two area education agencies as of July 1, 2007.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND PROPRIETARY FUND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Funds <u>Actual</u>	Proprietary Fund <u>Actual</u>	Total <u>Actual</u>
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 3,861,538	\$ 86,008	\$ 3,947,546
State sources	4,287,117	-	4,287,117
Federal sources	5,869,347	-	5,869,347
Total revenues	<u>14,018,002</u>	<u>86,008</u>	<u>14,104,010</u>
Expenditures/Expenses:			
Current:			
Instruction	303,511	-	303,511
Student support services	9,803,656	-	9,803,656
Media services	1,358,210	-	1,358,210
General administration	554,325	-	554,325
Educational services	1,299,099	-	1,299,099
Plant operations and maintenance	294,977	-	294,977
Central and other support services	244,365	-	244,365
Non institutional programs	-	86,008	86,008
Debt service	176,919	-	176,919
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>14,035,062</u>	<u>86,008</u>	<u>14,121,070</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures/expenses	(17,060)	-	(17,060)
Balance beginning of year	<u>1,780,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780,060</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 1,763,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,763,000</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report

	Budget		Final to Actual Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
\$	4,322,043	\$ 3,888,361	\$ 59,185
	4,028,246	4,226,576	60,541
	<u>5,514,751</u>	<u>5,924,637</u>	<u>(55,290)</u>
	<u>13,865,040</u>	<u>14,039,574</u>	<u>64,436</u>
	323,932	304,539	1,028
	9,920,942	9,862,620	58,964
	1,022,207	1,270,919	(87,291)
	529,730	540,978	(13,347)
	1,383,353	1,359,518	60,419
	206,861	163,622	(131,355)
	166,141	272,118	27,753
	492,554	150,000	63,992
	<u>176,920</u>	<u>176,920</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>14,222,640</u>	<u>14,101,234</u>	<u>(19,836)</u>
	(357,600)	(61,660)	44,600
	<u>1,755,411</u>	<u>1,780,060</u>	<u>-</u>
\$	<u>1,397,811</u>	\$ <u>1,718,400</u>	\$ <u>44,600</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15
NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY REPORTING
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund

The Agency's Board of Directors annually prepares a budget on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the total expenditure/expense level, not by fund. After required public notice and hearing in accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board submits its budget to the State Board of Education. The State Board reviews the proposed budget and either grants approval or returns it without approval with comments. Any unapproved budget must be resubmitted to the State Board for final approval. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing procedures prescribed by the State Board.

During the year ended June 30, 2007, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
	<u>Juvenile Home Education</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ <u>71,164</u>	\$ <u>768</u>	\$ <u>71,932</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>71,164</u>	\$ <u>768</u>	\$ <u>71,932</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,038	\$ 768	\$ 2,806
Salaries and benefits payable	60,954	-	60,954
Early retirement benefits	5,817	-	5,817
Deferred revenue:			
Federal grants	<u>2,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,355</u>
Total liabilities	71,164	768	71,932
Fund balances:			
Reserved for special purposes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>71,164</u>	\$ <u>768</u>	\$ <u>71,932</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
	<u>Juvenile Home Education</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
State sources	\$ <u>311,433</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>311,433</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction	303,511	-	303,511
Debt service	<u> -</u>	<u>176,919</u>	<u>176,919</u>
Total expenditures	<u>303,511</u>	<u>176,919</u>	<u>480,430</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	7,922	(176,919)	(168,997)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	<u>(7,922)</u>	<u>176,919</u>	<u>168,997</u>
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	-	-	-
Fund balances beginning of year	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
Fund balances end of year	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

	Modified Accrual Basis				
	Years Ended June 30,				
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 3,861,538	\$ 3,696,379	\$ 3,706,565	\$ 3,663,835	\$ 3,562,391
State sources	4,287,117	3,954,327	3,764,673	3,812,383	4,284,016
Federal sources	<u>5,869,347</u>	<u>5,836,356</u>	<u>5,711,990</u>	<u>5,104,982</u>	<u>4,354,594</u>
Total	\$ <u>14,018,002</u>	\$ <u>13,487,062</u>	\$ <u>13,183,228</u>	\$ <u>12,581,200</u>	\$ <u>12,201,001</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction	\$ 303,511	\$ 291,446	\$ 412,968	\$ 589,374	\$ 554,201
Student support services	9,803,656	9,825,155	9,224,635	9,198,111	8,060,086
Media services	1,358,210	1,095,853	919,605	863,720	896,323
General administration	554,325	504,039	493,472	459,908	480,786
Educational services	1,299,099	1,364,773	1,495,620	1,395,311	1,229,856
Plant operations and maintenance	294,977	221,449	138,001	107,823	103,701
Central and other support services	244,365	178,316	185,530	149,745	153,709
Debt service	<u>176,919</u>	<u>176,482</u>	<u>170,782</u>	<u>169,906</u>	<u>307,547</u>
Total	\$ <u>14,035,062</u>	\$ <u>13,657,513</u>	\$ <u>13,040,613</u>	\$ <u>12,933,898</u>	\$ <u>11,786,209</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>CFDA</u>	<u>Pass-through</u>	
<u>Indirect:</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Grantor's</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
		<u>Number</u>	
U.S. Department of Education:			
Iowa Department of Education:			
Handicapped Preschool Program	84.027	060715	\$ 3,564,212
Handicapped Preschool Program (Lea Flowthrough)	84.027	7KB2-15	1,213,050
Parent Education	84.027	67415	78,941
Second Opinion	84.027	6K71-15	8,370
Transition Grant	84.027	108907	400
IPAT	84.027	41607	4,414
Para Educator Project	84.027	6K76-15	13,397
SIG IA Quality Preschools	84.027	QPPS-07X-15	31,270
Instructional Decision Making	84.027	6K791-15	51,673
ECR Expansion	84.027	ECR-07X-15	3,843
Every Child Reads	84.027	6K70-78-15	5,228
			<u>4,974,798</u>
Section 619 Ages 3-5	84.173	06619-15	262,143
			<u>5,236,941</u>
Part C Infants and Toddlers	84.181	C06-15	184,413
Part C Infants and Toddlers (Regional Coordinator)	84.181	C06-15	1,810
			<u>186,223</u>
SIG IA Quality Preschools	84.323	G-7PI3-15	19,490
Eisenhower Math/Science Block Grant	84.281A	--	20,329
E2T2	84.318	--	181,669
Title I Accountability Grant	84.348	--	16,617
Reading First	84.357	--	33,635
Title III ELL/LEP	84.365	--	89,364
Service Learning	94.004	06SL015	3,500
Total			\$ <u>5,787,768</u>

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Basis of Presentation – The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 and is presented on the modified accrual basis. The information on 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the Board of Directors of
Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15'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 Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15'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 would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the significant deficiencies described above is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's operations for the year ended June 30, 2007 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 and other parties to whom Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

ANDERSON, LARKIN & CO. P.C.

Ottumwa, Iowa
December 20, 2007

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE
TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Board of Directors of
Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007. Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's major federal programs are identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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 non-compliance 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 Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 and other parties to whom Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 may report including 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

ANDERSON, LARKIN & CO. P.C.

Ottumwa, Iowa
December 20, 2007

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- a. Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- b. Significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements, none of which are considered to be material weaknesses.
- c. The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
- d. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements
- e. An unqualified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program.
- f. The audit disclosed no audit findings which were required to be reported in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Section .510(a).
- g. Major programs were as follows:
 - CFDA Number 84.027 - Special Education - Grants to States
 - CFDA Number 84.173 - Special Education - Preschool Grants
- h. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
- i. Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 qualifies as a low-risk auditee.

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

Significant Deficiencies -

07-II-A Fixed Asset Disposals – The Agency currently has no policy regarding when fixed assets will be disposed of and who has the authority to do so

Recommendation - The Agency should establish a policy and follow it.

Response – We will do so.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Instances of Non-compliance - No matters were reported.

Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

Significant Deficiencies - No matters were reported.

Instances of Non-compliance - No matters were reported.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 15

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- 07-IV-A Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2007 exceeded the amount budgeted. Chapter 273 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, “Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation”.
- Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 273 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.
- Response – The budget will be amended in the future, if applicable.
- Conclusion – Response accepted.
- 07-IV-B Questionable Expenditures - We noted no expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- 07-IV-C Travel Expense - No expenditures of Agency money for travel expenses of spouses of Agency officials or employees were noted.
- 07-IV-D Business Transactions - No business transactions between Southern Prairie Area Education Agency 15 and Agency officials or employees were noted.
- 07-IV-E Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of Agency officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 07-IV-F Board Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- 07-IV-G Deposits and Investments - No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Agency's investment policy were noted.
- 07-IV-H Certified Annual Report - The Certified Annual Report was certified to the Iowa Department of Education timely.