

*Management Council*  
Of the *Ohio Education*  
*Computer Network*

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MCOECN Update

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Membership Meeting  
September 24, 2004



# Topics and Issues

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State Budget

OREDS

DA Site CIP's

eSIS and DASL

OAC Standards

OSN Update

ONEnet Update

Third Frontier Network

MCOECN Goals



# State Budget: Cuts in FY 05

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- 6% Cut in funds for 426 and 446
- Applied to all set-asides, including
  - SSDT and INFOhio
  - ONEnet and EMIS
  - OECN Operating Subsidy
- ***Might be*** reinstated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter if budget improves

# Latest State Budget Data

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- Positive \$36M through first two months of the fiscal year
- Revenue sources had mixed results
  - Income tax withholding higher than expected
  - Sales tax lower than expected
- Spending lower than expected

Source: "On the Money" Sept 20, 2004, Rotunda, Inc.



# DA Site CIP Process

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- CIP Committee review and evaluation has been completed
- Currently drafting a response to each site
- Should have responses back to DA Sites in the next two weeks
- Look for an event for sharing best practices

# MCOECN: eSIS and DASL

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- Talks have been helpful and productive
- Working on a joint statement
- Meetings between eSIS and DASL representatives will continue on a periodic basis



# eSIS Support

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- SSDT has assumed the responsibility for the eSIS Model Office and project support
- Creating the “eSMOC” committee made up of eSIS participants
- Will build a support model that involves eSIS sites in future policy decisions



# DASL Update

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- DASL version 1.0 will be released in September
- 12 Sites have current beta release installed, four waiting on hardware
- Pilots in progress at three NOACSC districts
- User feedback very positive



# Reviewing the OAC

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- Established a committee to review the Ohio Administrative Code rules governing the OEEN
- Committee will have first meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Goal to have new rules adopted by May 2005



# Ohio SchoolNet: Fall TTA

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- Fall Technology Training Academy  
October 18-28, 2004
- Hosted at various locations across the state
- Sign up on OSN web site with your hall pass:

[www.osn.state.oh.us/go/hallpass](http://www.osn.state.oh.us/go/hallpass)

# Ohio SchoolNet: Fall TTA

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- Courses include:
  - CompTIA Linux+ and Security+
  - Mac OSX-Windows Interoperability
  - Microsoft Group Policy
  - Windows XP
  - Network Security
  - Troubleshooting Wireless Networks
  - Wireless Technology Implementation



# Ohio SchoolNet: Conference

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- State Conference: Feb 14-16, 2005
- Looking for volunteers and proposals
- Call for proposals deadline: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Registration and information on line at:
  - <http://www.osn.state.oh.us/go/stateconf>



# ONEnet Update

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- Most recent meeting was postponed
- Still waiting on:
  - TFN decision
  - SOMACS extension decision
  - New ISP funding formula



# ONEnet Update: Application

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- Just a reminder to your districts regarding the application deadline
  - Friday November 12th
- Application available through Hall Pass:
  - <http://www.osn.state.oh.us/go/hallpass>

# ONEnet Application, continued

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- WAN diagram required if changed
- Reminder: E-Rate filing is required
- Deadline is Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Applications will be processed on a weekly schedule
- Anticipate payment 3 weeks after approval



# ONEnet: Migration Study

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- Selected Innovate as the Migration Study Vendor
- Working to complete study in September
- Created software modeling tool to study/predict traffic patterns & growth



# ONEnet: Migration Study

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- Collecting data:
  - Current utilization statistics
  - Mining data from OSN surveys
  - Emerging technologies
  - Multi-vendor SIP deployments
  - Other states' networks
  - Migration white papers



# ONEnet: Migration Study

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- Next Steps:
  - Focus Group data collection process
  - Selected school surveys
  - DA Site, Higher-Ed, and agency surveys



# ONEnet: TFN Status Update

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- 10-year proposal most equitable
- Up-front costs of \$5.8M
- Last mile annual recurring: \$65K/year
- Total last mile estimate: \$6,041,605
- In addition – Backbone \$1M/year
- For comparison: DS3 cost was \$2.2M/yr



# ONEnet: TFN Status Update

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- OSN published a project plan
- Priority: Need to get a funding commitment from ODE and Legislature
- Negotiate contract terms and conditions with each participating vendor

# ONEnet: TFN Status Update

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- OSN proposed an interim plan
  - TFN backbone is ready to go
  - Could connect using existing ATM equipment
  - DA Sites connect to TFN POPs using “best method” – DS3, leased OC-3, or fiber



# ONEnet: TFN Status Update

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- BASA Technology Committee will make TFN recommendation to BASA Executive Committee
- Still waiting on commitment from ODE to expend funds and move forward with the project



# ONEnet: TFN Status

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- MCOECN Response to alternate proposals:
  - Open-minded regarding technical merits
  - Want to combine the strengths of the various players
  - ***Feel Strongly*** that ONEnet is the proper venue to discuss all proposals
  - ***INSIST*** that we are involved in ***any*** plan regarding school connectivity



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Last year we went through a process to renew the MCOECN Goals and Objectives
- Facilitated by Mary Merrill
- Process included surveys, group discussion, and committee work
- Goals approved by BOT



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Goal #1: **Support and strengthen statewide software development initiatives.**



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 1A: **Promote and support the progress of statewide software projects.**
  - Participate in software advisory committees
  - Participate in Strategic Software Futures discussion
  - Participate in EDAC



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- **Objective 1B: Continue to oversee the development and implementation of an ever-evolving, cost effective, comprehensive student management system by June 30, 2006.**
  - Implement DASL software release
  - Establish advisory committee
  - Support DA Site migration planning
  - Comply with state minimum standards for student management systems



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Goal #2: **Enhance an information delivery system for all educational stakeholders.**



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 2A: **Participate in the implementation of a statewide fiber network by July 1, 2005.**
  - Facilitate communications regarding local fiber projects
  - Represent the MCOECN on statewide fiber committees (ONEnet and TFN)
  - Continue to advocate for state subsidized connectivity funding



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 2B: **Participate in increased opportunities for electronic resources, distance learning, streaming video, and other emergent tools.**
  - Model technology applications
  - Coordinate and share best practices



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 2C: **Participate in the restructuring of the delivery of educational services in Ohio.**
  - Define and develop the role of the leadership organization for IT Centers
  - Represent the MCOECN membership during OREDS development and implementation



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- 2C continued:
  - Initiate emerging technology services for delivering educational services
  - Represent the legislative interests of the MCOECN membership
  - Develop and promote a strategic approach for a coordinated plan to assist each RSC with consolidation and alignment of services currently provided by DA Sites, AMC's, Ed Tech agencies, OSN, etc.



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Goal #3: **Promote the value of the MCOECN and its member services.**

# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 3A: **Promote a common understanding of what we do and its importance to the learning community.**
  - Promote MCOECN and members through trade shows, newsletters, brochures, etc
  - Assist members in development of SLA's
  - Develop a team for the site review process
  - Continue DA Site public relations initiatives

# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 3B: **Create a repository of data that support the value of MCOECN/OECN services.**
  - Develop a database reflecting salary survey and fee level data
  - Develop customer satisfaction instruments
  - Develop a historical database for MCOECN



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Goal #4: **Improve internal communications.**



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 4A: **Improve written communications.**
  - Develop a customer support policy for written forms of communications (e.g. email, meeting agenda, meeting minutes)
  - Enhance the MCOECN web site



# MCOECN Strategic Plan

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- Objective 4B: **Improve MCOECN meetings and verbal communications.**
  - Develop a customer support policy for verbal forms of communications (e.g. phone etiquette, responding to voicemail)
  - Extend agenda and minutes policy to all meetings



# OREDS: Different Paths

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- ODE is implementing a regionalization plan
- Rep. Setzer has drafted an alternate OREDS plan



# OREDS: ODE Reorganization

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- Part of ODE's internal reorganization and creation of the Office of Field Relations
- Intent to provide "One Stop Shopping" for school districts by '05-06 school year
- Common set of customers – 12 Regions based on SERRC boundaries





# OREDS: ODE Reorganization

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- ODE Plan restructures the RSA's that are under direct control of ODE
- Does not directly effect DA Sites or ESC's
- Would like DA Sites and ESC's to be involved in regional planning
- More details forthcoming...



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Rep. Arlene Setzer plans to introduce a bill during the lame duck session
- Hopes to gather feedback, draft changes, and re-introduce in next session

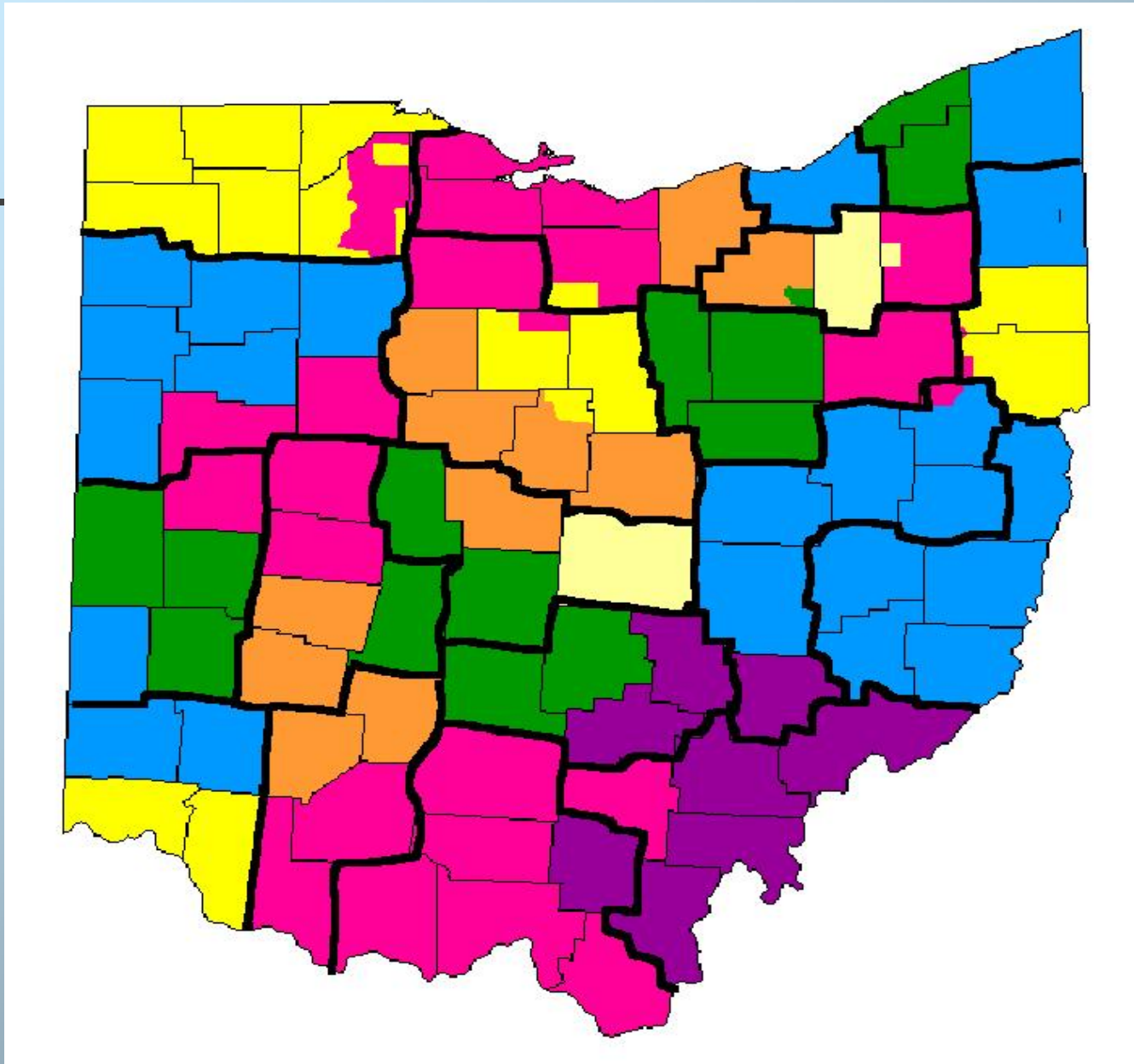


# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

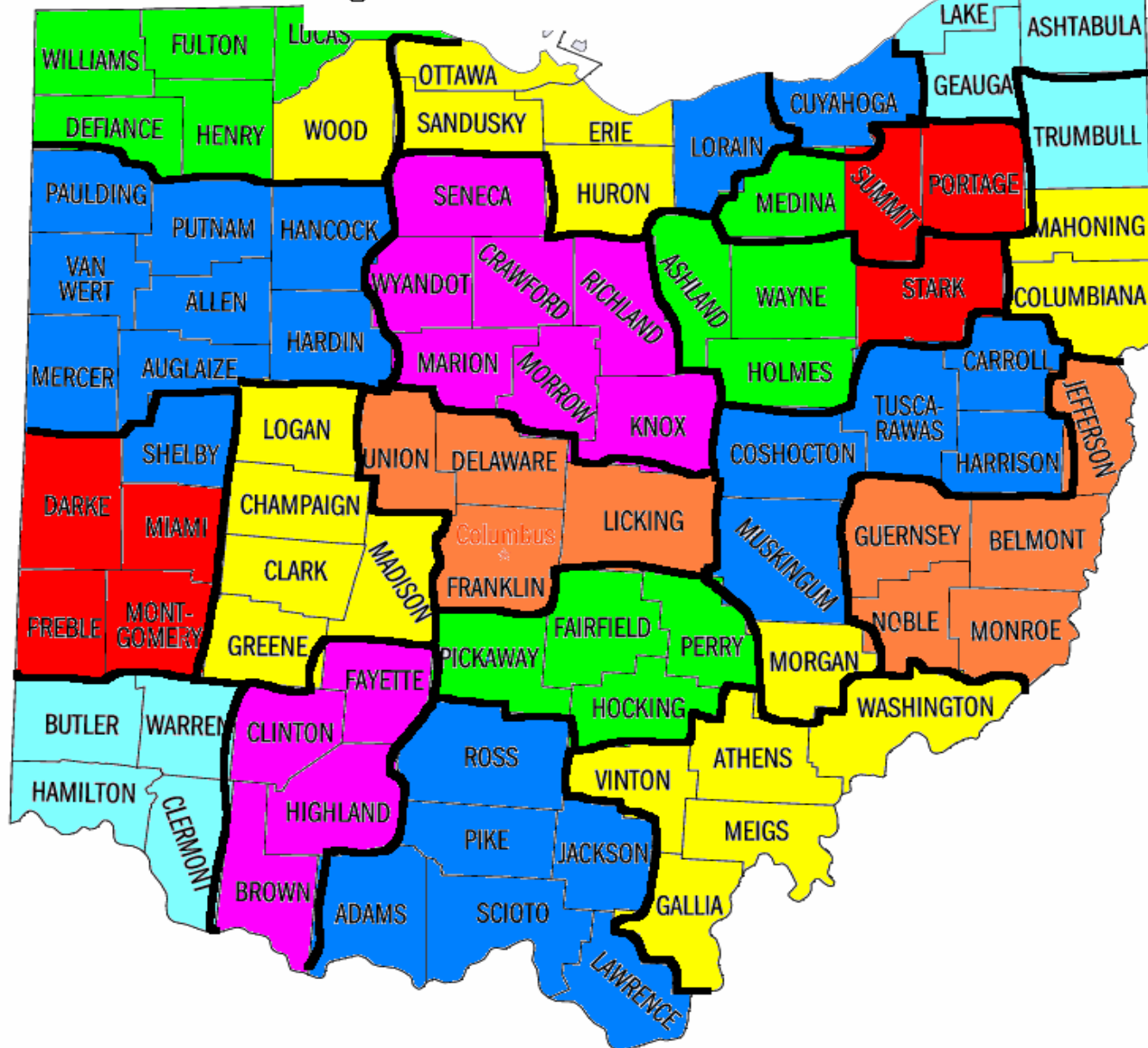
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- Proposed timeline: Spring 2005
- 19 Regions
- One ESC in each region will act as the "Regional Service Center"
- ESC's ranked by State Auditor, highest ranking ESC becomes lead ESC

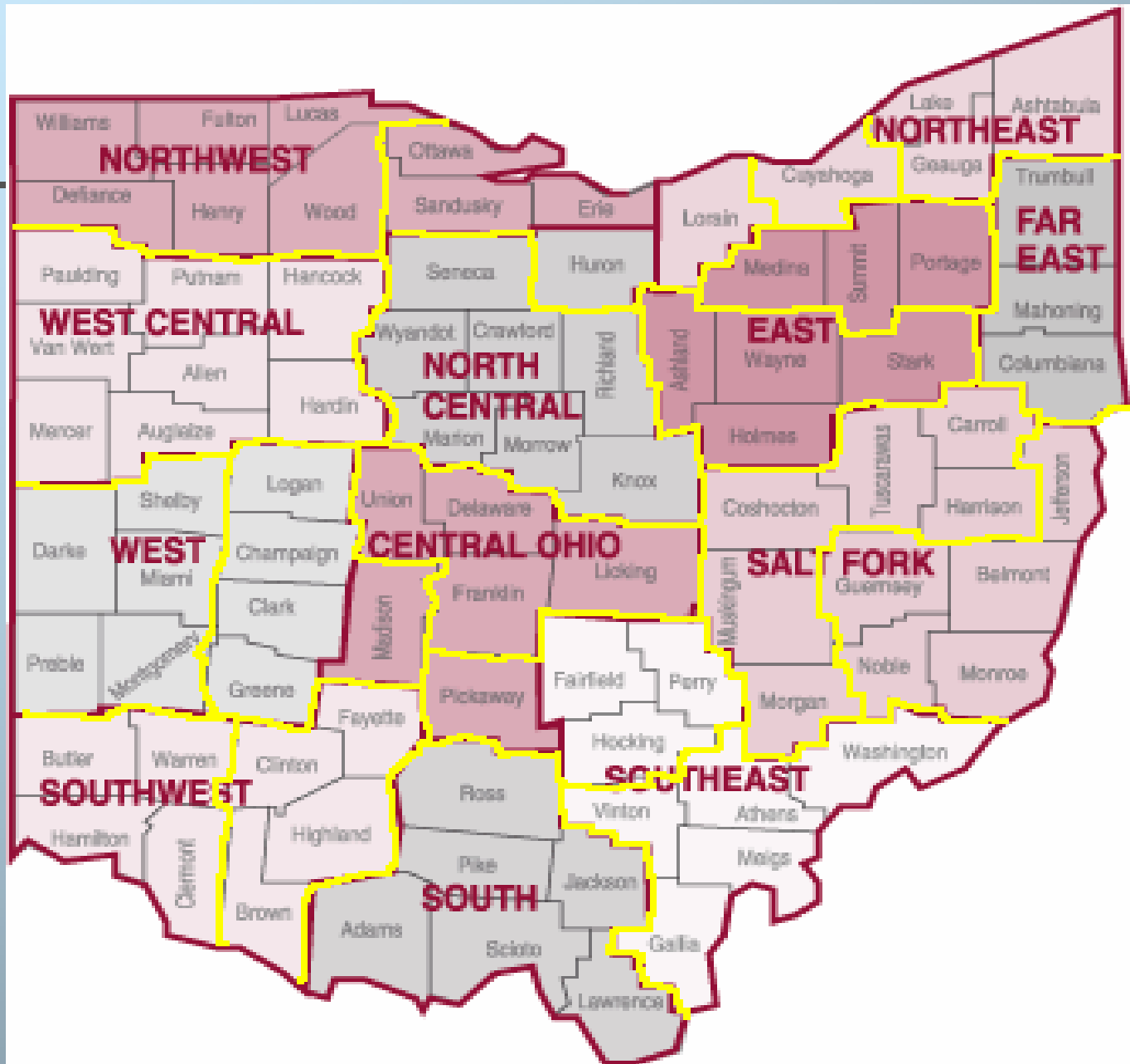
## Setzer Plan Overlaid on DA Site Map



# Rep Setzer's Proposed Regions Overlayed on OREDS Regions



# Setzer's Map Overlaid on ODE's New Regional Map





# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- ESC's remain independent, but coordinate with Regional Service Center
- ESC's retain current functionality and local district oversight capabilities
- ESC's retain ability to contract with city and exempted village districts
- ESC funding mechanism remains



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Regional Service Center has two boards:
  - Traditional elected ESC Board
  - Regional “policy board”
    - Comprised of five school board members selected from region's districts and ESC's
    - Regions develop their own selection rules



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Regional Service Center would have advisory board
  - Superintendents and treasurers
  - Specific formula for determining members
- Also, specialized advisory boards for special education, technology, and professional development



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Accountability plan starts in 2007
- Requires ODE to audit each Regional Service Center
- Poor-performance would initiate a legislative committee review



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- EMIS Changes:
  - Plan calls for replacement of existing EMIS system
  - Deadline of July 1, 2005
  - Must allow districts to submit directly to ODE
  - ESC's responsible for support of EMIS



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Ohio SchoolNet Eliminated
  - Ed Tech Centers assume responsibility for technology professional development and instructional support
  - Field employees absorbed by Ed Tech's
  - OET would provide oversight of Ed Tech's



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- DA Sites Eliminated
  - No further district contracts after the bills effective date
  - School districts and ESCs' assume responsibility for DA Site functions
  - ONEnet eliminated – OARNET assumes network functions



# OREDS: Setzer's Plan

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- Questions:
  - Do districts and ESC's have the capacity and resources to assume DA Site functions?
  - Does OARNET have capacity/resources to assume ONEnet functions?
  - What about existing DA Site funding?

# OREDS: What is Next?

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- We will continue to meet with ODE, OESCA, and BASA
- Rep. Setzer will introduce legislation in the lame duck session to get feedback
- New legislature and new leadership starting January 2005 – different goals?
- Rep. Setzer expected to re-draft and re-introduce in new session

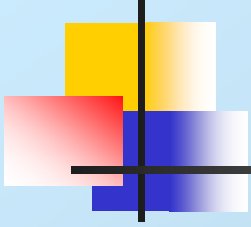


# OREDS: MCOECN Action

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- Meet with your legislators and legislative candidates
- Make sure they know and understand services provided to your districts
- Communicate with your district customer/owners
- How do your districts want to get technology services?

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# Questions and Comments

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