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DAYTON, Ohio, February 19, 1982 -- An analysis of the expenditures made for electrical energy, fuel, and telephone services by the seventy-seven school districts in nine West Central Ohio counties was made by the University of Dayton Office of Educational Services.

A feature of the report, prepared by Dr. Kenneth J. Crim, is the increases in the expenditures for these utilities and the increases in the Consumer Price Index. The yearly figure used in this report is the ECPI (Education Consumer Price Index), based on a July through June basis. Some of the highlights of the report include the following:

Expenditures made for electrical energy for the 77 districts total $9,743,406 for the 1980-81 school year, an increase of 245 per cent over the $2,823,927 expended during the 1972-73 school year (the base year of the report).

Total expenditures for electrical energy increased 24.4 per cent between the 1979-80 and 1980-81 school years, with Champaign County having the lowest per cent of increase, 9.7, and Greene County having the highest, 31.1 per cent.

Total expenditures for fuel (exclusive of expenditure for fuel used in vehicles) for the 77 districts amounted to $8,171,969 during the 1980-81 school year, an increase of 224.1 per cent over the $2,521,061 expended during the 1972-73 school year; and an increase of 13.6 per cent over the $7,190,747 expended during the 1979-80 school year.

Eleven of the 77 school districts expended fewer dollars for fuel during the 1980-81 school year than they did during the 1979-80 school year. Sixty-six districts experienced increases.
Expenditures made for telephone service by the 77 districts total $1,772,584 for the 1980-81 school year, an increase of 157.5 per cent over the $688,172 expended during the 1972-73 school year.

The total of the 1980-81 expenditures made by the 77 school districts is $261,844 greater (17.3 per cent) than the 1979-80 expenditures. Seventeen of these districts experienced declines in their expenditures made for telephone service during the one year period. In addition, a number of the remaining sixty districts held the increases below the ECPI increase for this period.

Crim says a report of this nature is important because it gives school superintendents a comparison of monies spent area wide for these services. In addition the analysis "gives a historical record of what a specific district has spent over the years, and assists in the planning process for the future."

Also included in this report is a breakdown of the electrical energy, fuel and telephone service per pupil. During the 1980-81 school year, the amount was $83.12. The analysis on a per pupil base, shows substantially larger increases in the percentages (electrical energy 322.4 per cent, fuel 295.6 per cent and telephone using 215.6 per cent) during the base year 1972-73 and the current year 1980-81, than when the analysis is based on total expenditures.

Copies of this report may be obtained by contacting the University of Dayton Office of Educational Services, at 229-2610.