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In order to establish base line information on microcomputers and their use for K-12 schools in Louisiana, the State Department of Education measured the current status of the use of computers in the public schools of the state. Two different forms were used for the survey, one designed to collect information on the instructional use of the computer in the schools, and the second designed to examine the central office data processing activities. A total of 66 local education agencies (LEAs) were contacted by the State Department of Education; 51 responded by returning the instrument. Results indicate the following: (1) 40 LEAs (78% of the respondents) have microcomputers in one or more schools; (2) 30% of the schools in the responding LEAs are using computers in instruction; (3) all grade levels--K-12--are involved, with the most involvement at the highest grade level; (4) the computer is used most in mathematics classes; (5) the Tandy Corporation's TRS-80 computers were the most widely used (54%), and Apple came next with 25%; and (6) inservice teacher training was ranked the most important need by 70% of the respondents, followed by software and hardware information as second and third in importance. Eleven data tables summarize survey findings, and sample survey instruments are appended. (JB)

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INTRODUCTION

The proliferation of computers in Louisiana schools is accelerating at an astounding rate. The Department is making a concentrated effort to develop its role in providing information and guidance to the teachers and administrators. The Bureau of Management Information Systems, working with other bureaus within the Office of Research and Development, and with other offices in the Department, such as the Office of Academic Programs, has studied the current literature on instructional computing, visited and interviewed specialists, and developed knowledge of the technology. The current status of the use of computers in our Louisiana schools was measured in order to identify problems and needs in our educational community. With this first view, the Department will tune its activities designed to aid our Louisiana schools in the effective use of computers. Any questions regarding this survey should be directed to Dr. John Hubbell at (504) 342-0092.

THE POPULATION

There are a total of 1514 public schools in the state of Louisiana, distributed among 66 Local Education Agencies (LEA's). The Superintendent of each LEA was contacted by the SDE. The importance of current information on the use of computers in the schools in determining the needs and designing services to be provided on a state level was discussed. In order to keep the data reporting burden on school staff at a minimum, a short survey instrument was designed to be mailed to the individual designated by each LEA Superintendent as Instructional Computing Coordinator. In most instances, the individual reached by a phone call expressed a preference for a mail survey because of the difficulty in gathering the data quickly.

THE INSTRUMENT

The survey instrument consisted of two sheets. See Appendix A. One sheet, Part A, was designed to capture information on the instructional use of the computer in the schools. The second sheet, Part B, was designed to examine the central office data processing activities. In many LEA's the first sheet was answered by an instructional staff member and the second by a data processing staff member.

FINDINGS

Of the 66 LEA's contacted, 51 responded by returning the instrument. Forty LEA's, or 78 percent of the responding LEA's, have microcomputers in one or more schools. Most added that they had more microcomputers on order. The respondents were asked how many public schools were using computers in instruction and how many schools were not. The results are summarized in Table 1. Currently, 30 percent of the schools in the responding LEA's are using computers in instruction. The distribution of instructional computing across grades (Table 2), shows that all grade levels -- K through 12 -- are involved, with the most involvement at the highest grade level. Table 3 shows the distribution of computer use across subject areas. Note that the computer is used most in Mathematics courses. Computer Science is considered part of the Mathematics curriculum. Twenty-seven LEA's are using computers in Mathematics courses other than Computer Science. Twenty-two are using the computer in Computer Science courses. Thirty-four LEA's are using computers in the Mathematics curriculum -- Computer Science courses included along with the Mathematics courses.

The Tandy Corporation's TRS-80 computers were the most widely used computers (Table 4). There were more TRS-80's than all other makers combined. The TRS-80's represented 54 percent of the units, and Apple came next with 25 percent.

Table 5 shows the distribution of computers by LEA. Of the LEA's, East Baton Rouge Parish reported the most units. The number of schools using the computer by function is shown in Table 6. Most schools used the computer in several ways, with Administrative and Computer Assisted Instruction the most commonly found functions. The estimate of the usefulness of the functions generally followed the same sequence or ranking (Table 7).

Of major interest was the evaluation of the needs in the LEA's. Inservice Teacher Training was clearly considered the most important need, with 70 percent of the respondents ranking inservice training as the number one need. Software and hardware information ranked second and third in importance (Table 8).

Table 1. Number of schools using and number of schools not using computers in instruction in each local education agency (LEA)*.

| LEA | Number of schools using | Number of schools not using | LEA | Number of schools using | Number of schools not using |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Acadia | 25 | 0 | Morehouse | 0 | 18 |
| Allen | 0 | 10 | Natchitoches | 1 | 18 |
| Assumption | 0 | 10 | Orleans | 35 | 90 |
| Avoyelles | 2 | 10 | Ouachita | 2 | 30 |
| Beauregard | 2 | 9 | Pointe Coupee | 0 | 10 |
| Caddo | 7 | 61 | Rapides | 5 | 47 |
| Calcasieu | 15 | 52 | Red River | 4 | 1 |
| Caldwell | 1 | 0 | Sabine | 2 | 11 |
| Cameron | 0 | 7 | St. Bernard | 17 | 0 |
| Claiborne | 1 | 9 | St. Charles | 18 | 3 |
| Concordia | 1 | 10 | St. James | 0 | 12 |
| Desoto | 0 | 11 | St. John | 2 | 13 |
| East Baton Rouge | 13 | 92 | St. Martin | 2 | 1 |
| East Carroll | 2 | 4 | St. Mary | 3 | 27 |
| Evangeline | 0 | 14 | St. Tammany | 3 | 35 |
| Grant | 5 | 3 | Tensas | 0 | 6 |
| Iberia | 7 | 25 | Terrebonne | 10 | 31 |
| Iberville | 2 | 15 | Union | 0 | 6 |
| Jackson | 1 | 9 | Vernon | 5 | 10 |
| Jefferson Davis | 0 | 15 | Webster | 24 | 2 |
| Lafayette | 5 | 0 | West Carroll | 2 | 5 |
| Lafourche | 7 | 21 | West Feliciana | 2 | 1 |
| LaSalle | 1 | 10 | Winn | 5 | 4 |
| Lincoln | 2 | 13 | City Monroe | 3 | 16 |
| Livingston | 1 | 26 | City Bogalusa | 2 | 8 |
| Madison | 4 | 3 | | | |
| | | | Totals | 251 | 844 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

Table 2. Number of local education agencies (LEA's) using the computer for instruction at each grade level*.

| Grade | LEA Count | Percent |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| K | 5 | 10 |
| 1 | 8 | 16 |
| 2 | 13 | 25 |
| 3 | 14 | 27 |
| 4 | 15 | 29 |
| 5 | 18 | 35 |
| 6 | 19 | 37 |
| 7 | 19 | 37 |
| 8 | 19 | 37 |
| 9 | 22 | 43 |
| 10 | 28 | 55 |
| 11 | 28 | 55 |
| 12 | 29 | 57 |

5 10 15 20 25
 Count

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

Table 3. Distribution of computer use in the local education agencies (LEA'S) across subject areas*.

| Subject area | LEA Count | Percent |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 27 | 53 |
| Computer Science | 22 | 43 |
| Language Arts | 13 | 25 |
| Science | 12 | 24 |
| Business Education | 9 | 18 |
| Gifted and Talented | 8 | 16 |
| Social Studies | 5 | 10 |
| Industrial Arts | 1 | 2 |
| Art | 0 | 0 |
| Home Economics | 0 | 0 |
| Music | 0 | 0 |
| Physical Education | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 2 | 4 |

5 10 15 20 25
 Count

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

Table 4. Number of computers by make & model used in the public schools.

| Make & Model | Number of Computers | Percent |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|
| TRS-80** | 259 | 53.7 |
| Apple | 119 | 24.7 |
| CCC-17 | 24 | 5.0 |
| PET | 17 | 3.5 |
| Atari | 12 | 2.5 |
| Digital | 12 | 2.5 |
| Texas Instruments | 10 | 2.1 |
| Bell & Howell | 8 | 1.7 |
| APF | 3 | .6 |
| Burroughs | 2 | .4 |
| RCA | 2 | .4 |
| Heath/Zenith | 1 | .2 |
| Intertech | 1 | .2 |
| TSC | 1 | .2 |
| Terminal | 1 | .2 |
| Other | 10 | 2.1 |
| Total | 482 | |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| **TRS-80 MOD III | 188 |
| TRS-80 MOD I | 43 |
| TRS-80 MOD II | 28 |

Table 5. Make and quantity of computer used in the schools by each local education agency (LEA) February, 1982.

| LEA | Make and Quantity | LEA | Make and Quantity |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Acadia | TRS-80 MOD I 12 | Orleans | Apple 12 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 6 | | PET 3 |
| Allen | 0 | | TRS-80 MOD II 1 |
| Assumption | 0 | | TRS-80 MOD III 12 |
| Avoyelles | TRS-80 MOD I 1 | Ouachita | RCA 2 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 1 | Pointe Coupee | 0 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 1 | Rapides | Apple 2 |
| Beauregard | TRS-80 MOD III 4 | | Bell & Howell 7 |
| Caddo | Apple 3 | | TRS-80 MOD II 1 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 6 | | TRS-80 MOD III 15 |
| | Other 2 | Red River | Apple 8 |
| Calcasieu | Apple 15 | Sabine | TRS-80 MOD I 2 |
| | TRS-80 MOD II 10 | | TRS-80 MOD III 1 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 10 | St Bernard | Apple 20 |
| Caldwell | Heath/Zenith 1 | | Digital 12 |
| | TRS-80 MOD I 2 | | TRS-80 MOD I 8 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 3 | St Charles | Apple4 |
| Cameron | 0 | | TRS-80 MOD III 29 |
| Claiborne | TRS-80 MOD I 1 | | Texas Instrume 10 |
| Concordia | Intertech 1 | St James | 0 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 3 | St John | Apple 5 |
| Desoto | 0 | St Martin | TRS-80 MOD III 2 |
| East Baton Rouge | Apple 27 | St Mary | TRS-80 MOD III 1 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 36 | St Tammany | Apple 4 |
| | Other 1 | | TRS-80 MOD I 1 |
| | Other 1 | Tensas | 0 |
| East Carroll | CCC-17 24 | Terrebonne | Apple 1 |
| Evangeline | 0 | | Atari 7 |
| Grant | 0 | | Burroughs 1 |
| Jackson | TRS-80 MOD II 1 | | TRS-80 MOD III 3 |
| | TRS-80 MOD III 2 | Union | 0 |
| Jefferson Davis | 0 | Vernon | Apple 2 |
| Lafayette | 0 | | TRS-80 MOD III 8 |
| Lafourche | Apple 6 | Webster | TRS-80 MOD II 15 |
| | TRS-80 MOD I 8 | | TRS-80 MOD III 34 |
| LaSalle | APF3 | West Carroll | TSC 1 |
| | Apple 1 | | TRS-80 MOD III 8 |
| Lincoln | Other 2 | West Feliciana | Apple 1 |
| Livingston | Apple 1 | | Apple 1 |
| Madison | PET 9 | | Bell & Howell 1 |
| | TRS-80 MOD I 1 | Winn | Apple 5 |
| Morehouse | 0 | City Monroe | PET 2 |
| Natchitoches | Apple 1 | | TRS-80 MOD III 2 |
| | Burroughs 1 | | Terminal 1 |
| | | City Bogalusa | TRS-80 MOD III 5 |
| | | | TRS-80 MOD III 1 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

Table 6. Functional use of the computer in the local education agencies (LEA'S) ranked by number of schools using each function*.

| Functional Use | Number of schools | Rank |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| Administrative | 195 | 1 |
| Computer Assisted Instruction | 141 | 2 |
| Computer Awareness Instruction | 118 | 3 |
| Computer Science Instruction | 117 | 4 |
| Computer Managed Instruction | 91 | 5 |
| Other** | 29 | 6 |
| Tracking Special Ed. Students | 23 | 7 |
| Career Guidance | 6 | 8 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

**Other responses included Business Education and Gifted and Talented Programs.

Table 7. Ratings of usefulness of the functional uses of the computer by the local education agencies (LEA'S) listed by number of schools using each function*.

| Functional use | Usefulness rating | | | | Score** |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | Very useful | Useful | Not useful | No response | |
| Administrative | 39 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 79 |
| Computer Assisted Instruction | 31 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 76 |
| Computer Awareness Instruction | 26 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 68 |
| Computer Science Instruction | 31 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 75 |
| Computer Managed Instruction | 29 | 14 | 2 | 6 | 72 |
| Other*** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 10 |
| Career Guidance | 22 | 22 | 0 | 7 | 66 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

**Score based on two points for a "very useful" response, one point for a "useful" response, and zero for a "not useful" or no response.

***Other responses included Business Education and Gifted and Talented Programs.

Table 8. Needs relative to use of computers and assistance available for each need in the local education agencies (LEA'S) as ranked by the LEA'S*

| Need | Mean score** | Rank | Number of LEA'S with assistance available |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------|---|
| Inservice Teacher Training | 1.4 | 1 | 18 |
| Computer Software Information | 2.1 | 2 | 19 |
| Computer Equipment Information | 2.6 | 3 | 22 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

**Score based on one point for the most critical need, two for the next most critical need, and so forth.

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The LEA central offices placed "administrative functions" (payroll, records, etc.) and "generating statistical and financial reports" as the two most common functional uses (Table 9). Relative to the central office providing a function to the schools, the central office considered administrative functions as most useful (Table 10).

In the ranking of the needs at the central office, inservice training ranked number one (Table 11). Among the write-in answers entered in the "other" category, one of interest was "clarification and consolidation of State Department reporting requirements."

CONCLUSIONS

This study indicated that 78 percent of the LEA's have computers in one or more of their public schools. It is clear that the introduction of the computer into our Louisiana schools has occurred. A large portion of our educational community has embraced this technological aid by providing both equipment and programs on their own initiative at the LEA level.

However, most respondents felt that there was a strong need for information on using the computers and information on available software and hardware.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Louisiana State Department of Education has begun providing assistance in this area. The Department can provide more assistance through increasing activities in the following areas:

1. Computer Awareness Workshops for teachers and administrators.
2. Preparation and distribution of information packages, using all available media, about (a) instructional uses of the computer, (b) guidelines for acquisition of microcomputer hardware and software, and (c) guidelines for integrating use of the computer into the schools' curricula.

Table 9. Number of local education agency (LEA) central offices using the computer for various functions*.

| Functional use | LEA central office count | Rank |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|
| Administrative | 45 | 1 |
| Generating Statistical and Financial Reports | 27 | 2 |
| Tracking Special Ed. Students | 15 | 3 |
| Computer Managed Instruction | 10 | 4 |
| Computer Assisted Instruction | 6 | 5.5 |
| Other** | 6 | 5.5 |
| Career Guidance | 1 | 7 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

**Other responses included Business Education Programs.

Table 10. Usefulness of the functional uses of the computer as rated by the local education agency (LEA) central offices listed in order of the number of schools using each function*.

| Functional use | Usefulness rating | | | | Score** |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | Very Useful | Useful | Not Useful | No Response | |
| Administrative | 43 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 91 |
| Computer Assisted Instruction | 26 | 16 | 1 | 7 | 68 |
| Career Guidance | 20 | 24 | 0 | 6 | 64 |
| Computer Managed Instruction | 22 | 19 | 2 | 7 | 63 |
| Other*** | 6 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 12 |

*Computer Use Survey, LEA's, February, 1982 -- 51 LEA's responding.

**Score based on two points for a "very useful" response, one point for a "useful" response, and zero for a "not useful" or no response.

***Other responses included Business Education and Gifted and Talented Programs.

Table 11. Needs relative to data processing in the central office and assistance available for each need in the local education agencies (LEA'S) as ranked by the LEA central offices*.

| Need | Mean score** | Rank | Number of LEA'S with assistance available |
|--|--------------|------|---|
| Inservice Training | 2.2 | 1 | 16 |
| Computer Software Information | 2.3 | 2 | 18 |
| Ability to use the computer in Reporting to the State Dept. of Education | 2.4 | 3 | 10 |
| Computer Equipment Information | 2.9 | 4 | 19 |

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** Score based on one point for the most critical need, two for the next most critical need, and so forth.

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3. Establishment of a statewide network of Instructional Computing Resource Centers (ICRC) in which the ICRC within the Department can aid in the orchestration of developing and distributing instructional computing resources and services to the educational community.
4. Participation on a state level in regional and national educational computing organizations that develop and distribute instructional software.
5. Establishment of a structure and process to continue to identify problems and the changing needs in this area.

The microcomputer is in our homes and schools. The Department's active guidance in instructional computing is needed to minimize waste and confusion and maximize the benefit from this technological aid to education.

APPENDIX A. SAMPLE SURVEY INSTRUMENT
LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMPUTER SURVEY

To: Ms. Smith

From: Dr. John Hubbell

Computers of all kinds are being used more frequently in our schools. We support this trend, but feel that teachers need more resources in order to use computers effectively. We are trying to determine what resources should be provided to the schools and to the Central Offices. If you have any questions please call Shirley McCandless or Dr. Hubbell at (504)342-0090. In response to our phone conversation, please complete and use the envelope provided to return the survey by February 26, 1982 to :

Dr. John N. Hubbell, Assistant Director
Bureau of MIS, Office of Research and Development
3455 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

PART A: INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTING NEEDS

Name of person completing survey: _____
1_39

Phone: _____ School System: _____
40_49 50_51

Date Completed: _____

1. How many public schools in your school system are NOW using computers in instruction? _____
52_54

2. How many schools are NOT using computers in instruction? _____
55_57

*****If the computer is NOT used for instruction in your school, please skip to question 5.*****

3. Please circle those grades in which computers are now used for instruction in your school: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
58_70

4. In what subject areas are computers used for instruction in your school? Check appropriate areas.

Language Arts ()₇₁ Science ()₇₂ Music ()₇₃ Physical Ed. ()₇₄

Social Studies ()₇₅ Math ()₇₆ Art ()₇₇ Home Ec. ()₇₈

Industrial Arts ()₇₉ Computer Science ()₈₀ Other _____₁

5. Indicate how many and what models of computers are used in your schools.

| Quantity | Make and Model |
|----------|----------------|
| 2_4 | 5 |
| 6_8 | 9 |
| 10_12 | 13 |
| 14_16 | 17 |

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6. Please indicate how computers are NOW being used in schools in your system by writing the number of schools that use computers in each of the following functions:

| FUNCTION | NUMBER OF SCHOOLS |
|---|-------------------|
| Administrative Functions (Computer used for scheduling, reports, records, etc.) | 18-20 |
| Computer-Managed Instruction (Computer used for recording class performance, grading) | 21-23 |
| Computer-Assisted Instruction (Computer used for drills in support of class activities) | 24-26 |
| Computer Science Instruction (Understanding computer operations, programming, etc.) | 27-29 |
| Computer Awareness Instruction (Brief introduction to the current use of computers.) | 30-32 |
| Career Guidance (Computer used for guidance activities with students.) | 33-35 |
| Tracking of Special Education students (Computer used for tracking progress and testing, etc.) | 36-38 |
| Other: _____ (Describe briefly.) | 39-41 |

7. If each function were available for use in your schools, how useful would that function be to the schools in performing their job?

| FUNCTION | very useful | useful | not useful | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|----|
| Administrative Functions | — | — | — | 42 |
| Computer-Managed Instruction | — | — | — | 43 |
| Computer-Assisted Instruction | — | — | — | 44 |
| Computer Science Instruction | — | — | — | 45 |
| Computer Awareness Instruction | — | — | — | 46 |
| Career Guidance | — | — | — | 47 |
| Other: _____ | — | — | — | 48 |

8. Please rank the needs listed below in order of how critical you believe them to be. Rank the most critical need as 1, the next most as 2, etc. Also indicate if assistance is currently available in your school district.

| NEEDS | RANK | ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE | |
|--|------|----------------------|----|
| Inservice Teacher Training | 49 | YES | NO |
| Computer equipment information | 51 | YES | NO |
| Computer software information (Computer software refers to programs available to run on the computer) | 53 | YES | NO |
| Other: _____ | 55 | YES | NO |

This is the end of Part A. Part B begins on the next page.

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PART B: CENTRAL OFFICE DATA PROCESSING NEEDS

This is the second part of a two part survey. The first part addresses instructional computing needs. Because this part may be completed separately from the first part, the following information is provided here.

Computers of all kinds are being used more frequently in our schools. We support this trend, but feel that we all need more resources in order to use computers effectively. We are trying to determine what resources should be provided to the schools and to the Central Offices. If you have any questions, please call Shirley McCandless or Dr. Hubbell at (504)342-0090. In response to our phone conversation, please complete and use the envelope provided to return the survey by February 26, 1982 to :

Dr. John N. Hubbell, Assistant Director
 Bureau of MIS, Office of Research and Development
 3455 Florida Blvd.
 Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Name of person completing survey. _____
 1_39

Phone: _____ School System: _____
 40_49 50_51

Date Completed: _____

1. Please indicate how computers are NOW being used in the Central Office of your school system by placing a check mark in the "IN USE" column for each of the following functions in use in your Central Office.

| FUNCTION | IN USE |
|---|-----------|
| Administrative Functions (Computer used for payroll, reports, records, etc.) | _____ _52 |
| Computer-Managed Instruction (Computer used for recording class performance, etc.) | _____ _53 |
| Computer Used in Direct Instruction (Computers used for drill and practice, computer science.) | _____ _54 |
| Career Guidance (Computer used for guidance activities with students.) | _____ _55 |
| Tracking of Special Education students (Computer used for tracking progress and testing, etc.) | _____ _56 |
| Generating Statistical and Financial Reports for the State Dept. of Education. | _____ _57 |
| Other: _____ (Describe briefly.) | _____ _58 |

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2. If each function were available for use in your schools, how useful would that function be to the schools in performing their job?

| FUNCTION | very useful | useful | not useful | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|-----|
| Administrative Functions | — | — | — | _59 |
| Computer-Managed Instruction | — | — | — | _60 |
| Computer-Assisted Instruction | — | — | — | _61 |
| Career Guidance | — | — | — | _62 |
| Other: _____ | — | — | — | _63 |

3. Please rank the needs listed below in order of how critical you believe them to be. Rank the most critical need as 1, the next most as 2, etc. Also indicate if assistance is currently available to your school district.

| NEEDS | RANK | ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE | |
|--|----------|----------------------|----|
| | | YES | NO |
| Inservice Training | — _64 | _65 | |
| Computer equipment information | — _66 | _67 | |
| Computer software information | — _68 | _69 | |
| Ability to use the computer in reporting to the State Dept. of Education | — _70 | _71 | |
| Other: _____ | — _72 | _73 | |

4. Indicate how many and what models of computers are used in the Central Office of your school system.

| Quantity | Make and Model |
|----------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

5. Do you have optical scanning equipment? Circle correct answer.

6. If YES, please indicate how many and what make and model(s).

| Quantity | Make and Model |
|----------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

7. Do you have terminals which are located in the schools and are connected with a computer in your central office?

8. If YES, please indicate how many and what make and model(s).

| Quantity | Make and Model |
|----------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS SURVEY.

APPENDIX B. CENTRAL OFFICE COMPUTERS

CENTRAL OFFICE COMPUTER

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| None Reported | Ascension |
| None Reported | Avoyelles |
| None Reported | Beauregard |
| None Reported | Bienville |
| None Reported | Bossier |
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| None Reported | Catahoula |
| None Reported | East Feliciana |
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| None Reported | Lincoln |
| None Reported | Natchitoches |
| None Reported | Plaquemines |
| None Reported | St. Helena |
| None Reported | St. John |
| None Reported | St. Landry |
| None Reported | Tangipahoa |
| None Reported | Terrebonne |
| None Reported | Vermilion |
| None Reported | Washington |
| None Reported | West Baton Rouge |
| None Reported | City of Bogalusa |
| (Bid Winner - IBM) | Rapides |
| (Contract) | East Carroll |
| (Info. Not Avail.) | Lafayette |
| (3 terminals to a service bureau) | Vernon |
| Alpha-Micro & Soroc | Lasalle |
| Apple II | Calcasieu |
| Apple II+ | Red River |
| Apple II+ | West Feliciana |
| Basic Four 210 | East Baton Rouge |
| Burroughs B-800 | St. Mary |
| Burroughs B1955 | Lafourche |
| Burroughs B3955 | East Baton Rouge |
| Burroughs B93 | Pointe Coupee |
| Burroughs L-5000 | Sabine |
| Burroughs L-6000 | Assumption |
| Burroughs L-6000 | West Carroll |
| Burroughs L-8700 | Webster |
| Burroughs L-8900 | St. James |
| Burroughs L-9000 | Iberville |
| Burroughs L-9000 | Morehouse |
| Burroughs L-9000 | City of Monroe |
| Burroughs 1855 | Iberia |
| Contract; 3 Term. & 2 Printers | St. Martin |
| Digital | St. Bernard |

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| EPIC | Allen |
| EPIC | Cameron |
| Heath-Zenith | Caldwell |
| Honeywell Level 62 | St. Tammany |
| IBM II | St. Bernard |
| IBM 34 | Livingston |
| IBM 4341-L2 | Orleans |
| Intertec Compustar | Grant |
| Intertec Compustar | Lasalle |
| Intertec Compustar | Madison |
| Intertec Compustar 30 | Tensas |
| Intertec Compustar 30 | Winn |
| Intertec Superbrain QD | West Carroll |
| NCR Century 151 | Calcasieu |
| NCR Century 300 | Concordia |
| NCR V-8455 | Ouachita |
| NCR 499 | Desoto |
| NCR 499 | Union |
| NCR 499 Mini | Grant |
| NCR 759 | Iberville |
| NCR 8022 | Richland |
| NCR 9020 | Evangeline |
| TRS-80 Model I | Acadia |
| TRS-80 Model I | Caldwell |
| TRS-80 Model II | Webster |
| TRS-80 Model III | Acadia |
| TRS-80 Model III | Caldwell |
| TRS-80 Model III | Claiborne |