AUTISM MODEL SCHOOL
LUCAS COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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**LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Autism Model School
Lucas County
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To the Governing Board:

***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Autism Model School, Lucas County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Autism Model School, Lucas County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Emphasis of Matter*

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the School adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

### *Other Matters*

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

### *Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2016, on our consideration of the School'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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dave Yost

**Dave Yost**
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 3, 2016

The management's discussion and analysis of the Autism Model School (the "School") financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- In total, net position was a deficit of $4,329,457 at June 30, 2015.

- The School had operating revenues of $3,471,409 and operating expenses of $3,620,348 for fiscal year 2015. The School also received $272,556 in Federal and State grants and $33,768 in contributions and donations during fiscal year 2015. The total change in net position for the fiscal year was an increase of $154,196.

**Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the School's financial activities. The s*tatement of net position* and s*tatement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position* provide information about the activities of the School, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

**Reporting the School Financial Activities**

***Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net position and the Statement of Cash Flows***

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2015?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include *all assets plus deferred outflows, liabilities plus deferred inflows, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School's *net position* and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the *financial position* of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and is meeting the cash flow needs of its operations.

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

***Required Supplementary Information***

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the School's net pension liability.

The table below provides a summary of the School's net position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014.

**Net Position**

| | 2015 | Restated 2014 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Current assets | $ 720,005 | $ 647,524 |
| Capital assets, net | 184,954 | 242,035 |
| Total assets | 904,959 | 889,559 |
| **Deferred outflows** | 346,520 | 296,586 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Current liabilities | 85,347 | 100,626 |
| Non-current liabilities: | | |
| Due within one year | 34,542 | 33,276 |
| Net pension liability | 4,602,572 | 5,453,235 |
| Due in more than one year | 48,119 | 82,661 |
| Total liabilities | 4,770,580 | 5,669,798 |
| **Deferred inflows** | 810,356 | - |
| **Net Position** | | |
| Investment in capital assets | 102,293 | 126,098 |
| Restricted | 56,170 | 28,990 |
| Unrestricted (deficit) | (4,487,920) | (4,638,741) |
| Total net position | $ (4,329,457) | $ (4,483,653) |

At June 30, 2015, the School's assets increased by $15,400 which represents a 1.73% increase from fiscal year 2014. The increase was primarily due to an increase in current assets of $72,481, as net capital assets decreased $57,081. The cash balance increased $96,005 from $562,993 to $658,998. Current liabilities decreased $15,279 primarily due to the timing of payments made for goods and services. The net position of the School increased $154,196, which represents a 3.44% increase from fiscal year 2014.

During 2015, the School adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability*. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the School's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2 Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the School is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system *as against the public employer.* State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the School's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the School is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at June 30, 2014, from $672,996 to a deficit of $4,483,653.

The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

**Change in Net Position**

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|---|---|
| **Operating Revenues:** | | |
| Foundation basic aid | $ 746,730 | $ 740,937 |
| Economic disadvantaged funding | 33,318 | 39,904 |
| Special education | 2,684,345 | 2,618,745 |
| Charges for services | 875 | - |
| Other operating revenue | 6,141 | 4,668 |
| Total operating revenue | 3,471,409 | 3,404,254 |
| **Operating Expenses:** | | |
| Salaries and wages | 2,048,935 | 2,048,906 |
| Fringe benefits | 439,537 | 531,112 |
| Purchased services | 827,243 | 797,673 |
| Materials and supplies | 186,680 | 204,589 |
| Depreciation | 70,153 | 62,378 |
| Other | 47,800 | 52,709 |
| Total operating expenses | 3,620,348 | 3,697,367 |
| **Non-operating revenues (expenses):** | | |
| Federal and state operating grants | 272,556 | 276,360 |
| Interest income | 602 | 601 |
| Contributions and donations | 33,768 | 31,715 |
| Interest and fiscal charges | (3,791) | (5,104) |
| Total non-operating revenues (expenses) | 303,135 | 303,572 |
| Change in net position | 154,196 | 10,459 |
| Net position at beginning of year (restated) | (4,483,653) | (4,494,112) |
| Net position at end of year | $ (4,329,457) | $ (4,483,653) |

State Foundation Basic Aid and Special Education, as a whole are the primary support for the School, representing 90.81% of total operating and non-operating revenues. Salaries and fringe benefits comprise 68.66% of total operating and non-operating expenses.

The School had total revenues of $3,778,335, and total expenses of $3,624,139. The change in net position for the year was an increase of $154,196.

The information necessary to restate the 2014 beginning balances and the 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, 2014 operating expenses still include pension expense of $296,586 computed under GASB 27. GASB 27 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2015 statements report pension expense of $213,992. Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total operating expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total 2015 operating expenses under GASB 68 | $ | 3,620,348 |
| Pension expense under GASB 68 | | (213,992) |
| 2015 contractually required contributions | | 304,233 |
| Adjusted 2015 operating expenses | | 3,710,589 |
| Total 2014 operating expenses under GASB 27 | | 3,697,367 |
| Increase in operating expenses not related to pension | $ | 13,222 |

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2015, the School had $184,954 invested in furniture, fixtures and equipment and vehicles net of accumulated depreciation.

### Debt Administration

At June 30, 2015, the School had $82,661 in loans payable. Of this amount, $34,542 is due within one year and $48,119 is due in more than one year.

### Current Financial Related Activities

The School's financial relationship with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West as the School's fiscal agent greatly improves the internal control structure and quality of its financial records. During the 2014-2015 school year there were 115 students enrolled in the School.

The School receives its finances mostly from State aid. In order to continually provide learning opportunities to the School's students, the School will apply resources to best meet the needs of its students. It is the intent of the School to apply for State and Federal funds that are made available to finance its operations.

### Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Ms. Mary Walters, Director at Autism Model School, 3020 Tremainsville Road, Toledo Ohio 43613 or email at autismschool@hotmail.com

**AUTISM MODEL SCHOOL**
**LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets:** | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Equity in pooled cash | | |
| and cash equivalents . . . . . . . . . . . | $ | 658,998 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Intergovernmental. . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 33,845 |
| Prepayments . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 27,162 |
| Total current assets . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 720,005 |
| Non-current assets: | | |
| Depreciable capital assets, net . . . . . . . | | 184,954 |
| Total assets. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 904,959 |
| Deferred outflows of resources: | | |
| Pension - STRS | | 197,052 |
| Pension - SERS | | 149,468 |
| Total deferred outflows of resources . . . . . . . | | 346,520 |
| **Liabilities:** | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 13,940 |
| Accrued wages and benefits . . . . . . . . . | | 36,649 |
| Pension obligation payable. . . . . . . . . . | | 5,566 |
| Intergovernmental payable . . . . . . . . . . | | 29,192 |
| Total current liabilities . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 85,347 |
| Non-current liabilities: | | |
| Due within one year . . . . . . . . . . . | | 34,542 |
| Net pension liability . . . . . . . . . . . | | 4,602,572 |
| Other amounts due in more than one year . . | | 48,119 |
| Total non-current liabilities . . . . . . . . . . . | | 4,685,233 |
| Total liabilities . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 4,770,580 |
| Deferred inflows of resources: | | |
| Pension - STRS | | 516,244 |
| Pension - SERS | | 294,112 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . . . . | | 810,356 |
| **Net position:** | | |
| Investment in capital assets. . . . . . . . . . . | | 102,293 |
| Restricted for: | | |
| Federal programs. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 16,557 |
| Other purposes. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 39,613 |
| Unrestricted (deficit) . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | (4,487,920) |
| Total net position (deficit). . . . . . . . . . . . . | $ | (4,329,457) |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**AUTISM MODEL SCHOOL**
**LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Operating revenues:** | | |
| Foundation revenue | $ | 746,730 |
| Economic disadvantaged funding | | 33,318 |
| Special education | | 2,684,345 |
| Charges for services | | 875 |
| Other | | 6,141 |
| Total operating revenues | | 3,471,409 |
| **Operating expenses:** | | |
| Salaries and wages | | 2,048,935 |
| Fringe benefits | | 439,537 |
| Purchased services | | 827,243 |
| Materials and supplies | | 186,680 |
| Other | | 47,800 |
| Depreciation | | 70,153 |
| Total operating expenses | | 3,620,348 |
| Operating loss | | (148,939) |
| **Non-operating revenues (expenses):** | | |
| Federal and State operating grants | | 272,556 |
| Interest revenue | | 602 |
| Contributions and donations | | 33,768 |
| Interest and fiscal charges | | (3,791) |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) | | 303,135 |
| Change in net position | | 154,196 |
| **Net position (deficit) at beginning of year (restated).** | | (4,483,653) |
| **Net position (deficit) at end of year** | $ | (4,329,457) |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**AUTISM MODEL SCHOOL**
**LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

| | |
|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities:** | |
| Cash received from state foundation | $ 3,522,916 |
| Cash received from charges for services | 875 |
| Cash received from other operations | 6,141 |
| Cash payments for salaries and wages | (2,046,189) |
| Cash payments for fringe benefits | (547,267) |
| Cash payments for contractual services | (828,413) |
| Cash payments for materials and supplies | (188,578) |
| Cash payments for other expenses | (46,422) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (126,937) |
| **Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:** | |
| Federal and State operating grants | 238,711 |
| Cash received from contributions and donations | 33,768 |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | 272,479 |
| **Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:** | |
| Interest and fiscal charges | (3,791) |
| Principal retirement on capital lease | (33,276) |
| Acquisition of capital assets | (13,072) |
| Net cash used in capital and related financing activities | (50,139) |
| **Cash flows from investing activities:** | |
| Interest received | 602 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 602 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 96,005 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year** | 562,993 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of year** | $ 658,998 |
| **Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:** | |
| Operating loss | $ (148,939) |
| Adjustments: | |
| Depreciation | 70,153 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | |
| Decrease in intergovernmental receivable | 53,407 |
| Decrease in prepayments | 3,962 |
| Decrease in accounts payable | (5,816) |
| Increase in accrued wages and benefits | 2,746 |
| Decrease in intergovernmental payable | (2,213) |
| Decrease in pension obligation payable | (9,996) |
| Decrease in net pension liability | (850,663) |
| Increase in deferred inflows - pension | 810,356 |
| Decrease in deferred outflows - pension | (49,934) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | $ (126,937) |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Autism Model School (the "School") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the School's tax-exempt status. The School's objective is to address the needs of students' ages 5 to 22 that are diagnosed with autism or anything within the spectrum of autism disorders. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under an amended and restated contract with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (the "Sponsor") for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2009. The contract terminates on June 30, 2010 and thereafter, renews annually for one-year terms from July 1 to June 30. This contract was renewed for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 by the Sponsor. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. The sponsorship agreement states the Treasurer of Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the School (See Note 12).

The School operates under the direction of a six-member Governing Board. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers. The Governing Board controls the School's two instructional/support facilities staffed by 47 non-certified and 20 certified personnel who provide services to 115 students.

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements (BFS) of the School have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School's significant accounting policies are described below.

### A. Basis of Presentation

The School's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position and cash flows.

### B. Measurement Focus

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets plus deferred outflows and all liabilities plus deferred inflows are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

### C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recognized in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The School's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Revenue resulting from nonexchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the period when the resources are required to be used or the period when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

### D. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School, deferred outflows of resources have been reported for the following two items related the School's net pension liability: (1) the difference between expected and actual experience of the pension systems, and (2) the School's contributions to the pension systems subsequent to the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the School, deferred inflows of resources include the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments related to the School's net pension liability.

### E. Budgetary Process

The contract between the School and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.391(A) of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the School to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually, and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

### F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the School are accounted for by the School's fiscal agent, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. All cash received by the fiscal agent is maintained in separate bank accounts in the School's name. Monies for the School are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments. During the fiscal year ended 2015, the School only had deposits.

### G. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of $1,000.

Improvements are capitalized. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

| Description | Estimated Live |
|---|---|
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 5 Years |
| Vehicles | 5 Years |
| Capital leases | 5 Years |

### H. Intergovernmental Revenues

The School currently participates in the Foundation Basic Aid Program, State Economic Disadvantaged Funding and State Special Education Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues (foundation payments) in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility includes timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

### I. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2015, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

### I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The amount restricted for other purposes represents amounts restricted for local grants.

The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

### J. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net positon have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

### K. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### L. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the School. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

## NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

### Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement of Net Position

For fiscal year 2015, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*", GASB Statement No. 69 *"Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations",* and GASB Statement No. 71*, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68".*

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 68 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 affected the School's pension plan disclosures, as presented in Note 9 to the financial statements, and added required supplementary information.

GASB Statement No. 71 improves the accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in GASB Statement No. 68, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that Statement by employers and nonemployer contributing entities.

A net position restatement is required in order to implement GASB Statement No 68 and 71. The net position at July 1, 2014 has been restated as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Net position as previously reported | $ 672,996 |
| Deferred outflows - payments subsequent to measurement date | 296,586 |
| Net pension liability | (5,453,235) |
| Restated net position at July 1, 2014 | $ (4,483,653) |

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the School made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available. The restatement had no effect on fund balances.

## NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS

### Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all School deposits was $658,998. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2015, $551,460 of the School's bank balance of $754,588 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and $203,128 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. The School has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School to a successful claim by the FDIC.

## NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

| | Balance 06/30/14 | Additions | Deductions | Balance 06/30/15 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Capital assets, being depreciated:* | | | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | $ 224,496 | $ 13,072 | $ - | $ 237,568 |
| Vehicles | 223,954 | - | - | 223,954 |
| Total capital assets, being depreciated | 448,450 | 13,072 | - | 461,522 |
| *Less: accumulated depreciation* | | | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | (141,629) | (25,362) | - | (166,991) |
| Vehicles | (64,786) | (44,791) | - | (109,577) |
| Total accumulated depreciation | (206,415) | (70,153) | - | (276,568) |
| Capital assets, net | $ 242,035 | $ (57,081) | $ - | $ 184,954 |

## NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2015, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full. The School had a $33,845 receivable for Title I grant funds.

## NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The long-term obligations at June 30, 2014 have been restated, as described in Note 3. The School's long term obligations activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

| | Restated Balance 6/30/14 | Additions | Reductions | Balance 6/30/15 | Amounts Due in One Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loans payable | $ 115,937 | $ - | $ (33,276) | $ 82,661 | $ 34,542 |
| Net pension liability | 5,453,235 | - | (850,663) | 4,602,572 | - |
| Total | $ 5,569,172 | $ - | $ (883,939) | $ 4,685,233 | $ 34,542 |

In fiscal year 2013, the School entered into loans for the purchase of ten vans. These loans were each for 60 months with interest rates between 3.39 percent and 3.79 percent. See Note 9 for details on the net pension liability.

The following is a summary of the future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the vehicle loans:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | $ 34,542 | $ 2,518 | $ 37,060 |
| 2017 | 35,877 | 1,190 | 37,067 |
| 2018 | 12,242 | 117 | 12,359 |
| Total | $ 82,661 | $ 3,825 | $ 86,486 |

## NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

### A. Insurance Coverage

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2015, the School contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company for general liability and property insurance and educational errors and omissions insurance.

## NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

Coverage is as follows:

| Coverage | Limits of Coverage |
|---|---|
| Commercial General Liability per occurrence | $ 1,000,000 |
| Commercial General Liability aggregate | 3,000,000 |
| Umbrella Liability | 5,000,000 |
| Business Property: | |
| Tremainsville Road - Building | 4,500,000 |
| Tremainsville Road – Business personal property | 1,175,000 |
| St. Clement Court | 5,000 |
| Director's & Officer's Liability | 1,000,000 |

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. The School owns no property, but leases facilities located at 3020 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio, 2020 W Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and 2700 St. Clement Court, Toledo, Ohio.

### B. Workers' Compensation

The School pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

### C. Employee Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits

The School provides employee medical, dental, and vision insurance to its employees. The School pays 50% of the monthly premium for medical coverage.

## NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions-–between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the School's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Ohio Revised Code limits the School's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the School does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *pension obligation payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Plan Description – School non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

| | Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 * | Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017 |
|---|---|---|
| Full Benefits | Any age with 30 years of service credit | Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or<br>Age 57 with 30 years of service credit |
| Actuarially Reduced | Age 60 with 5 years of service credit<br>Age 55 with 25 years of service credit | Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or<br>Age 60 with 25 years of service credit |

* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was $134,045 for fiscal year 2015.

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – School licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

## NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The School was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School's contractually required contribution to STRS was $170,188 for fiscal year 2015.

## NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

| | SERS | STRS | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability | $ 1,812,121 | $ 2,790,451 | $ 4,602,572 |
| Proportion of the Net Pension Liability | 0.035806% | 0.011472% | |
| Pension Expense | $ 105,748 | $ 108,244 | $ 213,992 |

At June 30, 2015, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | SERS | STRS | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Deferred Outflows of Resources** | | | |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | $ 15,423 | $ 26,864 | $ 42,287 |
| School contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 134,045 | 170,188 | 304,233 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | $ 149,468 | $ 197,052 | $ 346,520 |
| **Deferred Inflows of Resources** | | | |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | $ 294,112 | $ 516,244 | $ 810,356 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | $ 294,112 | $ 516,244 | $ 810,356 |

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

$304,233 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| | SERS | STRS | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Year Ending June 30: | | | |
| 2016 | $ (69,672) | $ (122,345) | $ (192,017) |
| 2017 | (69,672) | (122,345) | (192,017) |
| 2018 | (69,672) | (122,345) | (192,017) |
| 2019 | (69,673) | (122,345) | (192,018) |
| Total | $ (278,689) | $ (489,380) | $ (768,069) |

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

| | |
|---|---|
| Wage Inflation | 3.25 percent |
| Future Salary Increases, including inflation | 4 percent to 22 percent |
| COLA or Ad Hoc COLA | 3 percent |
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Entry Age Normal |

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation | Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return |
|---|---|---|
| Cash | 1.00 % | 0.00 % |
| US Stocks | 22.50 | 5.00 |
| Non-US Stocks | 22.50 | 5.50 |
| Fixed Income | 19.00 | 1.50 |
| Private Equity | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Real Assets | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Multi-Asset Strategies | 15.00 | 7.50 |
| Total | 100.00 % | |

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

***Discount Rate*** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

| | 1% Decrease (6.75%) | Current Discount Rate (7.75%) | 1% Increase (8.75%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability | $ 2,585,359 | $ 1,812,121 | $ 1,161,762 |

***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

| | |
|---|---|
| Inflation | 2.75 percent |
| Projected salary increases | 2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20 |
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.75 percent, net of investment expenses |
| Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) | 2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date. |

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years; one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

## NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS' investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation | Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return |
|---|---|---|
| Domestic Equity | 31.00 % | 8.00 % |
| International Equity | 26.00 | 7.85 |
| Alternatives | 14.00 | 8.00 |
| Fixed Income | 18.00 | 3.75 |
| Real Estate | 10.00 | 6.75 |
| Liquidity Reserves | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| Total | 100.00 % | |

***Discount Rate*** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

***Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

| | 1% Decrease (6.75%) | Current Discount Rate (7.75%) | 1% Increase (8.75%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability | $ 6,994,834 | $ 2,790,451 | $ 1,771,947 |

## NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

### A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The School contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2015, 0.82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2015, this amount was $20,450. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the School's surcharge obligation was $14,394

The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were $26,826, $18,331, and $13,393, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

### B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – The School participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

**NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were $0, $11,771, and $11,404 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**NOTE 11 - OPERATING LEASE**

The School entered into an operating lease agreement on July 1, 2010 with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo to rent the St. Clement Parish Church and adjacent former St. Clement School located at 3020 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio. The original lease for a two year term ended on June 30, 2012. The lease was renewed for a five year period through June 30, 2017. The monthly rental payment was $15,600.

**NOTE 12 - FISCAL AGENT**

The School entered into a service agreement as part of its Sponsorship contract with the Treasurer of the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (the "Sponsor") to serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the School. As part of this agreement, the School shall compensate the Sponsor two percent (2%) of the per pupil allotment paid to the School from the State of Ohio. Total contract payments of $66,286 in fiscal fees and $51,763 in Sponsor fees were paid during fiscal year 2015. A liability of $5,471 was accrued for fiscal fees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

The Treasurer shall perform all of the following functions while serving as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the School:

- Maintain custody of all funds received by the School in segregated accounts separate from the Sponsor or any other Community School's funds;
- Maintain all books and accounts of the School;
- Maintain all financial records of all State funds of the School and follow State Auditor procedures for receiving and expending State funds;
- Assist the School in meeting all financial reporting requirements established by the Auditor of the State of Ohio;
- Invest funds of the School in the same manner as the funds of the Sponsor are invested, but the Treasurer shall not commingle the funds with any of the Sponsor or any other community school; and,
- Pay obligations incurred by the School within a reasonable amount of time, not more than 14 calendar days after receipt of a properly executed voucher signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the School so long as the proposed expenditure is within the approved budget and funds are available.

## NOTE 13 - PURCHASED SERVICES

For fiscal year 2015, purchased services expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Professional and technical services | $ | 573,295 |
| Property services | | 227,381 |
| Travel | | 4,941 |
| Communications | | 17,553 |
| Other purchased services | | 4,073 |
| Total | $ | 827,243 |

## NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

### A. Grants

The School received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. The effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2015, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

### B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2015 Foundation funding for the School; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this could result in 'either a receivable to or liability of the School'.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|---|---|
| School's proportion of the net pension liability | 0.03580600% | 0.03580600% |
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability | $ 1,812,121 | $ 2,129,268 |
| School's covered-employee payroll | $ 1,040,447 | $ 787,825 |
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 174.17% | 270.27% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 71.70% | 65.52% |

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|---|---|
| School's proportion of the net pension liability | 0.01147226% | 0.01147226% |
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability | $ 2,790,451 | $ 3,323,967 |
| School's covered-employee payroll | $ 1,172,154 | $ 1,140,408 |
| School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 238.06% | 291.47% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 74.70% | 69.30% |

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Contractually required contribution | $ 134,045 | $ 144,206 | $ 109,035 | $ 95,850 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | (134,045) | (144,206) | (109,035) | (95,850) |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| School's covered-employee payroll | $ 1,017,033 | $ 1,040,447 | $ 787,825 | $ 712,639 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 13.18% | 13.86% | 13.84% | 13.45% |

| 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $ 84,543 | $ 92,902 | $ 65,130 | $ 64,397 | $ 81,330 | $ 55,487 |
| (84,543) | (92,902) | (65,130) | (64,397) | (81,330) | (55,487) |
| $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| $ 672,578 | $ 686,130 | $ 661,890 | $ 655,774 | $ 761,517 | $ 524,452 |
| 12.57% | 13.54% | 9.84% | 9.82% | 10.68% | 10.58% |

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SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Contractually required contribution | $ 170,188 | $ 152,380 | $ 148,253 | $ 118,677 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | (170,188) | (152,380) | (148,253) | (118,677) |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| School's covered-employee payroll | $ 1,215,629 | $ 1,172,154 | $ 1,140,408 | $ 912,900 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 14.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% |

| 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $ 113,771 | $ 118,853 | $ 127,951 | $ 117,696 | $ 82,185 | $ 68,153 |
| (113,771) | (118,853) | (127,951) | (117,696) | (82,185) | (68,153) |
| $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| $ 875,162 | $ 914,254 | $ 984,238 | $ 905,354 | $ 632,192 | $ 524,254 |
| 13.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% | 13.00% |

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the schedules should be presented as notes to the schedule.

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Autism Model School
Lucas County
3020 Tremainsville Road
Toledo, Ohio 43613-1901

To the Governing Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Autism Model School, Lucas County, Ohio (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2016, wherein we noted the School adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71*, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68.*

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the School's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

### *Compliance and Other Matters*

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### *Purpose of this Report*

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Dave Yost

**Dave Yost**
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 3, 2016

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

Susan Babbitt

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED**
**JUNE 21, 2016**