



***SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY***

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**SCIOTO COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015**

**J.L. UHRIG**  
AND ASSOCIATES INC.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS







# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Southern Ohio Academy  
550 Glenwood Avenue  
New Boston, Ohio 45662

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Southern Ohio Academy, Scioto County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Southern Ohio Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

February 18, 2016

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SCIOTO COUNTY**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Southern Ohio Academy  
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### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Ohio Academy (the Academy) Scioto County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy'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' *Governmental 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 Academy'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 Academy'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 opinions.

***Opinion***

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

***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 on pages 3-6, 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 inquires of management about methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, 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 assurance.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 10, 2015, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.***

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Chillicothe, Ohio

December 10, 2015



**SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
Unaudited

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

**Financial Highlights**

- ❑ Total Net Position equaled \$309,338.
- ❑ Purchased Services increased significantly due to the Academy returning monies to the participating school districts for the first time since operations began. Per the joint agreement for cooperative operation, the Academy may return a portion of monies to the participating school districts at fiscal year-end.

**Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of three parts, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position answer the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2015?" These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities are reported, both short and long-term. These statements use the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the fiscal year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014:

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(Table 1)  
**Net Position**

	2015	2014	Change
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current Assets	\$435,196	\$321,810	\$113,386
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,904	3,403	(499)
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>438,100</u>	<u>325,213</u>	<u>112,887</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Current Liabilities	128,762	15,580	113,182
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,904	3,403	(499)
Restricted for Other Purposes	62,469	55,683	6,786
Unrestricted	243,965	250,547	(6,582)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$309,338</u>	<u>\$309,633</u>	<u>(\$295)</u>

For fiscal year 2015, current assets increased \$113,386 due to the Academy monitoring expenses during the fiscal year. Current liabilities increased due to the Academy returning monies to the participating school districts for the first time since operations began. Per the joint agreement for cooperative operation, the Academy may return a portion of monies to the participating school districts.

Restricted for Other Purposes increased as a result of the Academy not spending all of the federal grant dollars that it received during the fiscal year.

Unrestricted Net Position decreased slightly during the fiscal year.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

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(Table 2)  
**Change in Net Position**

	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Foundation Payments	\$608,060	\$611,885	(\$3,825)
Charges for Services	12,735	3,266	9,469
<b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>			
Other Federal and State Grants	75,497	130,631	(55,134)
Other	211	0	211
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>696,503</u>	<u>745,782</u>	<u>(49,279)</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Purchased Services	684,003	535,230	148,773
Materials and Supplies	4,615	11,675	(7,060)
Depreciation	499	499	0
Other Expenses	7,681	8,595	(914)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>696,798</u>	<u>555,999</u>	<u>140,799</u>
Change in Net Position	(295)	189,783	(190,078)
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>309,633</u>	<u>119,850</u>	<u>189,783</u>
<i>Net Position at End of Year</i>	<u>\$309,338</u>	<u>\$309,633</u>	<u>(\$295)</u>

The Academy's business-type activities consist of enterprise activity. Community schools receive no support from taxes. Foundation payments decreased slightly during fiscal year 2015. Other Federal and State Grants decreased mainly due to a decrease in the amount of federal grant monies received compared to the previous fiscal year.

Operating expenses increased during fiscal year 2015. Purchased Services increased significantly due to the Academy returning monies to the participating school districts for the first time since operations began. Per the joint agreement for cooperative operation, the Academy may return a portion of monies to the participating school districts at fiscal year-end.

**Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the Academy had \$2,904 invested in equipment. For more information on capital assets see Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
Unaudited

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**Contacting the Academy's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Andrew T. Riehl, fiscal agent for the Southern Ohio Academy, at the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, 522 Glenwood Avenue, New Boston, Ohio 45662, or by calling 740-354-0234.

**SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY**

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2015

**Assets:**

**Current Assets:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$372,947
Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>62,249</u>

*Total Current Assets* 435,196

**Non-Current Assets:**

Capital Assets:

Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,904</u>
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*Total Assets* 438,100

**Liabilities:**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	4,125
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>124,637</u>

*Total Liabilities* 128,762

**Net Position:**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,904
Restricted for Other Purposes	62,469
Unrestricted	<u>243,965</u>

*Total Net Position* \$309,338

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation Payments	\$608,060
Charges for Services	12,735
	<u>620,795</u>
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	
	<u>620,795</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Purchased Services	684,003
Materials and Supplies	4,615
Depreciation	499
Other Expenses	7,681
	<u>696,798</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	
	<u>696,798</u>
<i>Operating Loss</i>	
	<u>(76,003)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>	
Other Federal and State Grants	75,497
Other	211
	<u>75,708</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i>	
	<u>75,708</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	
	(295)
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Year</i>	
	<u>309,633</u>
<i>Net Position at End of Year</i>	
	<u><u>\$309,338</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

**Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

Cash Received from Customers	\$12,735
Cash Received from Foundation Payments	608,629
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(576,005)
Cash Payments to Others	(7,681)
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<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	37,678
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**Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:**

Other Non-Operating Revenues	211
Federal and State Subsidies Received	62,362
	62,362

<i>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	62,573
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<i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	100,251
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<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</i>	272,696
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<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</i>	\$372,947
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net**

**Cash Provided by Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss	(\$76,003)
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating**

**Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:**

Depreciation	499
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(8,955)
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	122,137
	122,137

Total Adjustments	113,681
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Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$37,678
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Notes To The Basic Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Southern Ohio Academy (the “Academy”) is a non-profit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in grades seven through twelve. The Academy, 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 Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy. Southern Ohio Academy qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501c (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 Academy’s tax exempt status.

On December 1, 2011, theScioto County Career Technical Center(the “Sponsor”) entered into a contract with the Academy to be the Academy’s Sponsor effective July 1, 2012. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. The Sponsorship agreement is in place for a five year term ending on June 30, 2017.

The Academy operates under the direction of a nine-member Board of Directors. The Board membershipconsists ofsuperintendents from the 10 participating school districts. Because ORC requires an odd number of members, the Board has determined that Board membership will rotate annually with one school district not being represented each year.The Board of Directors 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. Work space for students is provided by the Sponsor as well as locations at each participating school district. The South Central Ohio Educational Service Center (the “ESC”) serves as fiscal agent for the Academy. All individuals working with the Academy are employees of the ESC. Salaries, benefits and associated costs are paid by the ESC. The Academy reimburses the ESC for these services.

**Reporting Entity**

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Academy consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the Academy. For the Southern Ohio Academy, this includes general operations and student related activities of the Academy.



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Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Academy is financially accountable. The Academy is financially accountable for an organization if the Academy appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Academy is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Academy is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Academy is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Academy is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Academy in that the Academy approves the issuance of debt. Southern Ohio Academy has no component units.

The Southern Ohio Academy participates in one jointly governed organization, the South Central Ohio Computer Association Council of Governments (SCOCACoG). Information about this organization is presented in Note 8 to the basic financial statements.

## **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

### **Basis Of Presentation**

The Academy'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.

During the fiscal year, the Academy segregates transactions related to certain Academy functions or activities into separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. For financial reporting, the Academy uses a single enterprise fund presentation.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

### **Measurement Focus**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment of the Academy's financial transactions is determined by the Academy's measurement focus. Enterprise fund accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs.

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**Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported on the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The Academy'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.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy; therefore, no budgetary information is presented in the financial statements.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Academy's fiscal agent accounts for all monies received by the Academy. The Academy maintains a depository account for all funds of the Academy. This account is presented on the Statement of Net Position as "Cash and Cash Equivalents".

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, which is determined by indexing the current replacement cost back to the year of acquisition) 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 Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500 for all capital assets. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs 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.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 20 years

**Net Position**

Net Position represents the difference between all other elements on a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the Academy. These revenues consist of charges for services and foundation receipts. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the Academy. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**Intergovernmental Revenues**

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenue received from this program is recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

The remaining grants and entitlements received by the Academy are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which eligibility requirements have been met.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

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Notes To The Basic Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 3 - CASH DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outsideparty. At fiscal year-end, all of the Academy’s bank balance of \$387,822 was either covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized with pooled securities held by the pledging financial institution in the manner described below.

The Academy has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Academy or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

**NOTE 4-RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2015, consisted of intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one fiscal year.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	
Title I	\$58,180
IDEA Special Education Part B	3,532
Title II-A, Improving Teacher Quality	537
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$62,249

**NOTE 5- CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	Balance 6/30/14	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/15
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$3,996	\$0	\$0	\$3,996
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(593)	(499)	0	(1,092)
Capital Assets, Net	\$3,403	(\$499)	\$0	\$2,904

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**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy 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 Academy contracted with Argonaut Insurance for property liability insurance.

Settled claims did not exceed this commercial coverage in the prior fiscal year. There has been no significant change in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

**NOTE 7-PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, purchased service expenses included the following:

Type	Amount
Professional and Technical Services	\$217,087
Equipment and Support Services	271,313
Internet and Cellular Service	14,757
Fiscal Agent and Sponsor Fees	36,285
School District Reimbursements	123,924
Other	20,637
Total	<u>\$684,003</u>

**NOTE 8-JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

**South Central Ohio Computer Association Council of Governments (SCOCACoG)**

The School District is a participant in the South Central Ohio Computer Association Council of Governments (SCOCACoG), which is organized under ORC Code Chapter 167 as a council of governments. SCOCACoG is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Pickaway, Gallia, Adams, Brown, Highland, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Jackson, and Lawrence Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of SCOCACoG consists of two representatives from each county in the SCOCACoG service region designated by the Ohio Department of Education and two representatives of the school treasurers. The Board exercises total control over the operations of SCOCACoG including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each School District's degree of control is limited to its representation on the Board. The Academy paid SCOCACoG \$7,117 for services provided during the fiscal year. Financial information can be obtained from the SCOCA Council of Governments, Sandra Benson, Fiscal Officer, at P.O. Box 596, 175 Beaver Creek Rd., Piketon, Ohio, 45661.

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**NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES**

**Litigation**

The Academy is not party to any legal proceedings.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards**

Board of Directors  
Southern Ohio Academy  
522 Glenwood Avenue  
New Boston, OH 45662

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the Southern Ohio Academy (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2015.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of supporting our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Directors  
Southern Ohio Academy  
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.*

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Chillicothe, Ohio

December 10, 2015





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**SOUTHERN OHIO ACADEMY**

**SCIOTO COUNTY**

**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  
MARCH 1, 2016**