

Northpointe Academy
Lucas County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2017



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Education
Northpointe Academy
3648 Victory Ave.
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Northpointe Academy, Lucas County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 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 Northpointe Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

April 20, 2018

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Lucas County, Ohio
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January 30, 2018

To the Board of Directors
Northpointe Academy
Lucas County, Ohio
3648 Victory Ave.
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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northpointe Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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 the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northpointe Academy, Lucas County, Ohio as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with 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 that the management's discussion and analysis, the Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Academy Contributions on pages 4-8, 35, and 36-37, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2018 on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's 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 Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

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NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

The management's discussion and analysis of Northpointe Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

The management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) in its Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- Total net position was (\$2,733,771).
- Total assets were \$547,292.
- Deferred outflows of resources were \$1,058,409.
- Total liabilities were \$4,339,472.

Using this Annual Report

This report consists of three parts, the basic financial statements, the notes to those statements, and the required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

Northpointe Academy Financial Activities
Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Change 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 2017?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, revenues and expenses, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into the account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's net position and change in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Academy as a whole, the financial position of the Academy has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report. The Statement of Cash Flows can be found on pages 11-12.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 13-34 of this report.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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Statement of Net Position

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016:

TABLE 1

	June 30	
	2017	2016
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 495,897	\$ 468,194
Capital assets - net	51,395	95,291
Total assets	547,292	563,485
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Pension	1,058,409	429,240
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,058,409	429,240
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	195,999	238,593
Noncurrent liabilities		
Due in more than one year		
Net pension liability	4,143,473	3,093,601
Total liabilities	4,339,472	3,332,194
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Pension	-	180,252
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	180,252
Net Position		
Investment in capital assets	51,395	95,291
Unrestricted	(2,785,166)	(2,615,012)
Total net position	\$(2,733,771)	\$(2,519,721)

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Statement of Net Position (continued)

Under the standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the Academy'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 the 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 this exchange. However, the Academy 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 Academy'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.

Total net position for the Academy decreased \$214,050. Intergovernmental receivable increased \$33,565 primarily due to the accrual of a Medicaid settlement from a prior year. Intergovernmental payable increased \$30,716 due to a full-time equivalency (FTE) adjustment due to the Ohio Department of Education.

In 2017, the net pension liability increased \$1,049,872, which represents a 34% increase over 2016. This increase, with the increase of \$629,169 in deferred outflows and the \$180,252 decrease in deferred inflows, is the result of changes in related accruals associated with GASB 68. These accounts represent changes in expected and actual experience, projected and actual earnings on investments, changes of assumptions, and change in proportion. See Note 8 for further information.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Change in Net Position

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

TABLE 2

	June 30	
	2017	2016*
Operating Revenues		
Foundation payments	\$ 2,867,888	\$ 3,077,787
Food services	-	1,415
Other revenues	93,136	45,546
Nonoperating Revenues		
Federal grants	655,463	739,773
State grants	21,517	24,821
Contributions and donations	-	8,389
Total revenue	<u>3,638,004</u>	<u>3,897,731</u>
Operating Expenses		
Purchased services	3,609,434	3,391,781
Materials and supplies	140,384	194,315
Depreciation (unallocated)	43,896	48,620
Other expenses	54,316	60,163
Nonoperating Expenses		
Interest and fiscal charges	-	984
Special assessments	4,024	3,737
Other nonoperating expenses	-	9,101
Total expenses	<u>3,852,054</u>	<u>3,708,701</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ (214,050)	\$ 189,030
Net position beginning of year	<u>(2,519,721)</u>	<u>(2,708,751)</u>
Net position end of year	<u><u>\$(2,733,771)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(2,519,721)</u></u>

*2016 was adjusted to account for a change in revenue classifications.

Net position decreased \$214,050. Other revenues increased \$47,590 due to a Medicaid settlement and eRate collections. Other nonoperating expenses decreased \$9,101 due to a one-time prior year retirement cost adjustment for contracted services in fiscal year 2016. The decreases in Foundation payments and Federal grants are mainly attributable to a decrease in student enrollment. The increase in purchased services is mainly due to adjustments to pension expense related to changes in net pension liability and related deferrals.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the Academy had \$51,395 invested in furniture, EDP equipment and software, non-EDP equipment, vehicles, and leasehold improvements (net of depreciation). Table 3 shows capital assets (net of depreciation) for the fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

TABLE 3	<u>Net Capital Assets</u>	
	June 30	
	2017	2016
Leasehold improvements	\$ 4,606	\$ 9,212
Furniture	9,328	14,308
EDP equipment and software	31,600	59,640
Non-EDP equipment	5,861	9,979
Vehicles	-	2,152
Total capital assets	\$ 51,395	\$ 95,291

For more information on capital assets, see Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

Current Financial Issues

Northpointe Academy was formed in 2007 under a contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools. During the 2016-2017 school year there were 334 students enrolled in the Academy. The Academy receives its finances mostly from state aid. Foundation payments for fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$2,867,888.

On December 12, 2017, the Academy's sponsor, Ohio Council of Community Schools, provided the Academy a notice to non-renew their sponsorship agreement with the Academy effective June 30, 2018. The Academy unsuccessfully appealed this decision and will be seeking new sponsorship.

Contacting the Academy's Financial Management

The 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 funds it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact:

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NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$319,222
Accounts receivable	10,808
Intergovernmental receivables	135,304
Prepaid items	30,563
Total Current Assets	495,897

Non-Current Assets

Capital assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net	51,395
Total Non-Current Assets	51,395

Total Assets	547,292
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Deferred Outflows of Resources

Pension	1,058,409
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Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,058,409
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	22,414
Accounts payable - related party	128,501
Intergovernmental payable	38,322
Contracts payable	6,762
Total Current Liabilities	195,999

Non-Current Liabilities

Due in more than one year	
Net pension liability	4,143,473
Total Non-Current Liabilities	4,143,473

Total Liabilities	4,339,472
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Net Position

Investment in capital assets	51,395
Unrestricted (deficit)	(2,785,166)

Total Net Position	(\$2,733,771)
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

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<i>Operating Revenues</i>	
Foundation payments	\$2,867,888
Other revenues	93,136
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<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	2,961,024
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	
Purchased services (Note 11)	3,609,434
Materials and supplies	140,384
Depreciation	43,896
Other	54,316
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<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	3,848,030
<i>Operating Loss</i>	(887,006)
<i>Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses</i>	
Federal grants	655,463
State grants	21,517
Special assessments	(4,024)
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<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses</i>	672,956
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	(214,050)
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	(2,519,721)
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<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	(\$2,733,771)
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash received from State of Ohio	\$2,905,289
Cash received for food services	669
Cash received from other operating revenues	72,484
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(3,660,685)</u>

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities (682,243)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities

Federal grants received	646,041
State grants received	22,328
Special assessments	<u>(10,187)</u>

Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities 658,182

Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents (24,061)

Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year 343,283

Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year \$319,222

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NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net
Cash Used by Operating Activities:**

Operating loss (\$887,006)

**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities**

Depreciation	43,896
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(10,139)
Increase in intergovernmental receivable	(11,279)
Increase in prepaid items	(8,060)
Increase in deferred outflows	(629,169)
Decrease in accounts payable	(31,060)
Decrease in contracts payable	(23,502)
Decrease in accrued wages and benefits	(23,704)
Increase in intergovernmental payable	30,716
Decrease in STRS-SERS payable	(2,556)
Increase in net pension liability	1,049,872
Decrease in deferred inflows	(180,252)

Total Adjustments 204,763

Net Cash Used by Operating Activities (\$682,243)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Northpointe Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy's mission is to prepare its students for future success through challenging and relevant curriculum combined with meaningful instruction and opportunities for leadership. The Academy is committed to preparing its students to be successful in a constantly evolving and information-centered society. They will introduce key concepts to each student, such as social tolerance and understanding as well as academic excellence, while creating a relevant learning environment. In doing so, students will receive the highest quality education and be encouraged and guided to embrace critical thinking in every aspect of their lives through the use of information technology and business concepts. 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 acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

On March 14, 2007, the Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor") for a period of five years through June 20, 2012. This contract has since been renewed through June 30, 2018. 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 total sponsor fees paid to the Ohio Council of Community Schools for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$84,238.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member board of directors, which is also the governing board for another The Leona Group, LLC-managed school. 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. The Governing Board controls the Academy's instructional/support facility staffed by twenty-one non-certified personnel and forty-two certificated teachers who provide services to 334 students.

The board of directors has entered into a management contract with The Leona Group, LLC (TLG), a for-profit limited liability corporation, for management services and operation of its school. TLG operates the Academy's instructional/support facility, is the employer of record for all personnel and supervises and implements the curriculum. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee (see Note 13).

The State of Ohio requires that the financial activities of all community schools are overseen by a licensed fiscal officer. Effective January 1, 2017, the fiscal officer is employed by the board of directors and is not affiliated with TLG.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

A. 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. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Measurement Focus

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

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. 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 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.

D. 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 Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast which is to be updated on an annual basis.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "cash and cash equivalents" on the statement of net position and is maintained in a demand account. The Academy had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values on the date donated. 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. All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. A summary of capital asset activity can be found in Note 6. Cost thresholds and useful lives are as follows:

Capitalization and Depreciation Policy

<u>Category</u>	<u>Cost Threshold</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Leasehold improvements	Professional judgement not less than \$25,000	Life of lease
Furniture and non-EDP equipment	Individual item - \$4,000	5 years
EDP equipment and software		3 years

G. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. For the Academy, these revenues are primarily foundation payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the Academy. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the Academy, deferred outflows of resources consist of pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are reported on the statement of net position (See Note 8).

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position 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 until that time. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Academy did not report any deferred inflows (See Note 8).

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

J. Pension

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 position 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. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the financial statements using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*, GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14* and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*.

GASB Statement No. 77 requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 78 amends the scope of GASB Statement No. 68 to exclude certain multiple employer defined benefit pension plans provided to employees of state and local governments on the basis that obtaining the measurements and other information required by GASB Statement No. 68 was not feasible. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 80 amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 82 improves consistency in the application of pension accounting. These changes were incorporated in the Academy's fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

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4. DEPOSITS

At June 30, 2017, the carrying value of all deposits was \$318,872. The Academy also has petty cash of \$350. The Academy has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds. The Academy's deposits consist solely of checking and/or savings accounts at local banks; therefore, the Academy has not adopted a formal investment policy.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. The Academy's deposit policy requires that financial institutions be evaluated and only those with an acceptable risk level for custodial risk are used for the Academy's deposits. Of the Academy's bank balance of \$339,106, \$250,000 was covered by Federal depository insurance and \$89,106 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

5. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of intergovernmental receivables and eRate rebates. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year.

A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

Receivables	
<u>Source</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Intergovernmental receivable:	
Title I	\$ 48,795
Title IIA	12,075
IDEA	12,998
Child nutrition	1,686
SERS refund	9,027
Medicaid	28,166
Property tax refund	13,676
Casino tax revenue	<u>8,881</u>
Total intergovernmental receivable	<u>\$ 135,304</u>
Accounts receivable:	
eRate rebates	<u>\$ 10,808</u>
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$ 10,808</u>

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2017</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture	\$ 34,886	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,886
EDP equipment and software	181,001	-	-	181,001
Non-EDP equipment	26,847	-	-	26,847
Leasehold improvements	23,030	-	-	23,030
Vehicles	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	269,264	-	-	269,264
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Furniture	(20,578)	(4,980)	-	(25,558)
EDP equipment and software	(121,361)	(28,040)	-	(149,401)
Non-EDP equipment	(16,868)	(4,118)	-	(20,986)
Leasehold improvements	(13,818)	(4,606)	-	(18,424)
Vehicles	<u>(1,348)</u>	<u>(2,152)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,500)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(173,973)</u>	<u>(43,896)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(217,869)</u>
Total depreciable capital assets - net	<u>\$ 95,291</u>	<u>\$ (43,896)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 51,395</u>

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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

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 2017, the Academy contracted with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company for general liability, property insurance and educational errors and omissions insurance.

Coverage is as follows:

Insurance Coverages

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Educational Errors and Omissions		
D&O Liability and Employment Practices		\$1,000,000
Student Sports		500,000
Cyber Crime		2,000,000
Student Foreign Travel		1,000,000
Aggregate, All Parts		2,000,000
General Liability		
General Aggregate		2,000,000
Per Occurrence		1,000,000
Auto Liability Combined Single Limit		1,000,000
Abuse/Molestation		1,000,000
Umbrella		15,000,000
Property		
TIB		23,030
Personal Property		241,071
Business Income		200,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. Any changes in coverage from the previous year are due to converting all TLG-managed academies to one policy with common limits, except for property and business income.

B. Workers' Compensation

The Academy 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.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. 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 Academy'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.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Academy's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Academy cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the Academy 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.

B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – Academy 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.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (continued)

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017*</u>	<u>Eligible to Retire On or After August 1, 2017</u>
Full	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit, or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit, or 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

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years 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 Academy 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, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2017.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$53,701 for fiscal year 2017. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2017.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

C. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – Academy 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 website 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 is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB plan. Member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer and member 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 services. 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 or later.

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.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

C. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (continued)

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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$140,030 for fiscal year 2017. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2017.

D. 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, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Academy'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:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,007,229	\$ 3,136,244	\$ 4,143,473
Proportion of the net liability:			
Current measurement date	0.01376170%	0.00936947%	
Prior measurement date	0.01202330%	0.00871127%	
Change in proportionate share	0.00173840%	0.00065820%	
Pension expense	\$ 154,051	\$ 280,131	\$ 434,182

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in the Academy's proportion of the collective net pension liability. The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight-line method over a five-year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight-line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

At June 30, 2017, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 13,585	\$ 126,719	\$ 140,304
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	83,083	260,393	343,476
Changes of assumptions	67,238	-	67,238
Changes in proportion and differences between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	122,806	190,854	313,660
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>53,701</u>	<u>140,030</u>	<u>193,731</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 340,413</u>	<u>\$ 717,996</u>	<u>\$ 1,058,409</u>

The Academy did not report deferred inflows of resources related to pension in fiscal year 2017.

\$193,731 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Academy's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Amortization of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 90,539	\$ 111,902	\$ 202,441
2019	90,480	111,902	202,382
2020	81,812	211,820	293,632
2021	<u>23,881</u>	<u>142,342</u>	<u>166,223</u>
Total to be amortized	<u>\$ 286,712</u>	<u>\$ 577,966</u>	<u>\$ 864,678</u>

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

E. 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.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation are presented below:

Calculating Total Pension Liability - SERS

<u>Method</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal (Level percent of payroll)
Actuarial assumptions experience study date	5 year period ended June 30, 2015*
Investment rate of return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
COLA or ad hoc COLA	3.00 percent
Future salary increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Wage inflation	3.00 percent

* The assumed rate of inflation, payroll growth assumption and assumed real wage growth were reduced in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation. The rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability updated to reflect recent experience and mortality rates were also updated.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

Mortality rates among active members were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

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 average 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:

Real Rates of Return - SERS

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US stocks	22.50	7.00
Fixed income	19.00	1.50
Private equity	10.00	8.00
Real assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-asset strategy	<u>10.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (7.50 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.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Academy’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 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate - SERS

	1% Decrease <u>(6.50%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.50%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.50%)</u>
Academy’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,333,509	\$ 1,007,229	\$ 734,120

F. Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation are presented below:

Calculating Total Pension Liability - STRS

<u>Method</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial assumptions	
experience study date	July 1, 2012
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
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 commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date
Projected salary increases	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Inflation	2.75 percent
Mortality assumptions	Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022–ScaleAA) 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 no set back from age 90 and above.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (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:

Real Rates of Return - STRS

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
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	<u>1.00</u>	3.00
 Total	 <u>100.00 %</u>	

*10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50 percent and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. 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, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Academy'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 Academy'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:

Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate - STRS

	1% Decrease <u>(6.75%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.75%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.75%)</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,167,813	\$ 3,136,244	\$ 2,266,054

G. Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date - STRS

In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to the Academy's NPL is expected to be significant.

9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The Academy 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.

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9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

A. School Employees Retirement System (continued)

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 2017, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund. 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 2017, this amount was \$23,500. 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.

The Academy's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 are listed in the table below:

Contribution for Health Care Including Surcharge - SERS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Surcharge	Healthcare	Total	Percent Contributed
2017	\$ 6,881	\$ -	\$ 6,881	100%
2016	6,392	-	6,392	100%
2015	5,469	2,970	8,439	100%

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description – The Academy 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.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS 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 years 2017, 2016 and 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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Lucas County, Ohio
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10. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement 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 of the funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2017.

B. Foundation Funding

School foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end.

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.08, ODE may also perform a FTE Review subsequent to the fiscal year end that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance. ODE did not perform such a review on the Academy for fiscal year 2017.

As of the date of this report, all ODE adjustments through fiscal year 2017 have been completed.

In addition, the Academy's contracts with the Ohio Council of Community Schools and The Leona Group, LLC, require payment based on revenues received from the State. As discussed above, all ODE adjustments through fiscal year 2017 have been completed. A reconciliation between payments previously made and the FTE adjustments has taken place with these contracts.

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11. PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENSES

For the period ended June 30, 2017, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Purchased Services	
<u>Category</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Salaries	\$1,416,947
Fringe benefits	702,773
Other professional and technical services	52,003
The Leona Group, LLC	421,373
Legal services	3,573
Ohio Council of Community Schools	84,238
Cleaning services	79,895
Repairs and maintenance	80,687
Building rental	180,000
Other rentals	9,460
Communication	63,763
Advertising	2,640
Utilities	64,503
Contracted food service	194,860
Pupil transportation	252,719
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Total purchased services	<u>\$3,609,434</u>

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12. OPERATING LEASES

On June 27, 2013, the Academy entered into two building lease agreements with The Leona Group, LLC (TLG). The first building is located at 3650 Victory Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, and the second building is located at 540 Independence Road, also in Toledo, Ohio. The lease periods are from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. Rent expense for the buildings was \$120,000 and \$60,000, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments required under the operating leases as of June 30, 2017:

Future Minimum Lease Payments Due	
<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
2018	<u>\$ 180,000</u>
Total minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 180,000</u></u>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Academy entered into a contract, effective June 28, 2016 through June 30, 2019, with The Leona Group, LLC (TLG) for educational management services for all of the management, operations, administration, and education at the Academy. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee of 12% of revenue less any grant administration fees paid directly to TLG. On April 18, 2017, the contract was amended to provide for a reimbursement to the Academy of any costs associated with the retention of a fiscal officer. The Academy incurred capitation fees of \$421,373 for the 2017 fiscal year and was credited \$4,160 in costs associated with the fiscal officer.

Terms of the management contract requires TLG to provide the following:

- A. implementation and administration of the educational program;
- B. management of all personnel functions, including professional development;
- C. operation of the school building and the installation of technology integral to school design;
- D. all aspects of the business administration of the Academy;
- E. the provision of food service for the Academy; and
- F. any other function necessary or expedient for the administration of the Academy.

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13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (continued)

Also, there are expenses that are billed to the Academy based on the actual costs incurred for the Academy by The Leona Group, LLC. These expenses include rent, salaries of The Leona Group, LLC, employees working at the Academy, and other costs related to providing educational and administrative services.

Northpointe Academy	Regular Instruction (1100 Function codes)	Special Instruction (1200 Function codes)	Other Instruction (1400 and 1900 Function Codes)	Support Services (2000 Function Codes)	Non-Instructional (3000 through 7000 Function Codes)	Total
<i>Direct expenses:</i>						
Salaries & wages (100 object codes)	\$ 654,486	\$ 395,654	\$ 3,910	\$ 352,727	\$ 28,894	\$ 1,435,671
Employees' benefits (200 object codes)	235,103	119,618	1,191	94,183	6,646	456,741
Professional & technical services (410 object codes)	-	-	-	18,529	-	18,529
Property services (420 object codes)	-	-	-	3,019	165,000	168,019
Contracted craft or trade services (460 object codes)	-	-	-	-	2,247	2,247
Transportation (480 object codes)	-	-	-	116	-	116
Supplies (500 object codes)	-	-	-	3,742	-	3,742
Other direct costs (All other object codes)	-	-	-	23,666	-	23,666
Total expenses	\$ 889,589	\$ 515,272	\$ 5,101	\$ 495,982	\$ 202,787	\$ 2,108,731

At June 30, 2017, the Academy had a balance due to The Leona Group, LLC in the amount of \$6,762. This consists of outstanding management fees, payroll credits and pending reimbursements. The following is a schedule of payables to The Leona Group, LLC:

Balance Due to The Leona Group, LLC

<u>Type</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Management fees	\$ 12,589
Payroll	(7,510)
Miscellaneous	1,683
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Total	<u>\$ 6,762</u>

The statement of net position also includes a liability for accrued wages and benefits due primarily to The Leona Group, LLC in the amount of \$128,501 recorded as accounts payable – related party.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On December 12, 2017, the Academy's sponsor, Ohio Council of Community Schools, provided the Academy a notice to non-renew their sponsorship agreement with the Academy effective June 30, 2018. The Academy unsuccessfully appealed this decision.

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Four Fiscal Years ⁽¹⁾

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)				
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.00936947%	0.00871127%	0.00850863%	0.00850863%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 3,136,244	\$ 2,407,540	\$ 2,069,593	\$ 2,465,286
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 999,693	\$ 908,871	\$ 845,823	\$ 769,238
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	313.72%	264.89%	244.68%	320.48%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%
School Employees Retirement System (SERS)				
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.01376170%	0.01202330%	0.01059700%	0.01059700%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,007,229	\$ 686,061	\$ 536,308	\$ 630,170
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 427,386	\$ 361,950	\$ 306,255	\$ 274,971
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	235.67%	189.55%	175.12%	229.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Academy Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 140,030	\$ 139,957	\$ 127,242	\$ 109,957	\$ 100,001
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(140,030)</u>	<u>(139,957)</u>	<u>(127,242)</u>	<u>(109,957)</u>	<u>(100,001)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,000,214	\$ 999,693	\$ 908,871	\$ 845,823	\$ 769,238
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%
School Employees Retirement System (SERS)					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 53,701	\$ 59,834	\$ 47,705	\$ 42,447	\$ 38,056
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(53,701)</u>	<u>(59,834)</u>	<u>(47,705)</u>	<u>(42,447)</u>	<u>(38,056)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 383,579	\$ 427,386	\$ 361,950	\$ 306,255	\$ 274,971
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%

NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY
Lucas County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Academy Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 95,438	\$ 77,288	\$ 23,657	\$ 23,699	\$ 26,720
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(95,438)</u>	<u>(77,288)</u>	<u>(23,657)</u>	<u>(23,699)</u>	<u>(26,720)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 734,138	\$ 594,523	\$ 181,977	\$ 182,300	\$ 205,538
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
School Employees Retirement System (SERS)					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 34,877	\$ 32,417	\$ 8,251	\$ 4,934	\$ 5,479
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(34,877)</u>	<u>(32,417)</u>	<u>(8,251)</u>	<u>(4,934)</u>	<u>(5,479)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 259,309	\$ 257,892	\$ 60,938	\$ 50,142	\$ 55,794
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.

Changes in assumptions: Changes in methods and assumptions from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

Changes in Methods and Assumptions - SERS		
<u>Method or Assumption</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2016</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2017</u>
Valuation date	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal (Level percent of payroll)
Actuarial assumptions experience study date	June 30, 2010	5 year period ended June 30, 2015
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
COLA or ad hoc COLA	3.00 percent	3.00 percent
Future salary increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Wage inflation	3.25 percent	3.00 percent
Mortality assumptions	Mortality rates were based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women	Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females

January 30, 2018

To the Board of Directors
Northpointe Academy
Lucas County, Ohio
3648 Victory Ave.
Toledo, Oh 43607

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*

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of Northpointe Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2018.

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 expressing our opinion 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2017-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2017-001.

The Academy's Response to the Finding

The Academy's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Academy's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Lima, Ohio

Northpointe Academy
Lucas County, Ohio
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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Finding Number: 2017-001

Material Weakness/Non-Compliance

Criteria: The Academy's attendance policy, as required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.03, requires students who are absent to provide the Academy a written statement from a parent of the cause for absence, or the absence will be considered unexcused.

Conditions: We noted during our testing that written statements from the parents were not consistently obtained from students who had excused absences reported in the EMIS system, in which the Academy was unable to provide written excuses for 4 of the 5 students tested. The Academy accepted verbal excuses, which was against their policy, and the Academy did not maintain any logs or documentation of the verbal excuses.

Cause: During the fiscal year, the Academy accepted verbal excuses from students' parents but did not obtain written documentation of the excuses from parents.

Effect: The School was unable to provide adequate written documentation in accordance with the Academy's attendance policy to support the allowability of excused absences recorded in the EMIS system.

Recommendation: We recommend the Academy enforce the attendance policy or consider revising the policy to allow for other allowable methods of documentation, which includes phone logs with sufficient documentation. The log should contain the date of the absence, the date of the call, the name of the person making the call, the name and relationship of the person contacted, and the reason for the absence.

Management's Response: Going forward, the academy has modified the attendance policy in order to accept and make record of verbal notifications from parents regarding excused absences as well as written records. The academy will take measures to ensure that proper documentation of all excused absences is kept on file and reported appropriately in the EMIS system.

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NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY

LUCAS 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
MAY 10, 2018**