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**NEXUS ACADEMY OF TOLEDO
LUCAS COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Nexus Academy of Toledo
Lucas County
600 Jefferson Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43604

To the Governing Board:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nexus Academy of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, 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 did not audit the management company's expenses which totaled \$1,239,393 as indicated in Note 10. Those amounts were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Note 10, is based on the report of the other auditors. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the 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 overall financial statement presentation.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Nexus Academy of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio as of June 30, 2013, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows 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*, listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 2, 2014, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 2, 2014

**NEXUS ACADEMY OF TOLEDO
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Nexus Academy of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio (the "Academy"), provides an overview of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- For fiscal year 2013, total assets were \$88,208.
- For fiscal year 2013, total liabilities were \$77,993.
- For fiscal year 2013, total net position was \$10,215.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the financial position of the Academy. Enterprise 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 net position represents the basic statement of position for the Academy. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs. Finally, the notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided on the basic financial statements.

REPORTING THE ACADEMY AS A WHOLE

The view of the Academy as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks, "How did we do financially during 2013?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position answer this question. These statements include *all assets* and *liabilities* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's *net position* and change in those assets. 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 cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The Academy is not required to present government-wide financial statements as the Academy is engaged in only business-type activities. Therefore, no condensed financial information derived from government-wide financial statements is included in the discussion and analysis.

The following tables represent the Academy's condensed financial information derived from the statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal year 2013. This is the Academy's first year of operation. Therefore, comparative information is not available.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	2013
Assets	
Current assets	\$ 75,375
Non-current assets	12,833
Total Assets	88,208
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	77,993
Net Position	
Invested in capital assets	12,833
Unrestricted	(2,618)
Total net position	\$ 10,215

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2013:

**Table 2
Change in Net Position**

	2013
Operating revenues	
Foundation payments	\$ 218,649
Special education	27,772
Total operating revenues	<u>246,421</u>
Operating expenses	
Purchased services	1,192,879
Depreciation	1,167
Total operating expenses	<u>1,194,046</u>
Operating loss	<u>(947,625)</u>
Non-operating revenues	
Federal subsidies	5,598
Other revenues	952,242
Total non-operating revenues	<u>957,840</u>
Increase in net position	<u>\$ 10,215</u>

The Academy operates as a one business-type enterprise fund; therefore, analysis of balances and transactions of individual funds are not included in the discussion and analysis. Results of fiscal year 2013 operations indicate ending net position of \$10,215.

As previously noted, no prior year information is available as fiscal year 2013 was the initial year of operation for the Academy. Therefore, all amounts reflected above changed 100%.

BUDGET

The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.39 of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Academy used Grant funds to purchase computers. This represents the only capital assets owned by the Academy. Capital asset information is summarized in Note 5 to the basic financial statements. The Academy has not issued any debt.

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OTHER INFORMATION

Management is currently unaware of any known facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations.

CONTACTING THE ACADEMY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The financial report is designated to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact C. David Massa, CPA, of Massa Financial Solutions, LLC, 600 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, Ohio 43604 or email at dave@massasolutionsllc.com.

**NEXUS ACADEMY OF TOLEDO
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2013**

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	23,015
Intergovernmental Receivable		14,174
Prepays		23,098
Accounts Receivable		15,088
Total Current Assets		<u>75,375</u>

Non-Current Assets

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		<u>12,833</u>
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Total Assets		<u>88,208</u>
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Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Contracts Payable		39,755
Accounts Payable		38,238
Total Current Liabilities		<u>77,993</u>

Net Position:

Invested in Capital Assets		12,833
Unrestricted		(2,618)
Total Net Position	\$	<u>10,215</u>

See the Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**NEXUS ACADEMY OF TOLEDO
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Foundation Payments - Regular	\$ 218,649
Foundation Payments - Special Education	<u>27,772</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>246,421</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Purchased Services	1,192,879
Depreciation	<u>1,167</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,194,046</u>
<i>Operating Loss</i>	<u>(947,625)</u>
<u>Non-Operating Revenues:</u>	
Federal Grants	5,598
Management Company Credits	933,417
Other Revenue	<u>18,825</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>957,840</u>
<i>Increase in Net Position</i>	10,215
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	-
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 10,215</u></u>

See the Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**NEXUS ACADEMY OF TOLEDO
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received for School Foundation Payments	\$ 246,421
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,161,648)
	(915,227)
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	(915,227)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:

Management Company Credit	933,417
Other Revenue	18,825
	952,242
<i>Net Cash Used for Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	952,242

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:

Acquisition of Capital Assets	(14,000)
	(14,000)
<i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	23,015
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 23,015

**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash
Used for Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss	\$ (947,625)
	(947,625)

**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net
Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Depreciation Expense	1,167
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase in Contracts Payable	39,755
Increase in Accounts Payable	38,238
(Increase) in Prepaid Items	(23,098)
(Increase) in Other Receivables	(23,664)
	(23,664)
Total Adjustments	32,398
<i>Net Cash Used by Operating Activities</i>	\$ (915,227)

See the Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Nexus Academy of Toledo (the "Academy") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy's mission is to provide top-quality personalized education for students and their families through internet- or computer-based learning outside of the traditional classroom. The Academy will maintain a commitment to excellence in curriculum, instruction, accountability and communication for computer-based schools and will ensure that its programs follow the principles of parental involvement, individualized instruction and high-quality teaching.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with The Ohio Council of Community Schools, (the "Sponsor"). The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Board may not be fewer than five nor more than eleven members. At least three Directors will be as follows:

- (a) At least one Director shall be the parent of one or more students enrolled in the Academy,
- (b) At least one Director shall be a generally recognized community leader in the area served by the Academy, and
- (c) At least one Director shall be an educator or have experience in education.

Additionally, the Academy entered into a five-year contract on June 30 2012, with Connections Academy of Ohio, LLC ("CA") for curriculum, school management services, instruction, technology and other services, with an expiration date of June 30, 2017.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise Accounting

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.

The Academy uses enterprise accounting to track and report on its financial activities. The Academy uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Enterprise accounting may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Enterprise 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 net total assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs.

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. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, are recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are 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.

C. Budgetary Process

The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.39 of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash held by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net position. Unless otherwise noted, all monies received by the Academy are pooled and deposited in a central bank account as demand deposits. Investments with an initial maturity of more than 3 months are reported as investments. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, the Academy had no investments.

E. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy is a participant in the State Foundation Basic Aid and Special Education Programs. The foundation funding is recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned, essentially the same as the fiscal year. Federal and state grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements of the grants have been met.

Intergovernmental revenues associated with the Foundation Program totaled \$246,421 and those associated with specific education grants from the federal and state governments totaled \$5,598 during the fiscal year.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Contribution Revenue

Contribution revenue consists primarily of contributed products and services from Connections Academy of Ohio, LLC ("CA") as described in the contract between the Academy and CA. (See Note 10)

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 dollars. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. 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.

All 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:

Furniture and Fixtures	7 years
Leasehold Improvements	7 years
Equipment	5 years
Computers	3 years

H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. 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 did not have any restricted net position in fiscal year 2013.

I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

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3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2013, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities", and GASB Statement No. 66, "Technical Corrections-2012".

GASB Statement No. 65 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as *deferred outflows of resources* or *deferred inflows of resources*, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 65 also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements *deferred outflows of resources* and *deferred inflows of resources*, such as changes in the determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term *deferred* in financial statement presentations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 had no effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 66 enhances the usefulness of financial reports by resolving conflicting accounting and financial reporting guidance that could diminish the consistency of financial reporting. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 66 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

4. DEPOSITS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

The Academy's financial institution deposits for the years ended June 30 are as follows:

	<u>2013</u>
Carrying Amount of Deposits	\$ 23,015
Bank Balance	\$ 23,015

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosure*, \$0 was exposed to custodial credit risk as discussed below for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, while \$23,015 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk: is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy's investments may not be returned. The Academy has no policy regarding custodial credit risk. In addition, state law does not require security for public deposits and investments to be maintained in the Academy's name.

B. Fair value measurements

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach are used to measure fair value.

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4. DEPOSITS (Continued)

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The carrying amounts of financial instruments including cash and certificates of deposit, approximated fair value as of June 30, 2013 because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, was as follows:

	<u>Balance 6/30/2012</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2013</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Computers	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 14,000
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Computers	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,167)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,167)</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,833</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,833</u>

6. OPERATING LEASES

The Academy rents facilities through lease agreement executed between their landlords and Connections Academy. The terms of these leases are due to expire August 31, 2017.

Future minimum lease payments for the operating leases are as follows:

<u>Years Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$ 281,793
2015	287,455
2016	293,259
2017	299,086
2018	50,010
Total	<u>\$ 1,211,603</u>

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7. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2013, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements receivable and amounts due from other governments and accounts receivable. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the intergovernmental and accounts receivables follows:

Intergovernmental receivable:	Amount
State Retirement System	\$ 7,620
State Grants	956
Title I	5,598
	\$ 14,174
Accounts receivable:	Amount
Due from Employees	\$ 131
Due from Connections Academy	14,957
Total accounts receivables	\$ 15,088

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2013, the Academy contracted with Connections Academy to provide insurance in the following amounts through being included as an additional insured on their policy with Diversified Insurance Services for the following coverage:

Commercial general liability: \$2,000,000 general aggregate with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit along with \$21,000,000 in excess liability coverage for both aggregate and single occurrence.

There were no settlements in excess of insurance coverage over the past fiscal year.

9. FISCAL AGENT AND PAYMENTS TO SPONSOR

The sponsorship agreement with Ohio Council of Community Schools requires that the Academy shall have a designated fiscal officer who shall meet all the requirements as set forth by law including:

- A. Maintain the financial records of the Academy in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the Auditor of State;
- B. Comply with the policies and procedures regarding internal financial control of the Academy;
- C. Comply with the requirements and procedures for financial audits by the Auditor of the State.

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9. FISCAL AGENT AND PAYMENTS TO SPONSOR (Continued)

The Academy shall pay to the Sponsor 3 percent of all bases per pupil cost payments received from the state in consideration for the time, organization, oversight, fees and costs of the Sponsor in overseeing the Academy.

The Academy's Fiscal Agent during the audit period was Massa Financial Solutions LLC.

10. MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CONTRACT/PURCHASED SERVICES

The Academy entered into a five-year contract on June 30, 2012 with Connections Academy of Ohio, LLC ("CA"). In the agreement, which expires on June 30, 2017, Connections Academy agrees to provide curriculum, instruction, technology and other school management services. Under the contract, the following terms were agreed upon:

Connections Academy will provide direct materials/services or procurement and payment services for the following:

1. Instructional materials as approved by the Board and the Sponsor.
2. Various educational protocols and assessments.
3. Administrative personnel, including health and other benefits, as approved by the Board and the Sponsor where required.
4. Teaching staff, including health and other benefits, as approved by the Board.
5. Educational support services for participating families.
6. Training and other professional development as approved by the Board.
7. Hardware and software as approved by the Board.
8. Technical support for any hardware and software provided under the contract.
9. Maintenance of student records.
10. Services to special needs students as required by law.
11. Administrative services including expenditures for a facility and capital, both of which require Board approval.
12. Financial, treasury and other reporting as required by law.
13. Student recruiting and community education.
14. General school management.

For the services listed above, the Academy is required to reimburse certain actual expenses, pay a fee based on enrollment statistics and pay a school management fee to Connections Academy. The total expense on an accrual basis under this contract for fiscal years 2013 totaled \$1,117,878. Of this amount, \$39,755 represents a contract payable at June 30, 2013.

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10. MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CONTRACT/PURCHASED SERVICES (Continued)

For the period ended June 30, 2013, Connections Academy, incurred the following expenses on behalf of the Academy:

Expense	2013
Direct Expense	
100 Salaries & wages	\$ 311,487
200 Employees' benefits	92,664
410 Professional & technical services	47,884
420 Property services	240,414
430 Travel	9,528
440 Communications	30,806
460 Contracted craft or trade services	16,134
490 Other purchased services	38,264
510 Other supplies	10,364
Other direct costs- Allocated	37,593
Indirect Expenses:	
Overhead	404,255
Total expenses	<u><u>\$ 1,239,393</u></u>

The Management Company incurs a variety of costs including general and administrative costs, marketing costs, software development costs, curriculum development costs, enrollment and placement costs, fulfillment and asset tracking costs, legal costs, and other costs associated with providing services to more than one school. These costs are not charged directly to the schools but are allocated internally by the Management Company pro rata based on the number of total students that have enrolled in each school.

11. 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 Academy. However, in the opinion of management, the Academy has complied with all grant requirements.

B. Full Time Equivalency

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the Academy. These reviews are conducted to ensure the Academy is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted.

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11. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

C. Litigation

The Academy is not involved in any additional litigation that, in the opinion of management, would have a material effect on the financial statements at June 30, 2013.

12. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The Academy is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Academy's nonprofit status. The Academy was approved on August 14, 2012 for tax exempt status under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The approval had a retroactive date of February 23, 2012.

13. MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Academy had an operating loss of \$947,625 and a net position surplus of \$10,215 at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2013. The Academy will work with its service provider, Connections Academy, to reduce the impact of any future operating losses. The Academy is projecting a positive net position balance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Connections Academy provided \$933,417 worth of credits to the Academy for services provided during fiscal year 2013 to ensure contract compliance in order that the Academy would maintain a positive balance in net position.

14. MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Academy has contracted with Connections Academy to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the school of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the Academy as the Employer-of-Record and the school ultimately is responsible for remitting retirement contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System and the School Employees Retirement System.

15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. 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 state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under **Employers/Audit Resources**.

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15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10%. The remaining .90% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The Academy's contributions to SERS for the year ended June 30, 2013 were \$2,880, which equaled the required contributions for the year.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org, under "Publications".

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. 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 DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor 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 - For fiscal year 2013, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

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15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 were \$34,434; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years ended June 30, 2013.

Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2013 were \$34,434 made by the Academy and \$24,596 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

16. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B 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. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2013 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2013, 0.16 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned.

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16. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2013, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,573.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The Academy's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 were \$33; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2013, this actuarially required allocation was 0.74 percent of covered payroll. The Academy's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 were \$152; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2013, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 were \$2,460; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years ended June 30, 2013.



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

Nexus Academy of Toledo
Lucas County
600 Jefferson Avenue
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To the Governing Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Nexus Academy of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2014, wherein we noted that the amounts presented in Note 10 were audited by other auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 2, 2014



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURE

Nexus Academy of Toledo
Lucas County
600 Jefferson Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43604

To the Governing Board:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether the Nexus Academy of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

We noted the Board amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on October 23, 2012 to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student "on a school bus" or by an "electronic act".

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and the Academy's sponsor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 2, 2014

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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 27, 2014**