

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

(AUDITED)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2016*

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Great Western Academy
310 North Wilson Road
Columbus, Ohio 43204

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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 Great Western Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 9, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

Great Western Academy
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To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Great Western Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *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 Great Western 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 Great Western Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such 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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the fiscal 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* and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the Great Western Academy's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2016, on our consideration of the Great Western 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 Great Western Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 20, 2016

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Our discussion and analysis of the Great Western Academy's (Academy's) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2016 are as follows:

- In total, net position was a deficit \$6,620,887 at June 30, 2016.
- The Academy had operating revenues of \$5,514,314, operating expenses of \$6,842,857 and non-operating revenues of \$1,404,296 for fiscal year 2016. Total change in net position for the fiscal year was an increase of \$75,753.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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

Reporting the Academy's Financial Activities

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

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2016?" The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's *net position* and changes 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 8 and 9 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 10 of this report.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal year 2016 and 2015.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	2016	2015
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets	\$ 362,717	\$ 317,605
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	985,750	462,312
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	252,867	233,925
Non-current liabilities	7,188,640	6,134,939
Total liabilities	7,441,507	6,368,864
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>	527,847	1,107,693
<u>Net Position</u>		
Unrestricted (deficit)	(6,620,887)	(6,696,640)
Total net position	\$ (6,620,887)	\$ (6,696,640)

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

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

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the 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

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GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the 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.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the Academy is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. At June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, the Academy’s net position totaled deficit \$6,620,887 and deficit \$6,696,640, respectively.

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables for grants at June 30, 2016 and 2015 in the amount of \$196,757 and \$185,322, respectively. As a result of the FTE reviews by ODE at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$55,245 and \$51,350, respectively, was reported.

The Academy had accounts payable of \$252,867 and \$233,925 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, due to Imagine Schools, Inc. and other vendors. The increase in accounts payable is due to an increase in grants receivable at June 30, 2016 that were reported as payable to Imagine Schools, Inc.

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Table 2 below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	2016	2015
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>		
State foundation	\$ 5,514,314	\$ 5,489,830
Total operating revenue	5,514,314	5,489,830
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>		
Purchased services	6,834,680	6,788,555
Other	8,177	8,324
Total operating expenses	6,842,857	6,796,879
<u>Non-operating Revenues:</u>		
Federal and State grants	1,404,296	1,464,736
Change in net position	75,753	157,687
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	(6,696,640)	(6,854,327)
Net position (deficit) at end of year	\$ (6,620,887)	\$ (6,696,640)

The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from Federal entitlement programs. The Academy received slightly more in State foundation revenue despite a decrease in student enrollment from 721 students in fiscal year 2015 to 706 students in fiscal year 2016.

The Academy received Federal grant monies through the Child Nutrition Breakfast and Lunch, Title I, Title II-A, Title III, and Title VI-B programs.

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2016, capital assets reported by the Academy are fully depreciated. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

Debt

The Academy had no debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2015.

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Restrictions and Other Limitations

The future financial stability of the Academy is not without challenges.

The Academy does not receive any funds from taxes. The primary source of funding is the State foundation program. An economic slowdown in the state could result in budgetary cuts to education, which would have a negative impact on the Academy.

Contacting the Academy's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information please contact Mr. Dan Lamb, Treasurer, Charter School Specialists, 310 North Wilson Road, Columbus, Ohio.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

Assets:	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 110,715
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental.	<u>252,002</u>
Total assets	<u>362,717</u>
 Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension - STRS	869,711
Pension - SERS	<u>116,039</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>985,750</u>
 Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	252,867
Long-term liabilities:	
Net pension liability.	<u>7,188,640</u>
Total liabilities.	<u>7,441,507</u>
 Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension - STRS	385,029
Pension - SERS	<u>142,818</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>527,847</u>
 Net position:	
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(6,620,887)</u>
Total net position (deficit).	<u>\$ (6,620,887)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Operating revenues:	
State foundation	\$ 5,514,314
Total operating revenues	<u>5,514,314</u>
Operating expenses:	
Purchased services	6,834,680
Other	8,177
Total operating expenses.	<u>6,842,857</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,328,543)</u>
Non-operating revenues:	
Federal and State grants.	1,404,296
Total non-operating revenues	<u>1,404,296</u>
Change in net position.	75,753
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year. . .	<u>(6,696,640)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (6,620,887)</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from State foundation.	\$ 5,510,419
Cash payments for purchased services	(6,865,321)
Cash payments for other expenses	<u>(8,177)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,363,079)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Cash received from Federal and State grants	<u>1,392,861</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities.	<u>1,392,861</u>
Net increase in cash	29,782
Cash at beginning of year	80,933
Cash at end of year.	<u><u>\$ 110,715</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss.	\$ (1,328,543)
Changes in assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows:	
(Increase) in intergovernmental receivable.	(3,895)
(Increase) in deferred outflows - pensions	(523,438)
Increase in accounts payable.	18,942
Increase in net pension liability	1,053,701
(Decrease) in deferred inflows - pensions	<u>(579,846)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities.	<u><u>\$ (1,363,079)</u></u>

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$196,757 and \$185,322 at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively, for non-operating grants.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Great Western Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. for most of its functions beginning February 14, 2006 (See Note 10.B). The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio Department of Education (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2002. On May 30, 2007, the Academy entered into a sponsorship contract with the Lucas County Educational Service Center for a period of five years ending on May 14, 2012. On March 9, 2010, an amendment was made to extend the sponsorship contract through June 30, 2012. On May 21, 2012, the Academy signed a contract with a new sponsor, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation, to operate for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed for an additional five-year period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. 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 Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board which shall consist of not less than five members. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, State mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and the qualifications of teachers. The Governing Board controls the Academy's instructional/support facility staffed by employees of the management company who provide services to 706 students.

NOTE 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. 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. The Academy uses a single enterprise presentation. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

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NOTE 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 deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in net position presents increases and decreases in net total position.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. 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. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy received value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

C. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the Academy, see Note 8 for deferred outflows of resources related the School's net pension liability.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the Academy, see Note 8 for deferred inflows of resources related to the Academy's net pension liability.

D. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391, the Academy prepares and adopts an annual budget which includes estimated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year and a five-year forecast of revenues and expenditures. The Academy will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

E. Cash

All cash received by the Academy is maintained in a demand deposit account. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2016.

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

F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair values as of the dates received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related capital assets.

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Furniture and equipment	5
Computer & copier equipment	3

G. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation, Special Education, Targeted Assistance, Limited English Proficiency, K-3 Literacy and the Economic Disadvantaged Programs. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as operating revenues. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2016 school year totaled \$5,514,314.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year 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. Amounts recognized under the above programs for the 2016 fiscal year totaled \$1,404,296.

H. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligation

All payables and other accrued liabilities are reported on the statement of net position.

I. Net Position

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

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

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

J. 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.

K. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net 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.

L. Estimates

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

NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2016, the Academy has implemented GASB Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application", GASB Statement No. 73 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68", GASB Statement No. 76, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments", and GASB Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants".

GASB Statement No. 72 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurement. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 72 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 73 improves the usefulness of information about pensions included in the general purposes external financial reports of state and local governments for making decisions and assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 73 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

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NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 76 identifies - in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment - the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This Statement reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and nonauthoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 76 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 79 establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 79 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits and the bank balance was \$110,715. The entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the non-profit corporation.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2016, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements and amounts due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the intergovernmental receivables follows:

Intergovernmental receivable:	<u>Amount</u>
Federal breakfast reimbursement	\$ 18,313
Federal lunch reimbursement	32,072
Title VI-B	11,591
Title III	7,611
Title I	111,956
Title II-A	15,214
Ohio Department of Education (ODE) - FY15 & FY16 enrollment and full-time (FTE) adjustment	<u>55,245</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u><u>\$ 252,002</u></u>

Under the terms of the operating contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 10.B for detail), the Academy has recorded accounts payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$196,757, for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2016 and \$49,721 for 90 percent of the amount of the ODE FTE adjustment receivable at June 30, 2016.

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2016, follows:

	Balance				Balance
	<u>06/30/15</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>		<u>06/30/16</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Equipment	\$ 30,076	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 30,076
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(30,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>(30,076)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2016, the Academy maintained the following coverage with Argonaut Insurance Co.

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>
General Liability:	
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General aggregate	3,000,000
Products	3,000,000
Personal & advertising injury	1,000,000
Damages to rented premises	500,000
Automobile Liability:	
Combined single limit	1,000,000
Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability:	
Each accident	1,000,000
Each employee	1,000,000
Each disease	1,000,000
Excess/Umbrella Liability:	
Each occurrence	9,000,000
Aggregate limit	9,000,000
Property Liability:	
Blanket contents	3,413,150

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Academy has contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 10.B) to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the Academy as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to the systems noted below.

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 - is 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.

The 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.

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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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	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 Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit 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 year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the 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, 2016, the entire 14 percent was allocated to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B and no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The Academy’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$95,556 for fiscal year 2016.

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 Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of 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.

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, plan members were required to contribute 13 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 2016 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$299,206 for fiscal year 2016.

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, 2015, 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	\$ 1,224,540	\$ 5,964,100	\$ 7,188,640
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.02146020%	0.02158007%	
Pension expense	\$ 44,790	\$ 300,389	\$ 345,179

At June 30, 2016, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows 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	\$ 20,483	\$ 269,603	\$ 290,086
Changes in proportionate share	-	300,902	300,902
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>95,556</u>	<u>299,206</u>	<u>394,762</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 116,039</u>	<u>\$ 869,711</u>	<u>\$ 985,750</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 54,723	\$ 385,029	\$ 439,752
Changes in proportionate share	<u>88,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,095</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 142,818</u>	<u>\$ 385,029</u>	<u>\$ 527,847</u>

\$394,762 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ (47,372)	\$ (7,697)	\$ (55,069)
2018	(47,372)	(7,697)	(55,069)
2019	(47,372)	(7,698)	(55,070)
2020	19,781	208,568	228,349
Total	<u>\$ (122,335)</u>	<u>\$ 185,476</u>	<u>\$ 63,141</u>

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, prepared as of June 30, 2015, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

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

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

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

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

Sensitivity of the 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 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,697,997	\$ 1,224,540	\$ 825,850

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2015, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

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:

<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>	

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Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2015. 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, 2015. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2015.

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:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,284,585	\$ 5,964,100	\$ 4,001,784

NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of 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, number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

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NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (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 2016, none of the employer contribution was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2016, this amount was \$23,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2016, the Academy's surcharge obligation was \$2,221.

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$2,221, \$6,641, and \$1,620, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of 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 2016 and 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$0, \$0, and \$22,203, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2014.

NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS

A. Sponsor Contract

On May 21, 2012, the Academy signed into a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (the Sponsor), to operate for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed for an additional five-year period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The Sponsor shall carry out the responsibilities established by law, including:

- Monitor the Academy's compliance with the laws applicable to the Academy and with the terms of this contract;
- Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization of the Academy on at least an annual basis;

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NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)

- Report annually the results of its evaluation to the Ohio Department of Education;
- Provide reasonable technical assistance to the Academy in complying with this contract and with applicable laws (provided, however, the Sponsor shall not be obligated to give legal advice to the Academy);
- Take steps to intervene as deemed necessary in the Academy's operation to correct problems with overall performance (including but not limited to exercising its right to place the Academy on probation under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.073, or to non-renew, suspend, or terminate the Academy under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.07 or 3314.072);
- Prepare and assist with contingency plans in the event the Academy experiences financial difficulties or losses before the end of the school year;
- Provide in writing annual assurances to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) no less than ten business days prior to the first day of school under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.19;
- Adhere to and comply with this contract with ODE even if those provisions affect the Academy, and the Academy consents to such obligations of the Sponsor;
- Acknowledge the obligations in the ODE's closing guidance and consent to the authority to carry out those obligations if needed.

The Academy paid the Sponsor \$161,666 for services during fiscal year 2016.

B. Management Contract

The Academy entered into a management contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. for management consulting services. Imagine Schools, Inc. is required to provide the following services:

- Personnel & human resources administration
- Program of instruction
- Purchasing & contracts
- Budgeting, financial reporting and audit preparation
- Compliance issues
- Curriculum research and development
- Marketing and publicity
- Equipment and facilities
- Grant preparation and management

For the services listed above, the Academy is required to pay a fee to Imagine Schools, Inc. The fee is equal to approximately 90 percent of the total per pupil allowance received from the State of Ohio and 100 percent of State and/or Federal grant funds received by the Academy for the creation and operation of its school. In the event that the year end reconciliation results in a difference between the total amount paid and the agreed fee, with a balance owed, the Imagine Schools, Inc. has the right to suspend collection until such time as the Academy determines that cash flow permits such payment. The total expenses paid under this contract for fiscal year 2016 totaled \$6,623,513.

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NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)

C. Service Contract

The Academy entered into a service contract for a period of twelve months, commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016, with Charter School Specialists, LLC (CSS) to provide fiscal services. The Academy paid CSS \$17,955 during fiscal year 2016 for services.

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During fiscal year 2016, the following activity occurred in the Academy's long-term obligations.

	Balance			Balance	Amounts
	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Due in</u>
					<u>One Year</u>
Net pension liability:					
STRS	\$ 4,932,611	\$ 1,031,489	\$ -	\$ 5,964,100	\$ -
SERS	<u>1,202,328</u>	<u>22,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,224,540</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 6,134,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,701</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,188,640</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Net Pension Liability: See Note 8 for information on the Academy's net pension liability.

NOTE 12 - PURCHASED SERVICES EXPENSES

Purchased services expenses:

Management fees	\$ 6,623,513
Sponsorship fees	161,666
Legal	19,387
Professional and fiscal services	<u>30,114</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,834,680</u>

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NOTE 13 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Imagine Schools, Inc. and its affiliates incurred the following expenses, which are reported on a cash-basis, on behalf of the Academy:

<u>Expenses</u>	
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 3,064,983
Employees' benefits	853,880
Purchased services	2,248,906
Supplies and materials	176,084
Capital outlay	12,209
Other direct costs	<u>386,365</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 6,742,427</u>

Overhead charges of \$661,250 included in direct costs are assigned to the Academy based on a percentage of revenue. These charges represent the indirect cost of services in the operation of the Academy. Such services include, but are not limited to, facilities management, equipment, operational support services, management and management consulting, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support and marketing and communications.

NOTE 14 - OPERATING LEASES

SchoolHouse Finance, LLC entered into a lease agreement with Great Western Shopping Center Company on September 1, 2006 to lease the facilities the Academy occupies. The term of the lease commenced May 1, 2006 through August 31, 2016. The monthly rent is \$12,917 through August 31, 2011, and \$15,333 through August 31, 2016.

Subsequently, on September 1, 2006, the Academy entered into an agreement to sublease the facilities at Great Western Shopping Center from SchoolHouse Finance, LLC. The term of the lease commenced September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2016. Effective July 1, 2008, an amendment was made to the sublease agreement to increase the base rent to reflect the cost of improvements made by SchoolHouse Finance, LLC to the premises. Annual minimum rent for the period August 31, 2011 shall be \$960,482 and the annual minimum rent for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016 shall be \$989,482.

On September 8, 2014, the Academy entered into a second amendment to extend the sublease with SchoolHouse Finance, LLC. The term of the sublease was extended upon the same terms and conditions and is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2024. The annual minimum rent for the lease years September 1, 2016 through August 28, 2018 shall be \$575,720, and the annual minimum rent for the lease years September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2024 shall be \$249,401.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. 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, 2016.

B. State Foundation Funding

The ODE conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the state, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. As a result of the fiscal year 2015 and 2016 reviews, the Academy is due a net amount of \$55,245 from ODE. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental receivable on the statement of net position.

C. Litigation

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

NOTE 16 - TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The Academy was approved under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization on December 7, 1999. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that might adversely affect the Academy's tax exempt status.

NOTE 17 - MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Academy had a positive \$75,753 change in net position and a deficit net position of \$6,620,887 at June 30, 2016. The deficit net position was a result of reporting the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in accordance with GASB Statements No. 68 and 71, as described in Note 8.

NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Imagine Schools, Inc. and Schoolhouse Finance, LLC are both subsidiaries of Imagine Schools Non-Profit, Inc.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.02146020%	0.02375700%	0.02375700%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,224,540	\$ 1,202,328	\$ 1,412,753
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 646,062	\$ 690,332	\$ 1,107,262
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	189.54%	174.17%	127.59%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

Note: Amounts presented as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.02158007%	0.02027923%	0.02027923%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,964,100	\$ 4,932,611	\$ 5,875,693
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,281,721	\$ 2,071,977	\$ 2,154,592
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	261.39%	238.06%	272.71%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

Note: Amounts presented as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 95,556	\$ 85,151	\$ 95,680	\$ 153,245	\$ 148,246
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(95,556)</u>	<u>(85,151)</u>	<u>(95,680)</u>	<u>(153,245)</u>	<u>(148,246)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 682,543	\$ 646,062	\$ 690,332	\$ 1,107,262	\$ 1,102,201
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$ 155,136	\$ 104,701	\$ 106,560	\$ 69,732	\$ 83,916
<u>(155,136)</u>	<u>(104,701)</u>	<u>(106,560)</u>	<u>(69,732)</u>	<u>(83,916)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,234,177	\$ 773,272	\$ 1,082,927	\$ 710,102	\$ 785,730
12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012*</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 299,206	\$ 319,441	\$ 269,357	\$ 280,097	\$ 612,111
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(299,206)</u>	<u>(319,441)</u>	<u>(269,357)</u>	<u>(280,097)</u>	<u>(612,111)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,137,186	\$ 2,281,721	\$ 2,071,977	\$ 2,154,592	\$ 4,708,546
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

* The Academy employed its own certified employees in conjunction with Employee Lease Agreements to lease the Academy's employees to other community schools through Education Jobs Funding, resulting in an increase in contractually required contributions to STRS for fiscal year 2012.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$ 248,809	\$ 257,422	\$ 197,128	\$ 137,949	\$ 122,220
<u>(248,809)</u>	<u>(257,422)</u>	<u>(197,128)</u>	<u>(137,949)</u>	<u>(122,220)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,913,915	\$ 1,980,169	\$ 1,516,369	\$ 1,061,146	\$ 940,154
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014 - 2016.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014 - 2016. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014 - 2016.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014 - 2016. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(A) PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(B) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>			
(C) (D) School Breakfast Program	10.553	2016	\$ 136,365
(C) (D) National School Lunch Program	10.555	2016	244,710
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition Cluster			381,075
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2015	136,073
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2016	536,393
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			672,466
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2015	34,145
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2016	129,573
Total Special Education_Grants to States			163,718
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2016	94,704
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	2015	8,693
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	2016	28,207
Total English Language Acquisition Grants			36,900
Total U.S. Department of Education			967,788
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 1,348,863

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- (A) OAKS did not assign pass-through numbers for fiscal year 2016.
- (B) This schedule includes the federal award activity of the Great Western Academy under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Great Western Academy, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Great Western Academy.
- (C) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of breakfasts and lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (D) Included as part of the "Child Nutrition Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (E) CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.



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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***

Great Western Academy
Franklin County
310 North Wilson Road
Columbus, Ohio 43204

To the Board of Directors:

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 Great Western Academy, Franklin County, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Great Western Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Great Western 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 Great Western 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 Great Western 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.

Board of Directors
Great Western Academy

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Great Western 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 Great Western Academy's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Great Western Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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December 20, 2016



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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the
Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Great Western Academy
Franklin County
310 North Wilson Road
Columbus, Ohio 43204

To the Board of Directors:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Great Western Academy's compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Great Western Academy's major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Great Western Academy's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Great Western Academy's management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Great Western Academy's compliance for the Great Western Academy's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Great Western Academy's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the Great Western Academy's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Great Western Academy's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Great Western Academy complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Board of Directors
Great Western Academy

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Great Western Academy's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Great Western Academy's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Great Western Academy's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 20, 2016

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2016**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, CFDA #84.010
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	Yes
2. FINDING RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS		

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None

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GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY

FRANKLIN 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
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**