

**Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School**

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School  
2357 Tremont Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Rea & Associates, 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 Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

May 17, 2017

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February 24, 2017

To the Board of Trustees  
Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School  
2357 Tremont Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School, as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in financial position and the cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Emphasis of Matter***

As described in Note 3, the School restated the net position balance to account for the removal of a receivable recognized in the prior year in error. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and the *Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*, and *Schedule of the School's Contributions* on pages 5-9, 34-35, and 36-37, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements. The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards*, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2017 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Kea & Associates, Inc.*

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

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

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (the MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key Financial Highlights for the School for the 2015-16 school year are as follows:

- Total Assets increased \$157,067.
- Total Liabilities increased \$3,375,060.
- Total Net Position decreased \$832,185.
- Total Operating and Non-Operating revenues were \$7,029,245. Total Operating and non-operating expenses were \$7,861,430.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This report consists of three parts: the basic financial statements, notes to those statements, and required supplemental information. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position reflect how the School did financially during fiscal year 2016. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the School's Net Position and changes in those assets. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how the School did financially during 2016. This statement includes all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resource focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's Net Position for fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015.

**Table 1  
Statement of Net Position**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015 Restated</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 930,239	\$ 1,904,277
Non-Current Assets	1,179,580	-
Capital Assets, Net	14,020	62,495
Total Assets	2,123,839	1,966,772
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	4,991,532	3,064,681
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	2,071,168	2,166,379
Net Pension Liability	9,014,265	5,543,994
Total Liabilities	11,085,433	7,710,373
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	557,006	1,015,963
<b>Net Position</b>		
Investment in Capital Assets	14,020	62,495
Unrestricted	(4,541,088)	(3,757,378)
Total Net Position	\$(4,527,068)	\$(3,694,883)

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

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

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

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

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

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

In accordance with GASB 68, the School's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows of resources. As a result of implementing GASB 68, the School is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. Over time, Net Position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2016, the School's net position totaled \$(4,527,068).

Current assets represent accounts and intergovernmental receivables, advances receivable, and notes receivable. Current liabilities represent accounts payable, accrued expenses, advances payable, withholdings payable, and line of credit payable at fiscal year-end. Accounts receivable increased \$297,272 due to additional reimbursements due from the management company. Intergovernmental receivables decreased \$283,426 due to increased collections throughout the year. Advances receivable decreased \$1,380,500 and notes receivable increased \$1,322,500 due to reclassification of these receivables to long term repayment terms. Accounts payable increased \$334,576 due to increased obligations from operations. Accrued expenses decreased \$627,363 due to payments made to the management company. Net pension liability, deferred inflows and outflows of resources are due to changes in accruals related to GASB 68/71.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

Table 2 shows the change in Net Position for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The 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.

**Table 2  
Change in Net Position**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>Restated 2015</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
State Aid	\$ 4,698,420	\$ 4,826,559
Other	43,036	59,349
Total Operating Revenues	4,741,456	4,885,908
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	2,629,483	2,736,476
Fringe Benefits	1,713,003	927,141
Purchased Services	2,922,181	3,079,437
Materials and Supplies	284,684	317,856
Depreciation	48,475	161,404
Other	-	121,726
Total Operating Expenses	7,597,826	7,344,040
Operating (Loss)	(2,856,370)	(2,458,132)
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>		
Federal Grants	1,046,888	1,132,450
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	505,901	324,122
Debt Forgiveness	735,000	3,500
Interest Expense	(263,604)	-
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	2,024,185	1,460,072
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(832,185)	(998,060)
<b>Net Position, Beginning of the Year</b>	(3,694,883)	(2,696,823)
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	\$(4,527,068)	\$ (3,694,883)

During the fiscal year, the management forgave a one-time amount of \$735,000 worth of open obligations.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705 (with the exception section 5705.391 – Five Year Forecasts), unless specifically provided in the community school's contract with its Sponsor.

The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. The School must prepare and submit a detail budget for every fiscal year to the Board of Directors and its Sponsor. The five-year forecast is also submitted to the Ohio Department of Education, annually.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At fiscal year end, the School's net capital asset balance was \$14,020. This balance represents no current year additions offset by current year depreciation of \$48,475. For more information on capital assets, see Note 6 of the Basic Financial Statements.

**WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES - CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL**

During the fiscal year, the School received working capital monies from Charter School Capital through a receivables purchase agreement. As the School receives monthly State funding, these advances are repaid, however, the School may elect to receive additional advances from Charter School Capital by entering into additional agreements.

**CURRENT FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The School is a community School and is funded through the State of Ohio Foundation Program. The School relies on this, as well as, State and Federal funds as its primary source of revenue. In 2016, the State raised the base per pupil funding to \$5,900, which is up from \$5,800 in the previous year. Additionally, community schools in Ohio will be allocated a small amount of facilities funding which is also per pupil based. This amount is projected to be approximately \$150 per pupil.

The full-time equivalent enrollment of the School for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 552 compared to a figure of 583 at the end of fiscal year 2015.

Overall, the School will continue to provide learning opportunities and apply resources to best meet the needs of the students served.

**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact C. David Massa, CPA, of Massa Financial Solutions, LLC, 2357 Tremont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 or e-mail at [dave@massasolutionsllc.com](mailto:dave@massasolutionsllc.com)

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**Statement of Net Position  
At June 30, 2016**

**Assets**

*Current Assets:*

Accounts Receivable	\$755,831
Intergovernmental Receivable	31,488
Notes Receivable	142,920
	142,920

Total Current Assets	930,239
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*Noncurrent Assets:*

Notes Receivable, net of current portion	1,179,580
<i>Capital Assets:</i>	
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	14,020
	14,020

Total Noncurrent Assets	1,193,600
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Total Assets	2,123,839
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<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	4,991,532
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**Liabilities**

*Current Liabilities:*

Accounts Payable	493,404
Accrued Expenses	20,172
Advances Payable	1,495,816
Line of Credit Payable	16,303
Withholdings Payable	45,473
	45,473

Total Current Liabilities	2,071,168
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*Long-Term Liabilities:*

Net Pension Liability (See Note 11)	9,014,265
	9,014,265

Total Long-Term Liabilities	9,014,265
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<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	557,006
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**Net Position**

Investment in Capital Assets	14,020
Unrestricted	(4,541,088)
	(4,541,088)

Total Net Position	\$(4,527,068)
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
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**Statement of Revenues,  
Expenses and Change in Net Position  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2016**

**Operating Revenues**

State Aid	\$ 4,698,420
Other	43,036
Total Operating Revenues	<u>4,741,456</u>

**Operating Expenses**

Salaries	2,629,483
Fringe Benefits	1,713,003
Purchased Services	2,922,181
Materials and Supplies	284,684
Depreciation	48,475
Total Operating Expenses	<u>7,597,826</u>

**Operating (Loss)** (2,856,370)

**Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)**

Federal Grants	1,046,888
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	505,901
Debt Forgiveness	735,000
Interest Expense	(263,604)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>2,024,185</u>

**Change in Net Position** (832,185)

**Net Position, Beginning of Year, Restated – See Note 3** (3,694,883)

**Net Position, End of Year** \$ (4,527,068)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

<b><u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u></b>	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 4,686,799
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	43,086
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,703,294)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,629,483)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	<u>(958,699)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	(1,561,591)
<b><u>Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities</u></b>	
Cash Received from Federal Grants	1,071,358
Cash Received from Cleveland Municipal School District	505,901
Cash Payments on Line of Credit	(2,114)
Cash Payments on Interest Expense from Advances/Line of Credit	(263,604)
Cash Received From Advances Receivable	230,500
Cash Payments for Advances Receivable	(172,500)
Cash Received From Advances Payable	3,992,900
Cash Repayments of Advances Payable	<u>(3,806,628)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non-capital Financing Activities	1,555,813
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(5,778)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>5,778</u></b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016  
(Continued)**

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET  
CASH (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

<b>Operating Loss</b>	\$ (2,856,370)
Depreciation	48,475
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows:	
(Increase)/ Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(297,272)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Other Assets	3,482
(Increase)/ Decrease in Deferred Outflows	(1,926,851)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Withholding Payable	13,318
Increase/ (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows	(458,957)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	3,470,271
Increase/ (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	334,576
Increase/ (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	107,737
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Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (1,561,591)</u></u>

Non-Cash Transaction: During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the School received a one-time debt forgiveness in the amount of \$735,000 from I CAN Schools. This forgiveness was applied against open obligations of the School that were owed to I CAN Schools. In addition \$1,322,500 worth of advances receivable was converted to long term notes receivable.

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, (the School) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School's mission is to provide an orderly and supportive environment whereby students experience preparations for college, career and life. The School operates on a foundation, which fosters character building for all students, parents and staff members. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The School may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under a contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools ("OCCS") (the Sponsor) for a five year period commencing on July 1, 2015. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The School operates under the direction of a Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student populations, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admissions standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Board controls the School's instructional and administrative staff.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes Net Position, financial position and cash flows.

The Government Accounting Standards Board identifies the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-ending reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise where the intent is that the cost (expense) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources focus. Under 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 difference between total assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are defined as net position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net 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. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the state of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705 (with the exception section 5705.391 – Five Year Forecasts), unless specifically provided for in the School's sponsorship agreement. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed budget for each year of the contract.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash received by the School is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the Statement of Net Position. The School did not have any investments during the period ended June 30, 2016.

**E. Estimates**

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

**F. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost. Donated Capital Assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The costs of additions are capitalized and expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed when incurred. When property is sold or retired, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the financial records and any gain or loss is included in additions to or deductions from Net Position. Capital assets were \$14,020, as of June 30, 2016, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of capital assets is calculated utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the asset which are as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Computers & Software	3 years
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	5 years
Textbooks	3 years

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Capital Assets and Depreciation (Continued)**

The School's policy for asset capitalization threshold is \$5,000. Assets or certain asset groups not meeting the capitalization threshold are not capitalized and are not included in the assets represented in the accompany statement of Net Position.

**G. Intergovernmental Revenues**

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

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which 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 when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

The School also participates in various federal programs passed through the Ohio Department of Education.

Also, during the fiscal year, the School began to receive a pro-rata share of property tax distributions from the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) as part of a partnership agreement executed between the School and CMSD.

Under the above programs the School recorded \$4,698,420 this fiscal year from the Foundation Program, \$1,046,888 from Federal Grants and \$505,901 of CMSD property tax distributions.

**H. Compensated Absences**

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore the School does not accrue vacation time as a liability.

Sick/personal leave benefits are earned by full-time employees at the rate of eight days per year and cannot be carried into the subsequent years. No accrual for sick time is made since unused time is not paid to employees upon employment termination.

**I. Accrued Liabilities**

Obligations incurred but unpaid at June 30 are reported as accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. These liabilities consisted of Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses, Line of Credit Payable, Advances Payable, and Withholdings Payable and totaled \$2,071,168 at June 30, 2016.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**J. Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions**

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Non exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditures requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

**K. Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 11.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized until that time. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on the statement of net position. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the statement of net position. (See Note 11)

**L. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net Position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restriction imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws and regulations of other governments. The School applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted Net Position are available. Net Position invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

**M. Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the School. For the School, these revenues are primarily the State Foundation program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**M. Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Non-operating revenues are those revenues that are not generated directly from the primary activities of the School. Various federal and state grants, interest earnings, if any, and other miscellaneous revenues comprise the non-operating revenues of the School. Interest and fiscal charges on outstanding obligations, as well as gain or loss on capital asset disposals, if any comprise the non-operating expenses.

**N. 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/deletions 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.

**O. Implementation of Accounting Principles**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the School has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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 clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting purposes, establishes general principles for measuring fair value, provides additional fair value application guidance, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 72 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 73 establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions that are not within the scope of GASB Statement No. 68 as well as for the assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions. In addition, it establishes requirements for defined contribution pensions that are not within the Scope of Statement 68. It also clarifies the application of certain provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 73 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement no. 76 reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and address 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 School.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**O. Implementation of Accounting Principles**

GASB Statement No. 79 addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. Specifically, it 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 School.

**3. RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

For fiscal year 2016, the School has determined that the funding related to Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) is a voluntary non-exchange transaction. A receivable and revenue should not be recorded based on when the tax was levied. A receivable would only be recorded in CMSD received tax collections that were not distributed at the fiscal year end. Due to charter schools not being authorized to levy and place a tax on the ballot, then the levy belongs to CMSD and they have entered into a type of grant agreement with the participating charter schools. This determination had the following effect on net position as reported June 30, 2015:

Net position June 30, 2015	(\$3,435,927)
Adjustments:	
CMSD Revenue Previously Accrued as a Receivable	<u>(258,956)</u>
Restated Net Position June 30, 2015	<u><u>(\$3,694,883)</u></u>

**4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The following information classifies deposits by category of risk as defined in GASB Statement No.3 "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements," as amended by GASB Statement No.40, "Deposit, and Investment Risk Disclosures".

The School maintains its cash balances at one financial institution, PNC Bank, located in Ohio. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000, per qualifying account. At June 30, 2016, the book amount of the School's deposits was \$0 and the bank balance was \$8,402.

The School had no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirement of state statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee to secure repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value shall be at least 105% of deposits being secured. At June 30, 2016, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.



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**5. RECEIVABLES**

**A. Accounts Receivable**

The School has accounts receivables totaling \$755,831 at June 30, 2016. These receivables represented monies earned, but not received as of June 30, 2016.

**B. Intergovernmental Receivable**

The School had intergovernmental receivables of \$31,488 at June 30, 2016. These receivables represented monies due to the School from government sources, but not received as of June 30, 2016.

**C. Advances Receivable**

During the fiscal year ending 2016, the School initiated advances to and from other community schools managed by I CAN Schools. The School had advances receivables totaling \$0 at June 30, 2016. Additional advances of \$172,500 were made while payments of \$230,500 were received.

**D. Notes Receivable**

During the fiscal year ending 2016, the School converted advances to other community schools managed by I CAN Schools to promissory notes receivable as of June 30, 2016. The first note is to Lake Erie Preparatory in the amount of \$187,000 with a monthly payment of \$1,849. The note began on June 30, 2016 and matures on June 30, 2026. The annual interest rate is 3.5%. The second note is to Akron Preparatory School in the amount of \$555,500 with a monthly payment of \$5,493. The note began on June 30, 2016 and matures on June 30, 2026. The annual interest rate is 3.5%. The third note is to Ohio College Preparatory School in the amount of \$105,000 with a monthly payment of \$1,038. The note began on June 30, 2016 and matures on June 30, 2026. The annual interest rate is 3.5%. The fourth note is to Canton College Preparatory School in the amount of \$475,000 with a monthly payment of \$4,697. The note began on June 30, 2016 and matures on June 30, 2026. The annual interest rate is 3.5%.

	Principal Outstanding			Principal Outstanding		Due Within
	06/30/15	Additions	Reductions	06/30/16	One Year	
Lake Erie Preparatory School	\$ -	\$ 187,000	\$ -	\$ 187,000	\$ 15,898	
Akron Preparatory School	-	555,500	-	555,500	47,228	
Ohio College Preparatory	-	105,000	-	105,000	39,410	
Canton College Preparatory	-	475,000	-	475,000	40,384	
Total Notes Receivable	\$ -	\$ 1,322,500	\$ -	\$ 1,322,500	\$ 142,920	

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**6. CAPITAL ASSETS**

For the period ending June 30, 2016, the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	<u>Balance 06/30/15</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/16</u>
<b>Capital Assets:</b>				
Computers & Software	\$ 609,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 609,119
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	148,297	-	-	148,297
Textbooks	78,167	-	-	78,167
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>835,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>835,583</b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Computers & Software	(590,303)	(18,816)	-	(609,119)
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	(104,617)	(29,659)	-	(134,276)
Textbooks	(78,168)	-	-	(78,168)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(773,088)</b>	<b>(48,475)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(821,563)</b>
<b>Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 62,495</b>	<b>\$ (48,475)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,020</b>

**7. ADVANCES PAYABLE**

During the fiscal year ending 2016, the School initiated advances to and from other community schools managed by I CAN Schools. Additionally, during fiscal year 2016, the School received working capital advances from Charter School Capital through a receivables purchase agreement. As the School receives its monthly State funding, these advances are repaid, however, the School may elect to receive future advances from Charter School Capital by entering into additional agreements.

The total amount of advances payable outstanding from both sources at June 30, 2016 was \$1,495,816. The School paid \$242,062 in interest expense during the fiscal year 2016. The activity for the year is reflected as follows:

<u>Balance July 1, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2016</u>
\$ 1,309,544	\$ 3,992,900	\$ (3,806,628)	\$ 1,495,816

**8. LINE OF CREDIT PAYABLE**

The School has a line of credit agreement with US bank of \$30,000. The total amount borrowed against the line at June 30, 2016 was \$16,303. The line bears interest at the 16.25% annual percentage rate. The line is reviewed annually and is due on demand. Principal paid during the year was \$2,114 while interest totaled \$21,542.

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**9. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The changes in the School's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2016 were as follows:

	<b>Principal Outstanding 06/30/15</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Principal Outstanding 06/30/16</b>
Net Pension Liability (Note 11):				
STRS	\$ 5,116,807	\$1,543,769	\$ -	\$ 6,660,576
SERS	427,187	1,926,502	-	2,353,689
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>5,543,994</u>	<u>3,470,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,014,265</u>
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 5,543,994</u>	<u>\$3,470,271</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,014,265</u>

**10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Property & Liability**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the School contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company for general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence/ \$2,000,000 annual aggregate, as well as, an umbrella policy with a \$10,000,000 aggregate limit. The School also had a \$1,000,000 School Leaders policy in place through National Union Fire Insurance. There were no settlements in excess of insurance coverage over the past three years, nor has insurance coverage significantly reduced from the prior year.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

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

**C. Employee Medical and Dental Benefits**

The School provides medical, vision, and dental insurance benefits through Aetna to all full-time employees. During the School year, the School paid 90% of the monthly premiums for all employees.

**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS**

**A. Net Pension Liability**

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

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

**A. Net Pension Liability (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

Plan Description – The School's 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](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

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

	Eligible to Retire before August 1, 2017*	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or 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 School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2016.

The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$323,894 for fiscal year 2016.

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

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

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

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

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

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

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 School 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.

The School's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$380,427 for fiscal year 2016. There were no contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2016.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,353,689	\$6,660,576	\$9,014,265
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04124867%	0.02410015%	
Pension Expense	\$989,914	\$798,870	\$1,788,784

At June 30, 2016, the School 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>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$37,898	\$303,638	\$341,536
Changes of assumptions	2,228,023	1,717,652	3,945,675
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	323,894	380,427	704,321
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$2,589,815</u>	<u>\$2,401,717</u>	<u>\$4,991,532</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>\$77,986</u>	<u>\$479,021</u>	<u>\$557,007</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$77,986</u>	<u>\$479,021</u>	<u>\$557,007</u>

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

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

\$704,321 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 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:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2017	\$ 694,252	\$ 406,061	\$ 1,100,313
2018	694,252	406,061	1,100,313
2019	694,074	406,059	1,100,133
2020	105,357	324,088	429,445
Total	\$2,187,935	\$1,542,269	\$3,730,204

**E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2015, are presented below:



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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)**

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

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

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

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

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

**Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date** In April 2016, the SERS Board adopted certain assumption changes which impacted their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2016. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.5 percent. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the impact to the School's net pension liability is expected to be significant.

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)**

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,263,721	\$2,353,689	\$1,587,367

**F. 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 increase	2.75 percent at 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2.00 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:

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**11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)**

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,252,043	\$6,660,576	\$4,469,105

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**12. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Health Care Plan Description - The School District 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](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2016, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care fund. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 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.

The School's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$29,315, \$19,094, and \$2,956 respectively. For fiscal year 2016 and 2015, 100.00 percent has been contributed.

**B. State Teachers Retirement Systems**

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

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**12. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2016, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$0, \$0, and \$7,860 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

**13. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The School received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. Amount received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amount which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

**B. Litigation**

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School as defendant.

**C. Full-Time Equivalency**

The School Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, the community schools must comply with the minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the school district, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the total impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2016 and 2015 Foundation funding for the School; therefore, the financial statements impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or a liability of the School.

**14. SPONSOR CONTRACT**

The School contracted with Ohio Community School Consultants as its sponsor and oversight services as required by law. Sponsorship fees are calculated as a 2.25 percent of state funds received by the School from the State of Ohio. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the total sponsorship fees paid totaled \$104,718.

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**15. MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

The School entered into an agreement with I CAN Schools, a local nonprofit management company, to provide legal, financial, and other management support services for fiscal year 2015. The agreement was for a period of five years beginning July 1, 2012. Management fees are calculated as 18% of the total revenues received from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from the School for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was \$1,133,077 and is included under "Purchased Services" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

At the end of the fiscal year, I CAN Schools agreed to do a one-time forgiveness in the amount of \$735,000. This forgiveness was applied against open obligations of the School that were owed to I CAN Schools.

**16. PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the School made the following purchased services commitments.

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 1,640,465
Property Services	403,311
Utilities	148,063
Communications	10,228
Contractual Trade Services	351,922
Pupil Transportation	368,192
	\$ 2,922,181
	\$ 2,922,181

**17. LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

On May 27, 2010, the School entered into an operating lease with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for space located at St. John Cantius Parish. The term of the lease is for a period of five years. Base rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2016 was \$132,000 and each year on the anniversary of the lease the rent shall automatically increase 3% of the current rental amount.

On August 27, 2010, the School entered into an additional lease with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for more space located on the same St. John Cantius Parish campus. The term of the lease was for a period of one year, but can be automatically renewed for up to four one-year periods. Base rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2016 was \$78,400.

Future lease obligations are as follows:

	<u>Building One</u>		<u>Building Two</u>
FY2017	\$ 78,400		\$ 132,000
Total	\$ 78,400	Total	\$ 132,000

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO  
LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04124867%	0.00844086%	0.00844086%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,353,689	\$ 427,187	\$ 501,951
School's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 2,141,034	\$ 1,034,275	\$ 402,191
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	109.93%	41.30%	124.80%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available

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

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENION LIABILITY  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO  
LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02410015%	0.02103651%	0.02103651%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 6,660,576	\$ 5,116,807	\$ 6,095,107
School's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 2,419,977	\$ 2,103,290	\$ 1,505,600
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	275.23%	243.28%	404.83%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available

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



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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 323,894	\$ 282,188	\$ 143,350	\$ 55,663	\$ 30,193	\$ 16,639
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	\$ (323,894)	\$ (282,188)	\$ (143,350)	\$ (55,663)	\$ (30,193)	\$ (16,639)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$2,313,529	\$2,141,034	\$1,034,275	\$402,191	\$224,480	\$132,371
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%

(1) Information prior to 2011 is not available

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 380,427	\$ 338,797	\$ 273,428	\$ 195,728	\$ 171,826	\$ 84,323
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	\$ (380,427)	\$ (338,797)	\$ (273,428)	\$ (195,728)	\$ (171,826)	\$ (84,323)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 2,717,336	\$ 2,419,977	\$ 2,103,290	\$ 1,505,600	\$1,321,738	\$648,638
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

(1) Information prior to 2011 is not available

February 24, 2017

To the Board of Trustees  
Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School  
2357 Tremont Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2017, in which we noted the School restated their net position to account for the removal of a previously recognized receivable in error.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*  
Medina, Ohio

February 24, 2017

To the Board of Directors  
Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
2357 Tremont Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44113

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and  
Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School's, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for with federal statues, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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). Those standards and Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016.

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the School is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School'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, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. 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 type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 was not designed to 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.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements	Amounts Paid to Subrecipients
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>			
Grants to Local Education Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) - 2016	84.010	\$ 542,085	\$ -
Total Grants to Local Education Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)		<u>542,085</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - 2016	84.027	127,788	-
Total Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)		<u>127,788</u>	<u>-</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (Title IIA) - 2016	84.367	2,186	-
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (Title IIA)		<u>2,186</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>		<u>672,059</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>U. S. Department of Agriculture</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>			
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>			
<i>Cash Assistance:</i>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	92,099	-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	266,353	-
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>		<u>358,452</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total U. S. Department of Agriculture</b>		<u>358,452</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><b>\$ 1,030,511</b></u>	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.*

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

*Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
2 CFR §200.510(b)(6)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016*

**NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2016. 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 School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The School has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimus indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE C – TRANSFERS**

The Academy generally must spend Federal assistance within 15 months of receipt. However, with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approval, an Academy can transfer (carryover) unspent Federal assistance to the succeeding year, thus allowing the Academy a total of 27 months to spend the assistance. During fiscal year 2016, the ODE authorized the following transfers:

<u>CFDA Number / Grant Title</u>	<u>Grant Year</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>
84.010 Title I	2015	\$ 4,485	
84.010 Title I	2016		\$ 4,485
		<u>\$ 4,485</u>	<u>\$ 4,485</u>



**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO  
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
 2 CFR §200.515  
 JUNE 30, 2016**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

(d) (1) (i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d) (1) (iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d) (1) (v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d) (1) (vii)	Major Programs (list):  Title I	CFDA # 84.010
(d) (1) (viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: All others
(d) (1) (ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None were noted.

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None were noted.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**CUYAHOGA 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 30, 2017**