

**STEAM Academy of Youngstown**  
Mahoning County, Ohio

*Audited Financial Statements*

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2012





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
STEAM Academy of Youngstown  
814 Oak Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the STEAM Academy of Youngstown, Mahoning County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. 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 STEAM Academy of Youngstown is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

February 28, 2013

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December 27, 2012

To the Board of Trustees  
STEAM Academy of Youngstown  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the STEAM Academy of Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Academy, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 17, the Academy suspended operations effective June 30, 2012.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2012, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 3 through 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the 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 limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Kea & Associates, Inc.*



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*MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012  
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The discussion and analysis of the STEAM Academy of Youngstown (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance. The first year of the Academy's operations was 2012.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key highlights for fiscal year 2012 are as follows:

- Net assets decreased \$256,928.
- Operating expenses accounted for \$566,664 of the total expenses of \$568,963.
- Operating revenues accounted for \$286,901 of the Academy's total funding of \$312,035.
- The Academy had an operating loss of \$279,763 and \$25,134 of the operating loss was alleviated by non-operating federal and state grants. The Academy was not able to utilize the majority of federal grant allocations for fiscal year 2012.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial report consists of three parts; the management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the financial position of the Academy. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of net assets represents the statement of position of the Academy. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs. Finally, the notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided on the basic financial statements.

**Financial Analysis of the Academy as a Whole**

The Academy is not required to present government-wide financial statements as the Academy is engaged in only business-type activities. Therefore, no condensed financial information derived from the governmental-wide financial statements is included in the discussion and analysis. Since this is the first year of school operations, comparison to prior years are not available. Comparison tables will present two fiscal years in side-by-side comparisons in future reporting years.

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Table 1 provides a summary of Academy's net assets for 2012:

Table 1  
Net Assets

	<u>2012</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Current Assets	\$ 19,850
Total Assets	<u>19,850</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current Liabilities	<u>276,778</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>276,778</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>(256,928)</u>
Total Net Assets (Deficit)	<u>\$ (256,928)</u>

Results of fiscal year 2012 indicate a decrease in net assets of \$256,928 and an ending net asset deficit of \$256,928. The decrease in net assets is primarily due to a under enrollment of the facility in the first year of operations. The Academy finished fiscal 2012 with 38 students.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2012.

Table 2  
Change in Net Assets

	2012
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Community School Foundation	\$ 286,901
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>286,901</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Building	36,000
Purchased Services	484,067
General Supplies	41,360
Other Operating Expenses	5,237
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>566,664</b>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<b>(279,763)</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses:</b>	
Federal and State Restricted Grants	25,134
Interest Expense	(2,299)
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses</b>	<b>22,835</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(256,928)</b>
<b>Net Assets (Deficit) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets (Deficit) End of Year</b>	<b>\$ (256,928)</b>

At the onset of planning for the opening of the Academy, management and the board carefully calculated the costs and risks associated with offering a high quality educational program that would be competitive with the educational programs available at the traditional public schools and weighed those costs and risks against the enhanced educational opportunities that would be available to students. Based on that analysis, the board and its management made the decision to make an investment in the future of the children of this community, not based on a plan that was expected to generate economic profits, but rather on a plan that is economically sustainable and that would generate dividends to the community in the form of enhanced opportunities for children and families. Resources for the necessary programs came from delaying payment on invoices from the Academy's management company for certain rent, management services, other operating expenses and invoices for payroll of Academy staff.

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**Budgeting**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provision set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy.

**Economic Factors**

Management was granted approval by the Ohio Department of Education to enter a voluntary suspension of operations until such time as sufficient enrollment levels can be obtained.

**Operations**

The Academy is a public school established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact the administrative office of STEAM Academy of Youngstown, 810 Oak Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44506.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2012

**Assets:**

***Current assets:***

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	477
Account Receivable		1,967
Intergovernmental Receivable		724
Prepaid Expense		16,682
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>19,850</u>

**Total assets** 19,850

**Liabilities:**

***Current liabilities:***

Accounts Payable, Trade		17,051
Accounts Payable, Related Party		259,727
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>276,778</u>

**Total liabilities** 276,778

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted Net Assets		<u>(256,928)</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$	<u><u>(256,928)</u></u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

**Operating Revenues:**

Community School Foundation	\$ 286,901
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>286,901</u>

**Operating Expenses:**

Building	36,000
Purchased Services	484,067
General Supplies	41,360
Other Operating Expenses	5,237
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>566,664</u>

**Operating Loss** (279,763)

**Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses):**

Federal and State Restricted Grants	25,134
Interest Expense	(2,299)
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)</b>	<u>22,835</u>

<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	(256,928)
<b>Net Assets Beginning of Year</b>	-
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<u>\$ (256,928)</u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Foundation Receipts	\$ 286,901
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(308,533)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(21,632)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Short-term Financing Payments	(2,301)
Federal and State Grant Receipts	24,410
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>22,109</u>

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	477
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending of the Year	<u>\$ 477</u>

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

Operating Loss	<u>\$ (279,763)</u>
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities**

Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in Receivables	(1,967)
Increase in Prepaid Expense	(16,682)
Increase in Accounts Payable, Trade	17,051
Increase in Accounts Payable, Related Party	259,729
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<u>\$ (21,632)</u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**



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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1 - Description of the School**

The STEAM Academy of Youngstown (the "Academy") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in kindergarten through third grade. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation for a period of five academic years commencing after July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2016. The Sponsor, Richland Academy of Arts, is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board that consists of not less than five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives or owners or employees of any for-profit firm that operate or manage the Academy for the Governing Board. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract that include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc. for management services including management of personnel and human resources, the program of instruction, technology, marketing, data management, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. See Note 15.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The entity has elected not to apply FASB pronouncements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets; and a statement of cash flows. The Academy uses a single enterprise presentation for its financial records. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows.

**B. Measurement Focus**

The enterprise activity is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Academy are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances meet its cash flow needs.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenue resulting from nonexchange transactions, in which Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the period when the resources are required to be used or the period when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**D. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provision set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy.

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net assets. The Academy had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

**F. Prepaid Items**

The Academy records payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2012, as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

**G. Capital Assets**

The Academy's facility included the furniture and basic instructional equipment needed to operate the educational program during fiscal year 2012. Accordingly, there were no purchases of material capital assets. In the event capital assets are purchased in the future, they will be capitalized at cost and the schedules in the footnotes to the financial statements will be updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**H. Net Assets**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. As of June 30, 2012, there were no net assets restricted by enabling legislation.

**I. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

**J. Estimates**

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

**K. Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenues arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria has been satisfied. The Academy had no deferred revenue as of June 30, 2012.

**M. Economic Dependency**

The Academy receives approximately 99% of its operating revenue from the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the significance of this revenue source, the Academy is considered to be economically dependent on the State of Ohio Department of Education.

**Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles**

There were no changes in accounting principles implemented during 2012 that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

**Note 4 - Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2012, the book balance was \$477, and the bank balance of Academy's deposits was \$12,186. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

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**Note 5 – Receivables**

At June 30, 2012, the Academy had intergovernmental receivables, in the amount of \$724. The receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Grant	Amount
National School Lunch Program	\$724
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$724

**Note 6 - Capital Assets**

The Academy had no capital asset acquisitions or disposals for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Furniture and equipment used by the Academy was either available in its building when the Academy began its occupancy of the leased site or was rented.

**Note 7 - Risk Management**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2012, the Academy contracted with Pashley Insurance Agency to provide insurance coverage with the Hartford Casualty Insurance Company.

General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Medical Expense Limit - Any One Person/Occurrence	15,000
Damage to Rented Premises - Each Occurrence	500,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Automobile Liability:	
Bodily Injury Limit	1,000,000
Excess/Umbrella Liability:	
Each Occurrence	8,000,000
Aggregate Limit	8,000,000
Excess/Umbrella Liability:	
Building & BPP	8,896,500

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage, nor has there been any significant reduction in coverage throughout the year.

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**Note 8 – Purchased Services**

For the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, purchased service expenses were as follows:

Purchased Services	<u>Amount</u>
Personnel Services	\$245,513
Staff and Administrative Services	55,588
Food Service	25,727
Building Services	123,093
Sponsor Fee	8,607
Student Services	13,908
Advertising	11,631
Total	<u><u>\$484,067</u></u>

**Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Academy has contracted with Mosaica Education, Inc. to provide employee services. However, these contracted services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below.

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under **Employers/Audit Resources**.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board, The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 12.7 percent. The remaining 1.3 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The Academy's contributions to SERS for the year ended June 30, 2012 was \$4,856; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

The Academy contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Copies of the STRS Ohio's 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be requested in writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or visiting the STRS Ohio website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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**Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

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

STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, community school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the state of any political subdivision thereof.

**Plan Options** - New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

**DB Plan Benefits** – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit”, the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2 percent multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-value purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5 percent. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of Ohio service over 31 years (2.6 percent for 32 years, 2.7 percent for 33 years and so on) until 100 percent of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5 percent instead of 2.2 percent. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

**DC Plan Benefits** – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 and 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested for the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balances. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s Designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

**Combined Plan Benefits** – Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1 percent of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a members on or after age 60. The defined contributions portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

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**Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

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

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years' credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC, or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Funding Policy – Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for members and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers.

Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, were 10 percent of covered payroll for members and 14 percent for employers. Employer contributions actually paid should be disclosed in both dollar amounts and as a percentage of the employer's covered payroll for the current year and the two preceding years. Member and employer contributions actually made for DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

The Academy required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 was \$20,486; 100 percent has been contributed for the fiscal year. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2012 were made by the Academy.

**Note 10 – Postemployment Benefits**

**A. State Employee Retirement System**

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans.

**Medicare Part B Plan**

The Medicare Part B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium of the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2012 was \$99 for most participants, but could be as high as \$369.10 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

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**Note 10 – Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

**A. State Employee Retirement System (Continued)**

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2012, the actuarially required allocation is .75 percent. The Academy's contributions for the year ended June 30, 2012 was \$287; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012.

**Health Care Plan**

ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2012, the health care allocation is .55 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. State law provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2012, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Academy's contributions assigned to health care for the year ended June 30, 2012 was \$210; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare Part B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan; a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan, and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan.



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**Note 10 – Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

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

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associate health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

**Funding Policy**

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010. The 14 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law.

The Academy's contribution for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 was \$1,576; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012.

**Note 11 - Contingencies**

**A. Grants**

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2012.

**B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the Academy is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusion of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. Based on a recent review of the 2011-12 school year, it was determined that the Academy was not overfunded.

**C. Auditor of State Review**

The Auditor of State is currently performing a statewide review of supporting documentation for student attendance data reported to the Ohio Department of Education. The results of this review are still pending and will be reported separately to the Ohio Department of Education at a later date.

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**Note 12 – Building Leases**

The Academy entered into an annual lease agreement in July 2011 to lease a building from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for the use of the building and grounds as a school facility. Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2012 was \$36,000, which was subsequently renewed for one more year.

**Note 13 – Long-Term Debt Obligations**

The Academy did not enter into any long-term debt obligations during fiscal 2012.

**Note 14 – Tax Exempt Status.**

The Academy has applied for tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Note 15 – Related Party Transactions/Management Company**

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc. for variety of services including management of personnel and human resources, board relations, financial management, marketing, technology services, the program of instruction, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. Financial management services include, but are not limited to, financial statement, budget preparation, accounts payable, and payroll preparation.

Per the management agreement with the Academy, Mosaica Education, Inc. is entitled to a management fee that is equivalent to 12.5% of Academy's foundation and federal revenues, excluding amounts related to student lunch and breakfast revenue. The management fee for fiscal year 2012 was \$35,863.

Also, per the management agreement there are expenses that will be billed to the Academy based on the actual cost incurred for the Academy by Mosaica Education, Inc. These expenses include rent, salaries of Mosaica Education, Inc employees working at the Academy, and other costs related to providing educational and administration services. The total expenses billed by Mosaica Education Inc during fiscal year 2012 were \$323,467.

At June 30, 2012, the Academy had payables to Mosaica Education, Inc. in the amount of \$259,727.

Management Fees	\$26,195
Finance Charges	1,690
Payroll	139,560
Other	92,282
Total	<u>\$259,727</u>

**Note 16 – Sponsor**

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with its sponsor, Richland Academy of Arts, for a period of five academic years commencing July of 2011. As part of this contract, the Sponsor is entitled to 3% of the total state funds. Total amount due and paid for fiscal year 2012 was \$8,607.

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**Note 17 – Subsequent Events**

Effective June 30, 2012, the Academy Board requested and was granted approval by the Ohio Department of Education to enter a voluntary suspension of operations until such time as sufficient enrollment levels can be obtained to allow the Academy to project breakeven operations. As of December 27, 2012, the Academy had a cash balance of \$227 and liabilities of \$284,588. Once all costs and liabilities are known, and the Academy officially ceases operating, the Academy will pay its final costs and any residual cash balances remaining will be remitted to the Ohio Department of Education, per Ohio Revised Code 3314.074.

December 27, 2012

To the Board of Trustees  
STEAM Academy of Youngstown  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
814 Oak Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

**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 the financial statements of the STEAM Academy of Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2012, which indicates the Academy suspended operations effective June 30, 2012. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Academy is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

STEAM Academy of Youngstown  
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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of 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*.

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

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

December 27, 2012

STEAM Academy of Youngstown  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
814 Oak Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Trustees:

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

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

1. We noted the Board adopted an anti-harassment policy at its meeting on April 23, 2012.
2. We read the policy, noting it included the following requirements from Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666(B):
  - (1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events;
  - (2) A definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that shall include the definition in division (A) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666;
  - (3) A procedure for reporting prohibited incidents;
  - (4) A requirement that school personnel report prohibited incidents of which they are aware to the school principal or other administrator designated by the principal;

- (5) A requirement that parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident be notified and, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, have access to any written reports pertaining to the prohibited incident;
- (6) A procedure for documenting any prohibited incident that is reported;
- (7) A procedure for responding to and investigating any reported incident;
- (8) A strategy for protecting a victim from additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report;
- (9) A disciplinary procedure for any student guilty of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, which shall not infringe on any student's rights under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
- (10) A requirement that the district administration semiannually provide the president of the district board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on its web site, if the district has a web site, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended.
- (11) A statement to include violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

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

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

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**STEAM ACADEMY OF YOUNGSTOWN**

**MAHONING**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 14, 2013**