



**APEX ACADEMY  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Apex Academy  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Apex Academy, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Canter & Associates, for the audit period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report 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 Apex Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

March 24, 2014

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Apex Academy  
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To the Board of Directors:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Apex Academy, Cuyahoga County (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for 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 opinions 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 Academy'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 Academy'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 opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Apex Academy, Cuyahoga County, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 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 opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The federal awards receipts and expenditures schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The federal awards receipts and expenditures schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 federal awards receipts and expenditures schedule 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 18, 2014, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Apex Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CANTER & ASSOCIATES**

Poland, Ohio

February 18, 2014



# **APEX ACADEMY**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

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The discussion and analysis of Apex Academy (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities through June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements, which immediately follow this section, to enhance understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Financial Statements — and Management's Discussion and Analysis — for State and Local Government*, issued June, 1999.

### **Financial Highlights**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, total assets were \$344,996, total liabilities were \$311,236, and total net position was \$33,760.

### **Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of the MD&A, the financial statements, and notes to those statements. The financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

### **Reporting the Academy as a Whole**

One of the most important questions asked about the Academy is, "As a whole, what is the Academy's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, which appear first in the Academy's financial statements, report information on the Academy as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's net position — the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the statement of net position — as one way to measure the Academy's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Academy's net position — as reported in the statement of net position — are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the Academy's operating results. However, the Academy's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other nonfinancial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the school, to assess the overall health of the Academy.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position report the activities for the Academy, which encompass all the Academy's services, including instruction, support services, community services, and food services. Unrestricted state aid and state and federal grants finance most of these activities. The Academy has entered into a services agreement (the "Agreement") with National Heritage Academies, Inc. (NHA) which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the Agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. Under the terms of the Agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources.

The table below provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal years ended June 30:

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 334,596	\$ 397,307
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>10,400</u>	<u>12,231</u>
Total assets	344,996	409,538
Liabilities—current	<u>311,236</u>	<u>383,510</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	10,400	12,231
Restricted - School Service Fund	12,425	-
Unrestricted	<u>10,935</u>	<u>13,797</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 33,760</u>	<u>\$ 26,028</u>

The unrestricted net position represents the accumulated results of the Academy's operations to date. These assets can be used to finance day-to day-operations without constraints, such as legislative or legal requirements. The results of the current-year operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, which shows the change in net position.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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

The table below shows the changes in net position as well as a listing of revenues and expenses for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	2013	2012
Operating revenues:		
Foundation payments	\$ 4,036,281	\$ 3,741,319
Food services	1,759	3,068
Other revenues	<u>12,526</u>	<u>10,215</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>4,050,566</u>	<u>3,754,602</u>
Operating expenses:		
Depreciation	1,831	5,682
Contracted service fee	<u>5,966,697</u>	<u>6,264,742</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,968,528</u>	<u>6,270,424</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,917,962)</u>	<u>(2,515,822)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:		
Federal grants	1,333,153	1,046,874
State grants	19,820	96,569
Private sources—NHA	<u>572,721</u>	<u>1,371,796</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>1,925,694</u>	<u>2,515,239</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 7,732</u>	<u>\$ (583)</u>

As reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, the cost of business activities was \$5,968,528. These activities were primarily funded by the Academy's state aid (based on student count) and governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants. *Revenues — Private sources — NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for the excess of Academy expenses over public revenues available.

The Academy experienced an increase in net position of \$7,732 in 2013. Under the terms of the Agreement, NHA provides a spending account to the Board of Directors for discretionary expenditures. The primary reason for the change in net position is the timing of these discretionary expenditures.

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2013, the Academy had \$10,400 invested in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation from board discretionary funds, primarily equipment. Capital assets are substantially provided as part of the agreement with NHA.

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## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

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### **General Economic Factors**

The Academy depends on legislative and governmental support to fund its operations. Based on information currently available, no significant changes are expected to occur in the nature of the funding or operations of the Academy in 2014. The Academy also received a contribution from NHA as a result of excess Academy expenses over public revenues available.

### **Contacting the Academy's Financial Management**

The financial report is designed to provide users of the report with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, contact the Chief Financial Officer of National Heritage Academies, Inc., 3850 Broadmoor SE, Ste. 201, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

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## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2013

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### CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	\$	11,710
Intergovernmental receivable		<u>322,886</u>

Total current assets		<u>334,596</u>
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### NON-CURRENT ASSETS:

Capital assets		211,212
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(200,812)</u>

Total non-current assets		<u>10,400</u>
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Total assets		<u>344,996</u>
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### LIABILITIES:

Unearned revenue		426
Contracted service fee payable		<u>310,810</u>

Total liabilities		<u>311,236</u>
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### NET POSITION:

Net investment in capital assets		10,400
Restricted - School Service Fund		12,425
Unrestricted		<u>10,935</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	<u><u>33,760</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

## APEX ACADEMY

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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OPERATING REVENUES:	
Foundation payments	\$ 4,036,281
Food services	1,759
Other revenues	<u>12,526</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>4,050,566</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Depreciation	1,831
Contracted service fee	<u>5,966,697</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,968,528</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(1,917,962)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
Federal grants	1,333,153
State grants	19,820
Private sources — NHA	<u>572,721</u>
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>1,925,694</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7,732
NET POSITION — Beginning of year	<u>26,028</u>
NET POSITION — End of year	<u>\$ 33,760</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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#### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Cash received from State of Ohio	\$ 4,062,485
Cash received from food services	1,785
Cash received from other operating revenue	12,526
Cash paid on behalf of the Academy for goods and services	<u>(5,466,276)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,389,480)</u>

#### CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Federal grants received	1,374,074
State grants received	<u>22,270</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>1,396,344</u>

#### NET INCREASE IN CASH

6,864

#### CASH — Beginning of year

4,846

#### CASH — End of year

\$ 11,710

#### RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating loss	\$ (1,917,962)
Support from private sources — NHA	572,721
Depreciation	1,831
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Change in intergovernmental receivables affecting operating revenue	26,204
Change in unearned revenue	26
Change in contracted service fee payable	<u>(72,300)</u>

#### NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES

\$ (1,389,480)

#### NON-CASH ACTIVITY:

Support from private sources — NHA	<u>\$ 572,721</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

# APEX ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Apex Academy (the “Academy”) is an Ohio Public School Academy, which provides education based on rigorous teaching methods, parental involvement, student responsibility, and basic moral values. The Academy operates an approved charter received from Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW or the “Sponsor”), which is responsible for oversight of the Academy’s operations. The charter’s term expired on June 30, 2013 and was renewed through June 30, 2018. Management believes the charter will be renewed in the ordinary course of business. The Academy provides education to students in kindergarten through the eighth grade, at no cost to the parent. Enrollment is open to all appropriately aged children without regard to gender, ethnic background, disability, and/or religious affiliation.

The Academy was established and is operated as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code and believes itself to be exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1) because its income is derived from the exercise of an essential governmental function and accrues to the State of Ohio (the “State”). Donations to the Academy qualify as a charitable deduction under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1).

The Academy operates under the direction of a board of directors (the “Board”). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor 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 Board of Directors of the Academy has entered into a services agreement (the “agreement”) with National Heritage Academies, Inc. (NHA) which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. The agreement will continue until the termination or expiration of the charter contract, up to a maximum of five years, unless at least 90 days written notice of intent to terminate or renegotiate is given by either the Academy or NHA.

Under the terms of the agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources. *Revenues — Private sources — NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for the excess of Academy expenditures over public revenues available.



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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

## APEX ACADEMY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The Academy's financial statements consist of a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and a statement of cash flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

*Estimates* — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Cash Deposits*— For cash management, all cash received by the Academy is pooled in a non-interest bearing central bank account. Total cash for the Academy is presented as "Cash" on the accompanying statement of net position. Cash as of June 30, 2013, represents bank deposits, which are covered by federal depository insurance.

*Capital Assets* — Capital assets, which include equipment, are reported in the financial statements at historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over useful lives of 3–10 years.

*Contracted Service Fee Payable* — Contracted service fee payable as of June 30, 2013, represents a timing difference between funds received from governmental sources and amounts payable to NHA in accordance with the agreement.

*Unearned Revenue* — Unearned revenue is reported in connection with funds that have been received for services which have not been performed and is therefore not yet earned.

*Intergovernmental Revenues* — The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Intervention Services Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

# APEX ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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*Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources* – In addition to assets, the statements of net position and balance sheets will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recongnized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. At June 30, 2013 the Academy reported no deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position may report and balance sheets report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a furture period and will not be recongnized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. At June 30, 2013, the Academy had no items which were classified as deferred inflows of resources.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as nonoperating revenue in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is 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.

*Net position* — Net position represent the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, contstruction or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. At fiscal year-end June 30, 2013, the Academy had \$12,425 of restricted net position for the School Service Fund.

*Budgetary Process* — The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.391(A) of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a five-year forecast, update it annually, and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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### 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At fiscal year-end June 30, 2013, the Academy's bank balance was \$11,710. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, as of June 30, 2013, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below and all of the bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at the Federal Reserve Bank or at member banks of the Federal Reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Academy.

### 4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2013, consisted of intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables at June 30, 2013, is as follows:

	<b>Amounts</b>
Due from State	\$ 3,532
Title I	139,129
Title I School Improvement	15,129
Title IIA	10,010
IDEA Part B	41,438
Race to the Top ARRA	106,024
National School Lunch and Breakfast	<u>7,624</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u>\$ 322,886</u>

## APEX ACADEMY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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#### 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Academy's business-type activities at June 30, 2013, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Business-type activities — equipment	\$ 211,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,212
Total capital assets at historical cost	211,212	-	-	211,212
Less accumulated depreciation — equipmen	(198,981)	(1,831)		(200,812)
Total accumulated depreciation	(198,981)	(1,831)	-	(200,812)
Total business-type activities capital assets — net	\$ 12,231	\$ (1,831)	\$ -	\$ 10,400

#### 6. PENSION PLANS

##### ***School Employees Retirement System***

*Plan Description* — NHA and contractors of NHA, on behalf of certain employees at the Academy, contribute to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS or the "System"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by 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 may be obtained on the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under "Employers/Audit Resources."

*Funding Policy* — Plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and NHA is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. NHA's current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of NHA contributions are used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, 13.05% and 0.05% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The remaining .9% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the health care and Medicare funds.

## APEX ACADEMY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS retirement board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10% for plan members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

NHA's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$51,225, \$50,189, and \$53,309, respectively; and 100% was contributed for each fiscal year.

#### ***State Teachers Retirement System***

*Plan Description* — NHA, on behalf of teachers at the Academy, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio ("STRS Ohio"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Ohio STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) under "Publications."

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a defined benefit plan (the "DB Plan"), a defined contribution plan (the "DC plan") and a combined plan (the "Combined Plan"). The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation into an investment account.

Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan.

The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB Plan or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits.

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Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

*Funding Policy* — Plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salaries. NHA was required to contribute 14%; 13% was used to fund pension obligations and 1% was used for the health care stabilization fund. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board (the "Retirement Board"), upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

NHA's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$199,967, \$227,899, and \$244,837 respectively; 100% was contributed for each fiscal year.

## 7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

### *School Employees Retirement System*

*Plan Description* — NHA and contractors of NHA, on behalf of certain employees at the Academy, participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by SERS for noncertificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a health care plan (the "Health Care Plan") and a Medicare Part B plan (the "Medicare Part B Plan"). The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2013 was \$99.90 for most participants and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which may be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under "Employers/Audit Resources."

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*Funding Policy* — State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to a health care fund (the “Health Care Fund”). The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For fiscal year 2013, 0.16% of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0% of that employer’s SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2013, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,525.

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

NHA’s contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$546, \$3,416, and \$4,347 respectively, 100% was contributed in each fiscal year.

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 2013, the actuarially required allocation is 0.74% of covered payroll. NHA’s contributions (including surcharge) to the Medicare B fund for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$2,817, \$3,516, and \$4,077 respectively, 100% was contributed in each fiscal year.

#### ***State Teachers Retirement System***

*Plan Description* — NHA, on behalf of teachers at the Academy, contributes to the cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit health plan (the “Plan”) administered by STRS Ohio for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians’ fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio, which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) under “Publications.”



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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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*Funding Policy* — Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan.

All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2013, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund.

NHA's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$15,382, \$17,531, and \$18,834, respectively; 100% was contributed for each fiscal year.

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability. Commercial insurance policies to cover certain risks of loss have been obtained through Citizens Insurance Company of America as follows:

Commercial General Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence  
\$3,000,000 in the aggregate with no deductible

Commercial Liability Umbrella \$3,000,000 per occurrence  
\$3,000,000 in the aggregate with no deductible

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during fiscal year 2013, and claims did not exceed coverage less retained risk deductible amounts during the past three fiscal years.

#### 9. CONTINGENCIES

*Grants* — Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts, which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Academy.

*State Funding* — The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalent calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The results of this review could result in the State funding being adjusted. The Academy does not anticipate any material adjustments to State funding for fiscal year 2013, as a result of such a review.

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#### 10. CONTRACTED SERVICE FEE

NHA incurred the following actual direct and indirect expenses on behalf of the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2013:

Direct Expenses:		
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$	2,710,839
Professional and technical services		305,316
Contracted (trade) services		19,208
Property services		1,106,492
Books, periodicals, films		43,358
Supplies		236,716
Utilities		66,150
Food service		369,578
Travel and training		66,439
Purchased services		60,990
Equipment lease and purchases		86,111
Field trips and student activities		17,526
Insurance and property taxes		<u>18,089</u>
Total Direct Costs		5,106,812
Indirect expenses (overhead)		<u>859,885</u>
Total contracted service fee	\$	<u>5,966,697</u>

NHA charges expenses benefiting more than one school (i.e., indirect overhead expenses) based on key cost drivers. These charges represent indirect cost of services provided in the operation of the Academy. Such services include, but are not limited to, facilities management, equipment, operational support services, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support, and marketing and communications.

#### 11. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

The Academy entered into a sponsorship agreement with the ESCLEW. This agreement provides that ESCLEW receives 1.5% of State Foundation funds received by the Academy from the State. This amounted to \$60,990 for fiscal year 2013.

## **APEX ACADEMY**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

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#### **12. OPERATING LEASE**

The Academy has entered into a sublease agreement with NHA for a facility to house the Academy. The lease term is from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Annual rental payments required by the lease are \$837,600 payable in twelve monthly payments of \$69,800. This lease is automatically renewed on a year-to-year basis unless a notice of non-renewal is provided by either the Academy or NHA.

The Academy subsequently amended and renewed the sublease with NHA for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Annual rental payments required by the amended lease are \$859,360 payable in twelve monthly payments of \$71,613.

#### **13. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

For fiscal year 2013, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 60, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concessional Arrangements", Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 34", Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements, Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position," and Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities."

GASB Statement No. 60 addresses issues related to service concession arrangements (SCA's), which are a type of public-private or public-public partnership. An SCA is an arrangement between a transferor (a government) and an operator (governmental or nongovernmental entity) in which (1) the transferor conveys to an operator the right and related obligation to provide services through the use of infrastructure or another public asset (a "facility") in exchange for significant consideration and (2) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 60 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 61 modifies certain requirements for inclusion of component units in the financial reporting entity, most notably, the fiscal dependency criterion. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 61 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

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GASB Statement No. 62 codifies accounting and financial reporting guidance contained in pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements in an effort to codify all sources of GAAP for State and local governments so that they derive from a single source. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 62 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 63 provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related note disclosures. These changes were incorporated in the Academy's fiscal year 2013 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

GASB Statement No. 65 properly classifies certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources or recognizes certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as outflows of resources (expenses or expenditures) or inflows of resources (revenues). These changes were incorporated in the Academy's fiscal year 2013 financial statements; however, there was no effect on of beginning net position/fund balance.

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**APEX ACADEMY  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
<b>U.S. Department of Education—</b>				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Title I Cluster - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2012	84.010	\$228,401	\$24,539
	2013		<u>409,061</u>	<u>482,491</u>
Subtotal Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			637,462	507,030
Title I School Improvement (Sub A)	2012	84.010	14,027	13,123
	2013		<u>-</u>	<u>2,750</u>
			14,027	15,873
<b>Total Title I Cluster</b>			<b>651,489</b>	<b>522,903</b>
Title IID Technology Education	2012	84.318	3,548	3,548
Title IIA Improving Teacher Quality	2012	84.367	12,165	12,165
	2013		<u>651</u>	<u>651</u>
			12,816	12,816
Race to the Top	2012	84.395A	90,114	3,178
Race to the Top	2013		78,897	78,897
RttT - Resident Educator	2012		<u>2,450</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Race to the Top</b>			<b>171,461</b>	<b>82,075</b>
Special Education Cluster— IDEA Part B	2012	84.027	56,176	5,700
	2013		<u>110,918</u>	<u>119,586</u>
			167,094	125,286
<b>Total Special Education Cluster</b>			<b>167,094</b>	<b>125,286</b>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>1,006,408</b>	<b>746,628</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture—</b>				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance:				
National School Lunch Program— Entitlement Commodities:	2013	10.555	<u>24,425</u>	<u>24,425</u>
Cash Assistance:				
National School Breakfast Program	2012	10.553	4,543	16
	2013		<u>99,479</u>	<u>101,714</u>
Subtotal National Breakfast Program			104,022	101,730
National School Lunch Program	2012	10.555	9,858	29
	2013		<u>231,812</u>	<u>237,201</u>
Subtotal National Lunch Program			241,670	237,230
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			<b>370,117</b>	<b>363,385</b>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>370,117</b>	<b>363,385</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,376,525</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,013</b>

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an integral part of this schedule

## **APEX ACADEMY – CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

### **NOTES TO FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

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#### **A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented in accordance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and is prepared using the cash basis of accounting.

#### **B. CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The Academy commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the Academy assumes it expends federal monies first.

#### **C. FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

The Academy reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the fair value. The Academy allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



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**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***

Apex Academy  
Cuyahoga County  
16005 Terrace Road  
East Cleveland, OH 44112

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Apex Academy (the Academy), Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013 and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2014.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. 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 Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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February 18, 2014





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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM  
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB  
CIRCULAR A-133**

Apex Academy  
Cuyahoga County  
16005 Terrace Road  
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To the Board of Directors:

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

We have audited Apex Academy's (the Academy), Cuyahoga County, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Apex Academy's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013. Apex Academy's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Apex Academy'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; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Apex Academy'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 Apex Academy's compliance.

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

In our opinion, Apex Academy, Cuyahoga County, 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, 2013.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Academy, 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 Academy'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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 Academy's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, 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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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February 18, 2014

**APEX ACADEMY  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	UNMODIFIED
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	UNMODIFIED
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	NO
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Title 1 Cluster – Grants to Local Educational Agencies – CFDA's 84.010 Race to the Top – CFDA 84.395
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	NO

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

NONE

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

NONE



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**Independent Accountants’ Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedure**

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To the Board of Directors:

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

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

- 1. We noted the Board amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on June 12, 2012 to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student “on a school bus” or by an “electronic act”;

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and National Heritage Academies, Inc. (the “Sponsor”), and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**CANTER & ASSOCIATES**

Poland, Ohio

February 18, 2014



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**APEX ACADEMY**

**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  
APRIL 3, 2014**