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REGULAR AUDIT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013  
Fiscal Year Audited Under GAGAS: 2013





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Noble Academy - Columbus  
1329 Bethel Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43220

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Noble Academy - Columbus, Franklin County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 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 Noble Academy - Columbus is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

March 13, 2013

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Noble Academy - Columbus  
Franklin County  
1329 Bethel Road  
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To the Board:

### Report on the Financial Statements

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

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

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

### Opinion

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

### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2013, the School adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 2, 2013, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs*  
Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
Piketon, Ohio  
December 2, 2013



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013  
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The discussion and analysis of Noble Academy - Columbus' (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights:**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2013 are as follows:

- The School's Net Position decreased by \$449 from \$29,433 to \$28,984
- The School had total operating revenues of \$1,633,677
- The School had total operating expenses of \$2,146,611
- The School received Federal and State Grants total of \$354,384

In the fiscal year 2013 the School recorded a loss of \$449. The School increased its enrollment from 212 to 252 in fiscal year 2013 and started the 2014 school year with 280 students, and currently has more than 100 students on the waiting list for enrollment. The School administration is planning to move a larger facility with a much higher capacity to allow for further growth.

**Using this Financial Report:**

This annual report consists of three parts; Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements part includes a *Statement of Net Position*, a *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* and a *Statement of Cash Flows*.

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

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* reflect how the School performed financially during the fiscal year. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting which is similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. These statements can be found on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* provides information about how the School financed and met the cash flow needs for its operations during the fiscal year. The *Statement of Cash Flows* can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

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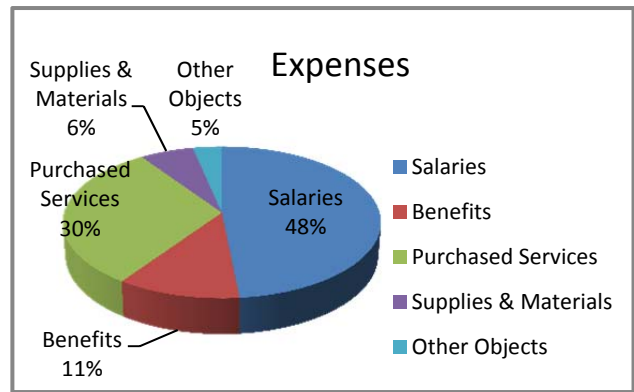
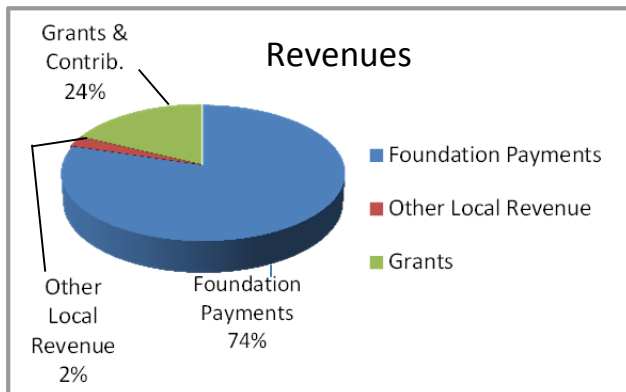
The following table provides a comparison of the School’s Net Position in fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$668	\$3,812
Other Assets	64,242	56,962
Capital Assets	114,913	132,858
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$179,823</b>	<b>\$193,632</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$150,839	\$164,199
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>150,839</b>	<b>164,199</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	<b>\$28,984</b>	<b>\$29,433</b>

The School's cash reserves decreased by \$3,144. Other assets increased by \$7,280 due to an increase prepaid items. Liabilities decreased by \$13,360, due to a decrease in payroll liabilities of \$28,473 and a decrease in intergovernmental payable of \$13,892. These declines were offset by an increase in accrued wages of \$15,042 as well as the addition of a note payable to Horizon Science Academy Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.

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

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* shows the operating and non-operating activities took place during the fiscal year. The following charts and table are a summary of the School’s Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.



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The following table is a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>
<b><u>Operational Income/Expense</u></b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Foundation Payments	\$1,584,209	\$1,304,265
Other Local Revenue	49,468	47,849
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b><u>1,633,677</u></b>	<b><u>1,352,114</u></b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries	1,020,202	854,164
Benefits	235,334	235,493
Purchased Services	650,663	666,564
Supplies & Materials	130,029	124,628
Other Objects	70,295	65,358
Depreciation Expense	40,088	57,520
<b>Total Operational Expense</b>	<b><u>2,146,611</u></b>	<b><u>2,003,727</u></b>
<b>Net Operational Income</b>	<b><u>(512,934)</u></b>	<b><u>(651,613)</u></b>
<b><u>Non-Operational Income/Expense</u></b>		
Federal Grants	350,693	402,413
State Grants	3,691	3,301
Management Fee Forgiveness	158,101	131,111
<b>Net Non-Operational Income</b>	<b><u>512,485</u></b>	<b><u>536,825</u></b>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(449)</b>	<b>(114,788)</b>
<b>Net Position at Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>29,433</u></b>	<b><u>144,221</u></b>
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$28,984</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,433</u></b>

In fiscal year 2013, foundation revenues increased by 21% due to the 16% increase in enrollment. Salaries increased by 19% due to hiring four more teachers. In fiscal year 2013, the School paid \$26,048 of management fees; the remaining fees of \$158,101 were forgiven by the School's Management Company.

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**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Capital Assets:**

As of June 30, 2013, Noble Academy- Columbus had \$114,913 invested in capital assets such as office equipment, school furniture, computers and surveillance system, net of accumulated depreciation. The following table is a summary of Capital Assets as of June 30, 2013.

<b>Capital Assets</b>				
	<b>Beginning July 1, 2012</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Ending June 30, 2013</b>
Equipment- Instructional	\$273,097	\$22,143	\$(3,898)	\$291,342
Equipment- Office	4,841	0	0	4,841
School Vehicles	6,000	0	0	6,000
Improvements	41,500	0	0	41,500
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>325,438</b>	<b>22,143</b>	<b>(3,898)</b>	<b>343,683</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(192,580)	(40,088)	3,898	(228,770)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$132,858</b>	<b>\$(17,945)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$114,913</b>

**Contacting the School’s Financial Management:**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, grantors and potential creditors with a general overview of the School’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Ryan Uysaler, Treasurer by mail at Concept Schools South Ohio Regional Office, 2356 Morse Rd. Columbus, OH 43235 or by phone at 614-428-7656.

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**Statement of Net Position**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$668
Intergovernmental Receivable	24,273
Prepaid Payroll Liabilities	29,299
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>54,240</b>

**Non-Current Assets**

Security Deposit	10,670
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	114,913
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>125,583</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$179,823</b>
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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$58,241
Accrued Wages	71,545
Payroll Liabilities	11,053
Note Payable	10,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>150,839</b>

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**NET POSITION**

<b>Net Investment in Capital Assets</b>	114,913
<b>Unrestricted</b>	(85,929)
<b>Net Position</b>	<b>\$28,984</b>

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
and Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

**OPERATIONAL INCOME / EXPENSE**

**Income**

Foundation Payments	\$1,584,209
Other Local Revenue	49,468

**Total Operational Income** 1,633,677

**Expense**

Salaries	1,020,202
Benefits	235,334
Purchased Services	650,663
Supplies & Materials	130,029
Other Objects	70,295
Depreciation Expense	40,088

**Total Operational Expense** 2,146,611

**Net Operational Loss** (512,934)

**NON-OPERATIONAL INCOME / EXPENSE**

Federal Grants	350,693
State Grants	3,691
Management Fee Forgiveness	158,101

**Net Non-Operational Income** 512,485

**NET POSITION**

**Change in Net Position** (449)

**Net Position at Beginning of Year** 29,433

**Net Position at End of Year** \$28,984

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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$1,584,209
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenues	49,468
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(618,628)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(1,005,160)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(306,998)
Other Cash Payments	(70,295)
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<b>(367,404)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financial Activities</b>	
Grants Received from Federal Government	372,712
Grants Received from State	3,691
Note Payable from HSA Columbus Elem. School	10,000
<b>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financial Activities:</b>	<b>386,403</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Activities</b>	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(22,143)
<b>Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Activities</b>	<b>(22,143)</b>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>3,812</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	<b>\$668</b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013  
(Continued)

<b>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Loss	<b>\$(512,934)</b>
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	
Depreciation	40,088
Management Fee Forgiveness	158,101
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</b>	
Increase in Accounts Payable	3,963
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payable	(13,892)
Increase in Accrued Wages	15,042
Decrease in Payroll Liabilities	(28,473)
Increase in Prepaid Items	(29,299)
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b><u>145,530</u></b>
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<b><u><u>\$(367,404)</u></u></b>
<b>Non Cash Transactions</b>	
Management Fee Forgiveness	\$158,101

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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

Noble Academy- Columbus, Inc. (the School), is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in grades K through eight in Columbus. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any School and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations.

The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School. The School has been approved as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the school's tax-exempt status.

The School was approved for operation under contract with the Buckeye Hope Foundation (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing March 15, 2006. In May 2010 the contract was extended for another five years until June 30, 2015.

The School operates under the direction of a self-appointed five-member Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. In fiscal year 2012 the School employed 32 personnel for up to 252 students.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows. The School uses enterprise accounting to report on its financial activities. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

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

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

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School finances meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The full accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705; rather community schools are required to create a Five Year Budget Forecast that is approved by the School Board and submitted to ODE and to the School's Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does not prescribe any other budgetary process for the School.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School is pooled in a central bank account. Total cash amount at the end of the fiscal year is presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" in the Statement of Net Position. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, any investment with an original maturity date less than 90 days is considered a cash equivalent and any investment with a maturity date greater than 90 days is considered an investment. The School did not have any investments during fiscal year 2013.

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School maintained a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 for inventory assets and \$10,000 dollars for fixtures and improvements. 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. Improvements are capitalized.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

All capital assets are depreciated. Furniture, computers, office equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated using straight-line method over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the life of the lease.

	<u>Useful Life</u>
Improvements	3 to 10 years
Heavy Duty Office or Classroom Furniture	10 years
Computers and Other Electronic Equipment	3 to 5 years
Vehicles	3 to 10 years

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

In fiscal year 2013 the School participated in the State Foundation Program, Parity Aid Program, Special Education Program, Classroom Learning Opportunities Program and other State programs. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Amounts awarded under these programs for fiscal year 2013 totaled \$1,584,209.

Grants from State and Federal Governments and donations are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under these programs in fiscal year 2013 totaled \$354,384.

**G. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

**H. Compensated Absences**

School policy indicates that all full time employees are entitled to eight days of sick/personal days in a school year. All employees who have worked for the School for a total of 210 days will be allowed up to nine days per year of paid sick or personal leave and those who have worked for the School for a total of 235 days will be allowed up to ten days per year of paid sick or personal leave. All leave earned by employees must be used within the current school year and cannot be transferred to the next school year. The School compensates their employees \$125 per day for each unused sick/personal days at the end of the year.

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

**I. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. At the end of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 the School did not have any restricted net position.

**J. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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.

**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

At June 30, 2013, the carrying book balance of the School's bank account at Chase Bank was \$668 and the actual Bank balances were \$20,855. The bank balance was insured by FDIC up to \$250,000. The School had no investments at June 30, 2013 or at any time during the fiscal year.

**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

<b>Capital Assets</b>				
	<b>Beginning July 1, 2012</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Ending June 30, 2013</b>
Equipment- Instructional	\$273,097	\$22,143	\$(3,898)	\$291,342
Equipment- Office	4,841	0	0	4,841
School Vehicles	6,000	0	0	6,000
Improvements	41,500	0	0	41,500
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>325,438</b>	<b>22,143</b>	<b>(3,898)</b>	<b>343,683</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(192,580)	(40,088)	3,898	(228,770)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$132,858</b>	<b>\$(17,945)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$114,913</b>

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**5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

The School participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system.

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 or 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; or (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% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% 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% instead of 2.2%. 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.

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**5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

DC Plan Benefits – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 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% 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 after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. 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% 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 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.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

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 these active 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.

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**5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

The School's required contributions to STRS Ohio were \$128,895 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, \$113,040, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, and \$97,163 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The full amount has been contributed for the fiscal year 2013 and for the previous years.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Additional information or copies of STRS Ohio's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be requested by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

**B. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description – The School participates in the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by visiting the 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 School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended 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). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, the allocation to pension and death benefits was 13.10 percent. The remaining 0.90 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Medicare B and Health Care funds. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$3,596, \$6,970, and \$4,502 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for the fiscal year 2013 and for the previous years.

**C. Social Security System**

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

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**6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a defined benefit plan; a self-directed defined contribution plan; and a combined plan, which is a hybrid of the defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

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 Section 3307 of the Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated 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 (888) 227-7877.

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011. The 14 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$9,207, \$8,074, and \$6,940 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and for the previous years.

**B. School Employees 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 B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 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 or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2013 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.



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6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2013, this actuarially required allocation was 0.74 percent of covered payroll. The School's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$190, \$373, and \$244 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and for the previous years.

Health Care Plan

Ohio Revised Code 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 Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' post-employment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment 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 the Health Care Fund. At June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, the health care allocations were 0.16 percent, 0.55 percent, and 1.43 percent, respectively. 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 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 2013, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,525. The surcharge when added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. During fiscal year 2013, the School paid \$880 in surcharge. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$41, \$229, and \$460, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and for the previous years.

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 upon the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare 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*.

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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2013, the School contracted with Selective Insurance Company for property and general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate with no deductible. The School did not make any claims in the fiscal year.

The School also pays the State Workers Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State. The School paid 100% of its premiums for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

**8. EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS**

According to the School Policy, the School is required to provide Medical and Dental Insurance to all its full time employees. 60% of the monthly premiums for Medical and Dental coverage are to be paid by the School while the remaining 40% are to be deducted from employee's wages.

**9. PURCHASED SERVICES**

Purchased service expenses during fiscal year 2013 were as follows:

<b>Purchased Services</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Instructional Services	37,273
Rent and Property Services	246,219
Management Fees	184,149
Contracted Food Services	74,523
Advertising and Communications	10,866
Extra-Curricular Activities	29,805
Other Professional Technical Services	67,828
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 650,663</b>

**10. OPERATING LEASES**

On July 1, 2009, the School entered into a five year lease agreement with B & A Realty for the three buildings at 1329 Bethel Road. The contracted monthly rent was \$16,571 with an annual increase of 2%. After the School's property tax exemption application was approved by Franklin County, the monthly rent was reduced to \$11,526 starting in January 2012. In the fiscal year 2013, the School paid a total of \$140,960 for rent. Required lease payments for the remainder of the lease agreement will be as follows:

July 2013 – June 2014    \$143,600

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**11. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

In fiscal year 2013, the School received Federal and State grants in total of \$354,384. 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 for the School. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of Noble Academy - Columbus at June 30, 2013.

**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 the School. These reviews are conducted to ensure the School is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated.

**12. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

On May 6, 2010, the School renewed its sponsorship agreement with Buckeye Hope Foundation for five years. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. According to the contract agreed by both parties, the School pays 3% of its foundation revenues to the Sponsor. In fiscal year 2013, the schools compensation to the Sponsor was \$46,949.

**13. MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT**

The School contracted with Concepts Schools, Inc. on March 15, 2006 to serve as the School's Management Company. The contract is renewed automatically every year in one year terms unless the school or the management company decides otherwise. According to the contract, the School transfers 12% of the funds received from State. The total management fees incurred during the fiscal year was \$184,149. During the year the School paid only \$26,048 and the remaining fees were forgiven by Concept Schools.

**14. MANAGEMENT'S PLAN**

In order to respond to the community's demand and to achieve fiscal stability, the School's long term plan is to move a larger facility with a bigger capacity and extend its grade span to Kindergarten through twelfth grades.

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**15. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

For 2013, the School implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements" and GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position."

GASB Statement No. 62 incorporated into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure issued on or before November 30, 1989 which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

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 disclosures. GASB 63 standardizes the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 62 had no effect on the financial statements, while GASB Statement No. 63 resulted in certain account name changes in the financial statements.



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### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Noble Academy - Columbus  
Franklin County  
1329 Bethel Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43220

To the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Noble Academy - Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2013 wherein we noted that the School implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs*

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
Piketon, Ohio  
December 2, 2013



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### Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Noble Academy - Columbus  
Franklin County  
1329 Bethel Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43220

To the Board:

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

Accordingly, we have performed the procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Noble Academy - Columbus (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 August 25, 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 School’s sponsor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs*

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Piketon, Ohio  
December 2, 2013

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**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 25, 2014**