

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

(AUDITED)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2014*

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

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Great Western Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

April 15, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

Great Western Academy
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To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Great Western Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary and Other Information

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

The Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") presents additional analysis as required by the 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 financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2014, on our consideration of the Great Western Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Great Western Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Our discussion and analysis of the Great Western Academy's (Academy's) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- In total, net position was \$69,082 at June 30, 2014.
- The Academy had operating revenues of \$5,571,604, operating expenses of \$6,656,426 and non-operating revenues of \$1,114,748 for fiscal year 2014. Total change in net position for the fiscal year was an increase of \$29,926.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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

Reporting the Academy's Financial Activities

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

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2014?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's *net position* and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Academy as a whole, the *financial position* of the Academy has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 9 of this report.

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Table 1 provides a comparative analysis of fiscal year 2014 and 2013:

Table 1		
Net Position		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets	\$ 135,349	\$ 578,193
Total assets	<u>135,349</u>	<u>578,193</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	<u>66,267</u>	<u>539,037</u>
Total liabilities	<u>66,267</u>	<u>539,037</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Unrestricted	<u>69,082</u>	<u>39,156</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 69,082</u>	<u>\$ 39,156</u>

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, the Academy's net position totaled \$69,082 and \$39,156, respectively. This positive equity represents the excess revenues from State and Federal aid not paid out to Imagine Schools, Inc. or other vendors.

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables for grants at June 30, 2014 and 2013 in the amount of \$55,051 and \$480,018, respectively. As a result of the full-time equivalency (FTE) reviews by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) at June 30, 2014, accounts receivable is reported in the amount of \$7,791 for State foundation revenue that was overpaid to Imagine Schools, Inc. by the Academy during fiscal year 2014. Included in intergovernmental receivables at June 30, 2013, is a \$29,520 refund from the School Employees Retirement System.

The Academy had accounts payable of \$57,610 and \$539,037 at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, due to Imagine Schools, Inc. and other vendors. The decrease in accounts payable is due to a decrease in grants receivable at June 30, 2014 that were reported as payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. Included in current liabilities at June 30, 2014 is an intergovernmental payable in the amount of \$8,657 due to ODE as a result of the fiscal year 2014 FTE review.

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Table 2 below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>		
Sales	\$ 22	\$ 19,385
State foundation	<u>5,571,582</u>	<u>5,504,915</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>5,571,604</u>	<u>5,524,300</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>		
Salaries and wages	-	1,169
Fringe benefits	-	7,930
Purchased services	6,646,268	6,772,829
Other	<u>10,158</u>	<u>8,474</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>6,656,426</u>	<u>6,790,402</u>
<u>Non-operating Revenues:</u>		
Federal and State grants	1,114,248	1,272,578
Other non-operating revenue	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>1,114,748</u>	<u>1,272,578</u>
Change in net position	29,926	6,476
Net position at beginning of year	<u>39,156</u>	<u>32,680</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 69,082</u>	<u>\$ 39,156</u>

The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from Federal entitlement programs. The Academy received less in State foundation revenue due to a decrease in student enrollment from 818 students in fiscal year 2013 to 794 students in fiscal year 2014. Sales revenue decreased in fiscal year 2014 as a result of decreased student lunch receipts.

Contract services revenue, salaries and wages, and fringe benefits expenses were reported by the Academy in fiscal year 2013 to account for the remaining expenses owed to the teachers employed by the Academy for an Employee Lease Agreement/Education Jobs program. The Academy leased its employees qualified to perform on-site school services for the 2012-2013 school year to other Imagine community school districts.

The Academy received Federal grant monies through the Child Nutrition Breakfast and Lunch, Title I, Title II-A, and Title VI-B programs. The Academy received a full year of tax revenue from casino profits in the amount of \$41,652 during fiscal year 2014, which is reported in non-operating Federal and State grants revenue. The Academy received \$17,450 in tax revenue from casino profits during fiscal year 2013, which was reported as other non-operating revenue in the prior year, and has been included in non-operating Federal and State grants revenue in the table above for conformity with current year presentation. The Academy received a \$500 contribution for outdoor education programs during fiscal year 2014, which is reported in other non-operating revenue.

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Capital Assets

At June 30, 2014, capital assets reported by the Academy are fully depreciated. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

Debt

The Academy had no debt outstanding as of June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2013.

Restrictions and Other Limitations

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

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

Contacting the Academy's Financial Management

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

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

Assets:	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 72,507
Receivables:	
Accounts	7,791
Intergovernmental	<u>55,051</u>
Total assets	<u>135,349</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	57,610
Intergovernmental payable	<u>8,657</u>
Total liabilities	<u>66,267</u>
Net position:	
Unrestricted	<u>69,082</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 69,082</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Operating revenues:	
Sales	\$ 22
State foundation	5,571,582
Total operating revenues	<u>5,571,604</u>
 Operating expenses:	
Purchased services.	6,646,268
Other.	10,158
Total operating expenses.	<u>6,656,426</u>
 Operating loss	 <u>(1,084,822)</u>
 Non-operating revenues:	
Federal and State grants.	1,114,248
Other non-operating revenue	500
Total non-operating revenues	<u>1,114,748</u>
 Change in net position	 29,926
 Net position at beginning of year.	 <u>39,156</u>
 Net position at end of year	 <u>\$ 69,082</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sales.	\$ 22
Cash received from state foundation.	5,580,239
Cash payments for purchased services.	(7,105,966)
Cash payments for other expenses	<u>(10,158)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,535,863)</u>
 Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Cash received from Federal and State grants.	1,539,215
Cash received from other non-operating revenue	<u>500</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities.	<u>1,539,715</u>
 Net increase in cash	 3,852
 Cash at beginning of year	 <u>68,655</u>
Cash at end of year.	<u>\$ 72,507</u>
 Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (1,084,822)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(7,791)
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable	29,520
(Decrease) in accounts payable.	(481,427)
Increase in intergovernmental payable	<u>8,657</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (1,535,863)</u>

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$55,051 and \$480,018 at June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively, for non-operating grants.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The Academy contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. for most of its functions beginning February 14, 2006 (See Note 10.B). The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio Department of Education (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2002. On May 30, 2007, the Academy entered into a sponsorship contract with the Lucas County Educational Service Center for a period of five years ending on May 14, 2012. On March 9, 2010, an amendment was made to extend the sponsorship contract through June 30, 2012. On May 21, 2012, the Academy signed a contract with a new sponsor, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation, to operate for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board which shall consist of not less than five members. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, State mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Governing Board controls the Academy's instructional/support facility staffed by employees of the management company who provide services to 794 students.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

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

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

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in net position presents increases and decreases in net total position.

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

C. Budgetary Process

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

D. Cash

All cash received by the Academy is maintained in a demand deposit account. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2014.

E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

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

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

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

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

F. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation, Special Education, Targeted Assistance, Limited English Proficiency, K-3 Literacy and the Economic Disadvantaged Programs. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as operating revenues. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2014 school year totaled \$5,571,582.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Amounts recognized under the above programs for the 2014 fiscal year totaled \$1,114,248.

G. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligation

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

H. Net Position

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

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

I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

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

J. Estimates

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

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Change in Accounting Principle

For fiscal year 2014, the Academy has implemented GASB Statement No. 70, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees".

GASB Statement No. 70 improves the recognition, measurement, and disclosures for state and local governments that have extended or received financial guarantees that are nonexchange transactions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$72,507 and the bank balance was \$73,524. The entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the non-profit corporation.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2014, consisted of accounts receivable and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements and amounts due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the intergovernmental receivables follows:

Intergovernmental receivables:	<u>Amount</u>
Title I	<u>\$ 55,051</u>

Under the terms of the operating contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 10.B for detail), the Academy has recorded accounts payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$55,051, for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2014.

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2014, follows:

	Balance			Balance
	<u>06/30/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>06/30/14</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 30,076	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,076
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(30,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,076)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2014, the Academy maintained the following coverage with Argonaut Insurance Co.

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>
General Liability:	
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General aggregate	3,000,000
Products	3,000,000
Personal & advertising injury	1,000,000
Damages to rented premises	500,000
Automobile Liability:	
Combined single limit	1,000,000
Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability:	
Each accident	1,000,000
Each employee	1,000,000
Each disease	1,000,000
Excess/Umbrella Liability:	
Each occurrence	9,000,000
Aggregate limit	9,000,000
Property Liability:	
Blanket contents	3,500,000
EDP	1,000,000
Musical instruments	25,000
AV/miscellaneous equipment - each	25,000

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NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

Coverage – (Continued)	Limits of Coverage
Other:	
Employee dishonesty	\$50,000 limit/\$250 deductible
Forgery	50,000 limit/250 deductible
Money & securities	25,000 limit/250 deductible

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years and there has been no significant reduction in coverage.

NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS

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

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), 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 by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current Academy rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2014, 13.05 percent and 0.05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. 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 14 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$151,608, \$145,051 and \$139,979, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained 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, under "Publications".

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a 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 percent 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 DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC 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 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. 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 - For fiscal year 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 14 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$288,639, \$280,097 and \$612,111, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2014 were \$20,148 made by the Academy and \$15,830 made by the plan members.

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NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. 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 monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income 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 is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

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 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2014, 0.14 percent 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, prorated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,250.

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.

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$1,620, \$1,772 and \$6,062, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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NOTE 9 - 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 2014, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The Academy's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$8,796, \$8,194 and \$8,267, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (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, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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 post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$22,203, \$21,546 and \$47,085, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS

A. Sponsor Contract

The Academy entered into a sponsorship contract commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2015, with the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (the "Sponsor") for its establishment. The Sponsor shall carry out the responsibilities established by law, including:

- Monitor the Academy's compliance with the laws applicable to the Academy and with the terms of this contract;
- Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization of the Academy on at least an annual basis;
- Report annually the results of its evaluation to the Ohio Department of Education;
- Provide reasonable technical assistance to the Academy in complying with this contract and with applicable laws (provided, however, the Sponsor shall not be obligated to give legal advice to the Academy);

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NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)

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

The Academy paid the Sponsor \$165,215 for services during fiscal year 2014.

B. Management Contract

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

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

For the services listed above, the Academy is required to pay a fee to Imagine Schools, Inc. The fee is equal to approximately 90 percent of the total per pupil allowance received from the State of Ohio and 100 percent of State and/or Federal grant funds received by the Academy for the creation and operation of its school. In the event that the year end reconciliation results in a difference between the total amount paid and the agreed fee, with a balance owed, the Imagine Schools, Inc. has the right to suspend collection until such time as the Academy determines that cash flow permits such payment. The total expenses paid under this contract for fiscal year 2014 totaled \$6,436,011.

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NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)

C. Service Contract

The Academy entered into a service contract for a period of twelve months, commencing on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014, with Charter School Specialists, LLC (CSS) to provide fiscal services. The Academy paid CSS \$17,955 during fiscal year 2014 for services.

NOTE 11 - PURCHASED SERVICES EXPENSES

Purchased services expenses:	
Management fees	\$ 6,436,011
Sponsorship fees	165,215
Legal	20,304
Professional and fiscal services	<u>24,738</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,646,268</u>

NOTE 12 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, Imagine Schools, Inc. and its affiliates incurred the following expenses, which are reported on a cash-basis, on behalf of the Academy:

<u>Expenses</u>	
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 2,725,724
Employees' benefits	1,023,439
Purchased services	1,835,995
Supplies and materials	255,708
Capital outlay	48,579
Other direct costs	54,013
Indirect expenses	<u>669,629</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 6,613,087</u>

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

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NOTE 13 - OPERATING LEASES

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

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

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2014.

B. State Foundation Funding

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) 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. As a result of the fiscal year 2014 reviews, the Academy owes ODE \$8,657. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the statement of net position.

C. Litigation

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

NOTE 15 - TAX EXEMPT STATUS

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

NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

SchoolHouse Finance, LLC operates as a subsidiary of Imagine Schools, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(A) PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(B) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(B) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>				
(C) (D) School Breakfast Program	10.553	2014	\$ 146,641	\$ 146,641
(C) (D) National School Lunch Program	10.555	2014	274,653	274,653
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>421,294</u>	<u>421,294</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agency:	84.010	2013	2,750	2,750
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agency:	84.010	2013	383,991	383,991
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agency:	84.010	2014	414,062	414,062
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agency:			<u>800,803</u>	<u>800,803</u>
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	2013	91,778	91,778
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	2014	155,252	155,252
Total Special Education State Grant:			<u>247,030</u>	<u>247,030</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2013	1,500	1,500
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2014	1,500	1,500
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	2014	16,806	16,806
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,067,639</u>	<u>1,067,639</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 1,488,933</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,933</u>

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- (A) OAKS did not assign pass-through numbers for fiscal year 2014.
- (B) This schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.
- (C) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of breakfasts and lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (D) Included as part of the "Child Nutrition Cluster" in determining major programs.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

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

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Great Western Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Great Western Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Board of Directors
Great Western Academy

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian & Grube, Inc.".

Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 22, 2014



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133

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

To the Board of Directors:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Great Western Academy's compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Great Western Academy's major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Great Western Academy's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Great Western Academy's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Great Western Academy's compliance for the Great Western Academy's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Great Western Academy's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Great Western Academy complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Board of Directors
Great Western Academy

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Great Western Academy's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Great Western Academy's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Great Western Academy's internal control over compliance.

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

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

This report only describes the scope of our internal control compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 22, 2014

**GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2014**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under §.510(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Child Nutrition Cluster: School Breakfast Program (CFDA #10.553) and National School Lunch Program (CFDA #10.555)
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	Yes
2. FINDING RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS		

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None

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GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 7, 2015**