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VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Villaview Community School  
Cuyahoga County  
1701 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

To the Board of Directors:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Villaview Community School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, 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 such 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 Villaview Community School, Cuyahoga County as of June 30, 2015, 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 14 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the School adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. 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* and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions 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 March 24, 2016, 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.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 24, 2016

**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Our discussion and analysis of the Villaview Community School (VCS) financial performance provides an overall review of VCS's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at VCS'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 VCS's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Government issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for VCS for the 2014-2015 school year are as follows:

- Total assets increased by \$67,818 as VCS saw the intergovernmental receivable increase significantly in fiscal year 2015 and the cash balance went up \$36,745.
- Current liabilities increased by \$118,165 as VCS has significant outstanding vendor payables at 6/30/15.
- Total net position decreased by \$28,292 as the 44% increase in salaries, purchased services and materials supplies exceeded the 31% increase in state foundation and state/federal grants.
- Total operating revenues were \$1,351,209 while operating expenses were \$1,675,618.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

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

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position reflect how VCS did financially during fiscal year 2015. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

VCS uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how VCS did financially during 2015.

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

Table 1 provides a summary of VCS's net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

**Table 1  
Statement of Net Position**

	2015	Restated 2014	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets	<u>\$174,443</u>	<u>\$106,625</u>	<u>\$67,818</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows - Pension</b>	<u>80,567</u>	<u>64,139</u>	<u>16,428</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	252,591	134,426	118,165
Long Term Liabilities - Pension	<u>756,038</u>	<u>898,239</u>	<u>(142,201)</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,008,629</u>	<u>1,032,665</u>	<u>(24,036)</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows - Pension</b>	<u>136,574</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>136,574</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Restricted	0	3,968	(3,968)
Unrestricted	<u>(890,193)</u>	<u>(865,869)</u>	<u>(24,324)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>(\$890,193)</u>	<u>(\$861,901)</u>	<u>(\$28,292)</u>

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



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

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

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

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

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

In accordance with GASB 68, VCS's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

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As a result of implementing GASB 68, VCS is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at June 30, 2014, from (\$27,801) to (\$861,901). Net position was relatively unchanged despite large increases in the current assets as the intergovernmental receivables increased along with the cash balance. This was offset by the large increase in vendor payables. VCS's net position did benefit from the GASB 68 pension entries that reduced the salary expense as well.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the VCS as a whole, the financial position of the VCS has improved or diminished. The cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not.

	<u>Table 2- Change in Net Position</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Operating revenues:			
Foundation payments	\$1,350,881	\$1,165,997	\$184,884
Other operating revenues	328	32,221	(31,893)
Non-operating revenues:			
Federal and state grants	<u>296,117</u>	<u>93,300</u>	<u>202,817</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,647,326</u>	<u>1,291,518</u>	<u>355,808</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating expenses:			
Salaries	554,848	373,683	181,165
Fringe benefits	75,158	73,764	1,394
Purchased services	921,372	691,617	229,755
Materials and supplies	119,323	39,826	79,497
Other	<u>4,917</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>45</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,675,618</u>	<u>1,183,762</u>	<u>491,856</u>
Change in Net Position	(28,292)	107,756	<u>(\$136,048)</u>
Beginning Net Position - Restated	<u>(861,901)</u>	<u>(969,657)</u>	
Ending Net Position	<u>(\$890,193)</u>	<u>(\$861,901)</u>	

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Total revenues increased as the VCC had 150 FTE in fiscal year 2014 but for fiscal year 2015 VCS ended with almost 157 FTE. This increase created greater foundation revenue which coupled with higher grant revenue as more students qualified for the title programs. As a result of the additional students, the expenses for purchase services increased as VCS did not hire additional staff but outsourced the services.

**BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the community school's contract with its sponsor.

The contract between VCS and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. VCS has developed a one year spending plan and a five-year forecast that is reviewed semi-annual by the Board of Trustees. The five-year forecast is also submitted to the Sponsor and the Ohio Department of Education, annually.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

VCS has no capital assets as of June 30, 2015.

**DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

VCS has no debt obligations as of June 30, 2015.

**CONTACTING VCS'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of VCS's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact Ms. Lillian S. Brown, CEO – Villaview Community Schools (216) 523-1133.

**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2015**

**Assets:**

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 109,330
Intergovernmental Receivable	65,113
Total current assets	<u>174,443</u>

**Total Assets** 174,443

**Deferred Outflows of Resources:**

Pension	<u>80,567</u>
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**Total Deferred Outflows of Resources:** 80,567

**Liabilities:**

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	194,961
Accrued wages and benefits payable	47,631
Intergovernmental payable	9,999
Total current liabilities	<u>252,591</u>

Long term liabilities

Net Pension Liability	<u>756,038</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>756,038</u>

**Total Liabilities** 1,008,629

**Deferred Inflows of Resources:**

Pension	<u>136,574</u>
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**Total Deferred Inflows of Resources:** 136,574

**Net Position:**

Unrestricted	<u>(890,193)</u>
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**Total Net Position** \$ (890,193)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation payments	\$ 1,350,881
Other operating revenues	328
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<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>1,351,209</b>
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<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	554,848
Fringe benefits	75,158
Purchased services	921,372
Materials and supplies	119,323
Other operating expenses	4,917
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<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,675,618</b>
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Operating Income	(324,409)
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<b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>	
Federal grants	281,493
State grants	14,624
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<b>Total non-operating revenues</b>	<b>296,117</b>
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<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(28,292)</b>
Net Position at beginning of year - restated	(861,901)
Net Position at end of year	<u><u>\$ (890,193)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

**Increase in cash and cash equivalents**

**Cash flows from operating activities:**

Cash received from State of Ohio - Foundation	\$ 1,334,811
Cash received from other operating revenues	328
Cash payments for personal services	(694,582)
Cash payments for contract services	(773,856)
Cash payments for supplies and materials	(88,360)
Cash payments for other expenses	(5,134)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(226,793)</u>

**Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:**

Cash received from state and federal grants	<u>263,538</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>263,538</u>

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	36,745
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of year	<u>72,585</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of year	<u><u>109,330</u></u>

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:

Operating loss	(324,409)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable	1,506
Increase in accounts payable	178,261
Decrease in accrued wages and benefits	(2,380)
Increase in intergovernmental payable	1,340
Decrease in CCS payable	(59,057)
Change in GASB 68 items	<u>(22,054)</u>

Net cash used by operating activities	<u><u>\$ (226,793)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY**

Villaview Community School (VCS) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in fifth through the eighth grade. VCS qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code effective August 18, 2005. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect VCS's tax-exempt status.

VCS, 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. VCS may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of VCS.

In 2007, the VCS legally changed its name from Cleveland Lighthouse Charter Community School – West to Villaview Lighthouse Community School. In January 2010, the name was changed to Villaview Community School.

On April 18, 2006, VCS was approved for operation under a contract between the governing authority of VCS and Ashe Culture Center, Inc. (the Sponsor), as their sponsor. Under the terms of the contract, the Sponsor will provide sponsorship services for a fee. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of VCS and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. The Ohio Department of Education ("ODE") took over sponsorship of VCS in September 2011 while it sought another sponsor. Effective July 1, 2013, Portage County Educational Service Center took over sponsorship for VCS. Effective April 27, 2015, ODE took over sponsorship for VCS while it sought another sponsor. ODE terminated their sponsorship of VCS effective June 30, 2015 and the School closed as of June 30, 2015.

VCS operates under the direction of a four-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 populations, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admissions standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The board members of the VCS are also board members of Cleveland Community School.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

VCS'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. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes net position, financial position and cash flows.

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

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)**

Auditor of State of Ohio Bulletin No. 2000-005 requires the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-ending reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise where the intent is that the cost (expense) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by measurement focus. Under this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows, all liabilities, and deferred inflows are included on the Statement of Net Position. The operating statement presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net position.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**C. BUDGETARY PROCESS**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided for in the school's sponsorship agreement. The contract between VCS and its Sponsor requires a budget to be adopted annually, and be reviewed on a monthly basis. The Board also develops a five year forecast which is reviewed semi-annually.

**D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

All monies received by VCS are maintained in a demand deposit account. For internal accounting purposes, VCS segregates its cash. VCS has no investments at June 30, 2015.

**E. ESTIMATES**

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

**F. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the VCS, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 6.



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

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the VCS, deferred inflows of resources include pension. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Note 6)

**G. PENSIONS**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

**H. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost. The costs of additions are capitalized and expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed when incurred. When property is sold or retired, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in additions to or deductions from net position. Depreciation of capital assets is calculated utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The useful lives follow:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Furniture, Equipment and Materials	10 years
Computers and Office Equipment	3 years
Leasehold Improvements	10 years

VCS has an asset capitalization threshold policy of \$5,000. VCS has no assets that qualify for capitalization at June 30, 2015.

**I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES**

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

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which VCS must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenses requirements, in which the resources are provided to VCS on a reimbursement basis.

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

VCS also participates in various federal and state programs through the Ohio Department of Education. Under the above programs, VCS received \$1,646,998 this fiscal year.

**J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Vacation is taken in a manner in which corresponds with VCS calendar; therefore, VCS does not accrue vacation time as a liability. Sick days are earned at a rate of four hours per month and can be accrued up to the amount of paid personal days included in the contract year. VCS does not accept a transfer of sick days. No financial accrual for sick leave is made since unused sick leave is not paid to employees upon separation.

**K. ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Obligations incurred but unpaid at June 30 are reported as accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. These liabilities consisted of accounts payable, accrued wages and benefits, due to Cleveland Community School.

**L. EXCHANGE AND NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS**

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

**M. NET POSITION**

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

**N. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

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

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

**O. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES**

All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of State programs, and the fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. Intergovernmental receivables of the VCS at June 30, 2015, of which all grant requirements had been satisfied, consisted of Title I funding grants which totaled \$65,113.

**3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

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

VCS maintains its cash balances at one financial institution located in Ohio. The entire bank balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000, per qualifying account. At June 30, 2015, the book amount of VCS's deposits was \$109,330 and the bank balance was \$109,715.

VCS has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirement of state statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with VCS or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee to secure repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value shall be at least 105% of deposits being secured. At June 30, 2015, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.

**4. EDUCATIONAL FACILITY LEASE**

VCS leases its facility at Reserve Square, 1701 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland is also leased by Cleveland Community School from Reserve Apartment, Ltd. VCS renewed a one year lease from July 2014 to June 2015. Monthly payments under the terms of the lease increase each year according to an agreed upon schedule. In fiscal year 2015, VCS paid \$118,471 in rental payments. This amount is recorded and reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position within purchased services.

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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. PROPERTY & LIABILITY**

VCS 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 the fiscal year 2015, VCS contracted with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company for all of its insurance.

**B. WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

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

**C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

VCS provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits to most employees. Depending upon the plan chosen, the employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board. The premium varies with employees depending on the terms of the agreement with the employee.

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS**

***Net Pension Liability***

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

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

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

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

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

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

Plan Description – VCS non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit
* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.		

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the VCS is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The VCS's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$22,890 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$1,235 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The VCS was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The VCS's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$48,520 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$5,433 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The VCS's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the VCS's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$145,198	\$610,840	\$756,038
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.002869%	0.0025110%	
Pension Expense	\$8,539	\$28,220	\$36,759

At June 30, 2015, the VCS reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,236	\$5,881	\$7,117
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	10,526	2,690	13,216
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,986	54,248	60,234
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$17,748</b>	<b>\$62,819</b>	<b>\$80,567</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$23,566	\$113,008	\$136,574

\$60,234 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from VCS contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2016	(\$2,985)	(\$26,109)	(\$29,094)
2017	(2,985)	(26,109)	(29,094)
2018	(2,985)	(26,109)	(29,094)
2019	(2,849)	(26,110)	(28,959)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$11,804)</b>	<b>(\$104,437)</b>	<b>(\$116,241)</b>



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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

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

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

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

Asset Class	Target		Long-Term Expected	
	Allocation		Real Rate of Return	
Cash	1.00	%	0.00	%
US Stocks	22.50		5.00	
Non-US Stocks	22.50		5.50	
Fixed Income	19.00		1.50	
Private Equity	10.00		10.00	
Real Assets	10.00		5.00	
Multi-Asset Strategies	15.00		7.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>%</b>		

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

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

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	(6.75%)	Discount Rate (7.75%)	(8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$207,154	\$145,198	\$93,087

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years; one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS' investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$874,458	\$610,840	\$432,667

**7. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (SERS)**

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

**Medicare Part B**

Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefits 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 premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2015 was \$133 for most participants, but could go as high as \$594 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement for retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund, For fiscal 2015, the actuarial required allocation is 0.74 percent VCS's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$1,362, \$1,893, and \$1,934, respectively, of which 100% has been contributed.

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**7. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (SERS) (CONTINUED)**

**Health Care Plan**

ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including 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 ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with the 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. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the health care allocation is 0.82 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than the actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

For the fiscal year June 30, 2015, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,450. The surcharge added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. VCS's contributions assigned to health care for the year ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013, was \$1,509, \$349, and \$418, respectively, of which 100% has been contributed.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years, 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 by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on the SERS' website [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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**7. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS)**

**Plan Description** – VCS contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health 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](http://www.strsoh.org) 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 2015, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 0 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. VCS's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$2,887, and \$2,743, respectively all of which has been contributed for all fiscal years.

The above is the latest information available.

**8. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. GRANTS**

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

**B. LITIGATION**

VCS is party to legal proceedings. At this time, VCS is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the VCS.

**9. SPONSORSHIP- OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

VCS contracted with the Portage County Educational Service Center for the year as its sponsor and oversight services as required by law. Sponsorship fees are calculated as three percent of state funds received by VCS from the State of Ohio. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, sponsorship fees totaled \$32,985. The Portage County ESC sponsorship of VCS terminated on April 26, 2015 with the closure of Portage County ESC. Effective April 27, 2015, ODE took over sponsorship for VCS while it sought another sponsor. VCS was not able to secure a new sponsor which requires VCS to cease operations.

**10. MANGEN AND ASSOCIATES – TREASURY SERVICES**

VCS entered into a contract with Mangen and Associates to provide treasury services, as defined by the contract. VCS paid \$81,518 for these services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

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**11. PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, VCS made the following purchase service commitments. These commitments include sponsor, management and CCIP fees, were applicable.

Professional and Technical Services	\$580,350
Property Services	161,255
Communications	9,926
Food Service	68,551
Other	<u>101,290</u>
Total Purchased Services	<u>\$921,372</u>

**12. RELATED PARTIES**

The members of VCS Board of Trustees are also members of the Cleveland Community School.

**13. DUE TO CLEVELAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

In prior years, VCS received and distributed monies from or to Cleveland Community School to assist in maintaining cash flow to operate the respective school. At June 30, 2014, VCS owed \$59,057 to Cleveland Community School for advances it received. VCS repaid the loan during the fiscal year.

**14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

For fiscal year 2015, VCS implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68." GASB 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources deferred inflows of resources and expense. The implementation of this pronouncement had the following effect on net position as reported June 30, 2014:

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**14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 (CONTINUED)**

Net position June 30, 2014		(\$27,801)	
Adjustments:			
Net Pension Liability		(898,239)	
Deferred Outflow - Payments Subsequent to Measurement Date		64,139	
Restated Net Position June 30, 2014		<u>(\$861,901)</u>	

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, VCS made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

**15. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) sent notice to VCS that they were closing the school after the prior sponsor closed and no other sponsor could be found for the school. The School closed effective June 30, 2015.



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 Schedule of the VCS's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
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	2014	2013
The VCS's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.002869%	0.002869%
The VCS's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$145,198	\$170,610
The VCS's Covered-Employee Payroll	43,189	179,581
The VCS's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	336.19%	95.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available

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 Schedule of the VCS's Porportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
 State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio  
 Last Fiscal Two Year (1)

	2014	2013
The VCS's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00251100%	0.00251100%
The VCS's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$610,840	\$727,629
The VCS's Covered-Employee Payroll	417,292	302,192
The VCS's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	146.38%	240.78%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2015 is not available

Villaview Community School (VCS)  
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 Schedule of VCS's Contributions  
 School Employees Retirement System of Ohio  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 22,890	\$ 5,986	\$ 24,854	\$ 18,120	\$ 30,086	\$ 32,016	\$ 46,827	\$ 48,013	\$ 40,755	\$ 43,916
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(22,890)	(5,986)	(24,854)	(18,120)	(30,086)	(32,016)	(46,827)	(48,013)	(40,755)	(43,916)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The VCS Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 173,672	\$ 43,189	\$ 179,581	\$ 134,721	\$ 239,348	\$ 236,455	\$ 475,884	\$ 488,931	\$ 381,601	\$ 415,085
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%	10.58%

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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 52,252	\$ 54,248	\$ 39,285	\$ 22,103	\$ 29,861	\$ 41,484	\$ 46,827	\$ 6,066	\$ 5,706	\$ -
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(52,252)</u>	<u>(54,248)</u>	<u>(39,285)</u>	<u>(22,103)</u>	<u>(29,861)</u>	<u>(41,484)</u>	<u>(46,827)</u>	<u>(6,066)</u>	<u>(5,706)</u>	<u>-</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Academy Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 373,227	\$ 417,292	\$ 302,192	\$ 170,023	\$ 229,700	\$ 319,108	\$ 360,208	\$ 46,662	\$ 43,892	\$ -
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered- Employee Payroll	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%



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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

Villaview Community School  
Cuyahoga County  
1701 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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 Villaview Community School, Cuyahoga County, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2016, wherein we noted the School adopted Government Accounting Standard No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment to GASB Statement No. 27* and Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

### ***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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 24, 2016



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**VILLAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
APRIL 5, 2016**