CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: ELYRIA COMMUNITY
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Constellation Schools

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Board of Trustees
Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
300 North Abbe Road
Elyria, OH 44035

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Elyria Community, Lorain County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 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 Constellation Schools: Elyria Community is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

December 22, 2017

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November 27, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Elyria Community, Lorain County, Ohio, (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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 the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note II.4, the School restated the net position balance to account for the reallocation of certain management company employees reported under one employer code within the state retirement systems, and their effect on the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and the *Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability,* and *Schedule of the School Contributions* on pages 5–11, 41-42, and 44-45, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2017 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Cambridge, Ohio

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The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Elyria Community (EC) financial performance provides an overall review of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance of EC as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the financial performance of EC.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2017 include the following:

- During 2017 EC completed construction of a parking lot on property purchased in the prior fiscal year across a side street from the school.

- Net position decreased $464,488, which represents a 21.0% decrease from 2016. Decreased enrollment resulted in a decrease in state foundation. EC received an increase in federal grant revenues and revenue for services provided to other schools. Increases in personnel expenses along with pension liability expenses more than offset the revenue gains.

- Total assets and deferred outflows of resources increased $955,183 which represents a 20.1% increase from 2016. Increases in prepaid expenses, capital assets (due to the purchase of the property and improvement for a parking lot) and deferred outflow of resources were offset by a decrease in cash used to pay for the capital purchases and federal grants receivable.

- Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased $1,419,671, which represents a 20.4% increase from 2016. This is due to increases in payroll payable, due to other governments and net pension liability with decreases in accounts payable and deferred inflow of resources.

- Operating revenues increased by $46,075, which represents a 1.2% increase from 2016. An increase in services provided to other schools was offset by a decrease in state foundation revenue due to enrollment decreases.

- Expenses decreased $215,338 which represents a 4.2% decrease from 2016. Decreases in change in net pension liability expense, purchased services, capital outlay and depreciation were partially offset by increases in salaries, benefits, materials and supplies and other expenses from 2016.

- Non-operating revenues increased by $66,788, which represents a 14.9% increase from 2016. This is due to an increase federal grants with a slight decrease in private grants and contributions.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, the Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements and Required Supplemental Information. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position looks at how well EC has performed financially through June 30, 2017. This statement includes all of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities deferred inflows of resources and net position using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended. The following schedule provides a summary Statement of Net Position for fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 for EC.

	2017	Restated 2016	Change	%
Assets				
Cash	$756,818	$961,823	($205,005)	-21.3%
Other Current Assets	176,559	164,437	12,122	7.4%
Non-Current Assets	29,677	29,677	0	0.0%
Capital Assets, Net	2,895,659	2,808,223	87,436	3.1%
Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,852,701	792,071	1,060,630	133.9%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	5,711,414	4,756,231	955,183	20.1%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	400,118	283,588	116,530	41.1%
Long-Term Liabilities	7,982,471	6,353,268	1,629,203	25.6%
Deferred Inflow of Resources	0	326,062	(326,062)	-100.0%
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflow of Resources	8,382,589	6,962,918	1,419,671	20.4%
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,417,972	1,180,449	237,523	20.1%
Unrestricted	(4,089,147)	(3,387,136)	(702,011)	-20.7%
Total Net Position	($2,671,175)	($2,206,687)	($464,488)	-21.0%

Net Position decreased $464,488, due primarily to recognition of pension liabilities under GASB 68 and enrollment decreases from 2016. Cash decreased $205,005; accounts receivable decreased $340; prepaid expenses increased $41,865; due from other governments decreased $29,403; net capital assets increased $87,436; and deferred outflow of resources increased $1,060,630 from 2016. Accounts payable decreased $64,351; payroll payable increased $142,863; due to other governments increased $35,433; interest payable decreased $803; unearned revenues decreased $7,133; loans payable decreased $4,644; capital lease equipment payable decreased $2,734; mortgage notes payable decreased $142,709; net pension liability increased $1,789,813 and deferred inflow of resources decreased $326,062 from 2016.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reports operating and non-operating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

The following schedule provides a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for EC for fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

	2017	Restated 2016	Change	%
Revenues				
Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	$3,745,665	$3,766,644	($20,979)	-0.6%
Casino Tax Proceeds	25,394	26,419	(1,025)	-3.9%
Other Operating Revenues	208,848	140,769	68,079	48.4%
Total Operating Revenues	3,979,907	3,933,832	46,075	1.2%
Federal and State Grants	515,100	448,162	66,938	14.9%
Private Grants and Contributions	0	150	(150)	-100.0%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	515,100	448,312	66,788	14.9%
Total Revenues	4,495,007	4,382,144	112,863	2.6%
Expenses				
Salaries	2,233,361	1,978,474	254,887	12.9%
Fringe Benefits	705,065	599,355	105,710	17.6%
Change in Net Pension Liability	403,121	921,936	(518,815)	-56.3%
Purchased Services	1,143,377	1,158,578	(15,201)	-1.3%
Materials and Supplies	170,089	150,110	19,979	13.3%
Capital Outlay	25,929	87,517	(61,588)	-70.4%
Depreciation	144,669	149,822	(5,153)	-3.4%
Other Expenses	133,884	129,041	4,843	3.8%
Total Expenses	4,959,495	5,174,833	(215,338)	-4.2%
Changes in Net Position	($464,488)	($792,689)	$328,201	41.4%

Net Position decreased in both fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The changes in both years are due to enrollment changes, increased operating expenses and recognition of an increase in changes in pension expense under GASB 68. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase as the number of classes increase, other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received to supplement various educational programs and purchase educational equipment.

The most significant changes in revenues from 2016 to 2017 are decreases of $20,979 in State Foundation funding; increases of $66,938 in state and federal grant funds and an increase of $103,500 for services provided to other schools. Minor decreases occurred in other categories of revenues.

Expenses decreased $215,338 from 2016 to 2017 due to a $518,815 reduction in net pension liability expense as well as increased overall operating expenses. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased $360,597 due to staff additions and regular annual increases. Changes in Net Pension Liability expense is due to recognition of pension liabilities per GASB 68. Purchased services decreased $15,201 due to hiring student services staff that had been provided by outside vendor along with changes in technology support services, administrative expenses, professional development and facility costs. Materials and Supplies increased by $19,979 due to increased purchases of instructional supplies, software, online instruction programs and facility supplies with a decrease in text books. Capital Outlay decreased $61,588 due to reduced building repairs and classroom technology and equipment purchases that did not meet EC's capitalization threshold. Depreciation decreased by $5,153 as a result of capital assets reaching full depreciation during the fiscal year. Other Expenses increased $4,843 due to a combinations of decreases in interest and increases in facility expenditures and miscellaneous expenses during the year.

Capital Asset

As of June 30, 2017, EC had $2,895,659 invested in land, building, building improvements, technology and software, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation. This is an $87,436 increase from June 30, 2016.

The following schedule provides a summary of Capital Assets as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 for EC.

	2017	2016	Change	%
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)				
Land	$422,900	$422,900	$0	0.0%
Construction in Process	0	11,268	(11,268)	100.0%
Building	1,556,515	1,606,087	(49,572)	-3.1%
Building Improvements	773,771	600,950	172,821	28.8%
Technology and Software	98,504	117,638	(19,134)	-16.3%
Furniture and Equipment	43,969	49,380	(5,411)	-11.0%
Net Capital Assets	$2,895,659	$2,808,223	$87,436	3.1%

For more information on capital assets see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Debt Service

On August 23, 2004 EC purchase the Allen School building for the instructional operations of the school. On November 21, 2013 the Eastgate School building was purchased to operate the schools' middle school grades.

Financing of the first purchase was accomplished through two mortgages. The first mortgage held by PNC Bank with an original face value of $918,000, a term of fifteen years and an interest rate of 7.69% per annum was refinanced in November 2013 with CF Bank. The CF Bank mortgage was issued in the amount of $535,000 for a five-year term at 4.75% interest. The note amortizes based on a fifteen-year schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the fifth year. The second mortgage, which was paid off during previous fiscal years, was held by Horizon Activities Center. The outstanding principal balance as of June 30, 2017 on the CF Bank mortgage is $435,731.

On November 21, 2013 EC entered into two mortgage agreements relating to the purchase of the Eastgate School property. A first mortgage is held by CF Bank in the amount of $1,020,000 with a six-year term at 4.75% interest. The first year of the note was an acquisition and construction note with principal payments deferred until the second year. Amortization of the note began in the second year based on a fifteen-year schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the sixth year. A second position mortgage note of $250,000 was obtained from Eastgate Company LLC (the seller) for a period of five years at 4% interest as part of the building purchase. The outstanding principal balance as of June 30, 2017 on the CF Bank mortgage is $884,197 and on the Eastgate Company LLC mortgage is $75,959.

For more information on debt service see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Equipment Financing

During fiscal year 2015, EC entered into a 44-month lease for $54,623 worth of technology equipment with Celtic Leasing (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $33,515). During fiscal year 2016, EC entered into another 48-month lease with Winthrop Resources Corporation for $55,134 worth of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $25,270). During fiscal year 2017, EC entered into another 48-month lease with Winthrop Resources Corporation for $26,335 worth of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $1,097).

The outstanding principal value as of June 30, 2017 on the capital lease equipment payable is $21,534 with Celtic Leasing and $57,982 with Winthrop Resources Corporation. The lease value has been recorded as capital equipment to recognize the asset, and as capital equipment lease payable to recognize the lease debt.

During fiscal year 2014, EC secured a four-year loan with CF Bank to purchase $15,732 of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $14,421). During fiscal year 2015, EC secured another four-year loan with CF Bank to purchase $2,105 of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $1,294). Both loans are for a term of 4 years with interest at 3.99% per annum. Equipment purchased with loan proceeds has been capitalized. The outstanding principal value as of June 30, 2017 on the loans payable is $2,284.

Net Pension Liabilities

Under the standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals EC'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, EC 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 *as 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, EC'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.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, EC is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows and outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2017 statements report pension expense of $712,805.

Current Financial Issues

EC opened in the fall of 2001. It has grown from 75 students, eight teaching staff members and expenses of $485,420 to a total of 508 students, 49 teaching staff members and expenses of $4,959,495. During this time, we have purchased two educational facilities. The second facility was purchased in November 2013 from the previous landlord of the building. This purchase allowed the school to continue expansion at a second location for middle school grades. Enrollment increases continue due to the reputation of the school. During 2016 a property was purchased by the original facility to construct a parking lot for use by the school. Improvements to the property were completed and capitalized during 2017.

The Board of Directors, school management and school staff continue to work diligently to ensure that EC maintains the highest level of educational services and financial integrity that we have always provided. Our goal continues to be providing a strong educational product for our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during our previous years.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the finances for EC and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Thomas F. Babb, M.A., CPA, by mail at Constellation Schools LLC, 5730 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio 44134; by e-mail at babb.thomas@constellationschools.com; by calling 216.712.7600; or by faxing 216.712.7601.

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Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Lorain County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2017

Assets:	
Current Assets:	
Cash	$756,818
Due from Other Governments	114,389
Accounts Receivable	50
Prepaid Expenses	62,120
Total Current Assets	933,377
Non-Current Assets:	
Security Deposits	29,677
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	422,900
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	2,472,759
Total Non-Current Assets	2,925,336
Total Assets	3,858,713
Deferred Outflow of Resources:	
Pension (STRS & SERS)	1,852,701
Total Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,852,701
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	5,711,414
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	9,937
Due to Other Governments	53,348
Payroll Payable	142,863
Interest Payable	1,509
Unearned Revenue	18,704
Loan Payable	1,955
Capital Lease Equipment Payable	35,179
Mortgage Notes Payable	136,623
Total Current Liabilities	400,118
Long Term Liabilities:	
Loan Payable	329
Capital Lease Equipment Payable	44,337
Mortgage Notes Payable	1,259,264
Net Pension Liability	6,678,541
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,982,471
Total Liabilities	8,382,589
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,417,972
Unrestricted	(4,089,147)
Total Net Position	($2,671,175)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Lorain County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Operating Revenues:	
Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	$3,745,665
Casino Tax Distribution	25,394
Other Operating Revenues	208,848
Total Operating Revenues	3,979,907
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	2,233,361
Fringe Benefits	705,065
Change in Net Pension Liability	403,121
Purchased Services	1,143,377
Materials and Supplies	170,089
Capital Outlay	25,929
Depreciation	144,669
Other Operating Expenses	63,801
Total Operating Expenses	4,889,412
Operating Loss	(909,505)
Non-Operating Revenues & (Expenses):	
Interest Expense	(70,083)
Federal and State Grants	515,100
Total Non-Operating Revenues & (Expenses)	445,017
Change in Net Position	(464,488)
Net Position at Beginning of the Year – Restated (See Note II.4)	(2,206,687)
Net Position at End of Year	($2,671,175)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Lorain County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Increase (Decrease) in Cash:	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	$3,771,059
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,180,219)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,090,499)
Other Operating Revenues	202,055
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(297,604)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Federal and State Grants	545,675
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	545,675
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(205,770)
Loan Principal Payments	(4,643)
Loan Interest Payments	(194)
Mortgage Loan Principal Payments	(142,709)
Mortgage Loan Interest Payments	(67,479)
Equipment Lease Principal Payments	(29,069)
Equipment Lease Interest Payments	(3,212)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(453,076)
Net Decrease in Cash	(205,005)
Cash at Beginning of Year	961,823
Cash at End of Year	$756,818

Non Cash Transaction: At June 30, 2017 the school purchased $26,335 in capital assets on account.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Lorain County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	($909,505)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	144,669
Changes in Assets, Deferred Outflow of Resources, Liabilities and Deferred Inflow of Resources:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	340
(Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(41,865)
(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(1,176)
(Increase) in Deferred Outflows - Pensions	(1,060,630)
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(64,351)
Increase in Payroll Payable	142,863
Increase in Due to Other Governments	35,433
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(7,133)
Increase in Net Pension Liability	1,789,813
(Decrease) in Deferred Inflows - Pensions	(326,062)
Total Adjustments	611,901
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	($297,604)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community (EC) is a nonprofit corporation established on August 25, 2000 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. On November 7, 2001, EC received a determination letter confirming tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred which may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of EC. EC, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. EC may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of EC.

EC was approved for operation under a contract between the Governing Authority of EC and the Ohio Department of Education (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2001 and terminating on June 30, 2006. On October 16, 2003 EC entered into a contract with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to have LCESC replace the Ohio Department of Education as their sponsor. The contract with LCESC, now known as ESC of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) has been renewed with a current expiration date of June 30, 2019. Under the terms of the contract ESCLEW will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XV for further discussion of the sponsor services.

EC entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide legal, financial, business and educational management services for the fiscal year. The agreement is renewable annually. See Note XV for further discussion of this management agreement.

EC operates under a five-member Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualification of teachers. The Board of Directors controls EC instructional facilities staffed by 49 certificated full time teaching personnel and 15 support staff that provide services to 508 students. During 2017, the board members for EC also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary, Constellation Schools: Parma Community and Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Elementary.

II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of EC 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 EC's accounting policies are described below.

1. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflow of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net position.

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

3. Implementation of New Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, EC has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans,* GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14* and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73.*

GASB Statement No. 77 requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of EC.

GASB Statement No. 78 amends the scope of GASB Statement No. 68 to exclude certain multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans provided to employees of state and local governments on the basis that obtaining the measurements and other information required by GASB Statement No. 68 was not feasible. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of EC.

GASB Statement No. 80 amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of EC.

GASB Statement No. 82 improves consistency in the application of pension accounting. These changes were incorporated in EC's fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

4. Restatement of Net Position

Certain Constellation Schools LLC employees are reported under one employer code with the state retirement systems. However, these employees provide services to all schools managed by Constellation Schools LLC. Therefore, it has been determined the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and the related pension expense should be allocated to each of the schools. This allocation had the following effect on beginning net position:

Previously Reported Net Position	$	(1,789,562)
Adjustments:		
Deferred Outflows - Pension		52,832
Net Pension Liability		(406,779)
Deferred Inflows - Pension		(63,178)
Restated Net Position, July 1, 2016	$	(2,206,687)

5. Cash

All monies received by EC are deposited in demand deposit accounts.

6. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391 EC 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. EC will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

7. Due From Other Governments

Monies due EC for the year ended June 30, 2017 are recorded as Due From Other Governments. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the monies to be due.

8. Capital Assets, Mortgage Fees 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 market values as of the dates received. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of $1,000 or more are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Depreciation of buildings, building improvements, technology and software, furniture and equipment is computed using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets or less. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Capital Asset Classification	Years
Building	40
Building Improvements	10 to 40
Technology and Software	3 to 5
Furniture and Equipment	10

9. Intergovernmental Revenues

EC currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Poverty Based Assistance Program and Casino Tax Distribution. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. EC also participates in Federal Entitlement Programs, the Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program and various State Grant Programs. State and Federal Grants and Entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2017 school year totaled $4,286,159.

10. Private Grants and Contributions

EC received grants and contributions from private sources to support the schools' programs. Private grants and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are received. EC did not receive any private grants or contributions for the 2017 fiscal year.

11. Compensated Absences

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, EC does not accrue vacation time as a liability.

Sick leave benefits are earned at the rate of one and one-quarter day per month and can be accrued up to a maximum of one hundred twenty days. EC will accept the transfer of sick days from another school district up to the maximum accrual amount. No financial accrual for sick time is made since unused sick time is not paid to employees upon employment termination.

12. 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 positon 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.

13. Use of 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.

14. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. The unearned revenue for EC consists of materials fees received in the current year which pertains to the next school year.

15. Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of assets by EC that is applicable to a future reporting period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The deferred outflow of resources related to pension is described in Note XII.

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of assets by EC that is applicable to a future reporting period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflow of resources related to pension is described in Note XII.

III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of EC's deposits totaled $756,818 and its bank balance was $782,875. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2017, $532,875 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while $250,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

IV. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2017 follows:

	Balance 6/30/16	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/17
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	$422,900	$0	$0	$422,900
Construction in Process	11,268	179,155	(190,423)	0
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	434,168	179,155	(190,423)	422,900
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	1,982,273	0	0	1,982,273
Building Improvements	690,244	213,923	0	904,167
Technology and Software	171,688	26,335	0	198,023
Furniture and Equipment	106,436	3,115	0	109,551
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	2,950,641	243,373	0	3,194,014
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	(376,186)	(49,572)	0	(425,758)
Building Improvements	(89,294)	(41,102)	0	(130,396)
Technology and Software	(54,654)	(44,865)	0	(99,519)
Furniture and Equipment	(56,452)	(9,130)	0	(65,582)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(576,586)	(144,669)	0	(721,255)
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,374,055	98,704	0	2,472,759
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	$2,808,223	$277,859	($190,423)	$2,895,659

V. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	$95,260
Pupil Support Services	49,469
Staff Development & Support	128,736
Administrative	631,717
Occupancy Costs	152,981
Food Services	84,914
Student Activities	300
Total Purchased Services	$1,143,377

VI. Loan Payable

During fiscal year 2014, EC secured a four-year loan with CF Bank to purchase $15,732 of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $14,421). The loan is for a term of 4 years with interest at 3.99% per annum. Interest and principal are paid monthly with loan maturity occurring on October 15, 2017. Equipment purchased with loan proceeds has been capitalized.

During fiscal year 2015, EC secured a four-year loan with CF Bank to purchase $2,105 of technology equipment (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $1,294). The loan is for a term of 4 years with interest at 3.99% per annum. Interest and principal are paid monthly with loan maturity occurring on January 15, 2019. Equipment purchased with loan proceeds has been capitalized.

Principal payments during fiscal year 2017 totaled $4,643 and interest paid totaled $194. Future minimum loan payments for principal and interest under the capital lease are as follows:

	CF Bank - 2014			CF Bank 2015		
Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	$1,410	$12	$1,422	$545	$26	$571
2019	0	0	0	329	4	333
Total	$1,410	$12	$1,422	$874	$30	$904

VII. Capital Equipment Lease Payable

During fiscal year 2015, EC entered into a 44-month lease for technology equipment totaling $54,623 with Celtic Leasing with an interest rate of 1.72% (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $33,515). In fiscal year 2016, EC entered into another 48-month lease with Winthrop Resources Corporation for technology equipment totaling $55,134 at an interest rate of 6.46% (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $29,270). During fiscal year 2017, EC entered into another forty-eight-month lease for additional technology equipment with Winthrop Leasing totaling $26,335 (accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 is $1,097). These leases meet the criteria of capital leases as defined by accounting standards, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers the benefits and risks of ownership of the lessee.

Assets of technology equipment totaling $136,092 have been capitalized. This amount represents the actual purchase price of the equipment and is the same as the net present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. Principal payments during fiscal year 2017 totaled $29,069 and interest paid totaled $3,212. Future minimum lease payments for principal and interest under the capital lease are as follows:

	Winthrop			Celtic		
Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	$20,050	$2,944	$22,994	$15,129	$255	$15,384
2019	21,322	1,670	22,992	6,405	28	6,433
2020	10,663	574	11,237	0	0	0
2021	5,947	151	6,098	0	0	0
Total	$57,982	$5,339	$63,321	$21,534	$283	$21,817

VIII. Allen School Purchase

On August 23, 2004, EC purchased the former Allen School located at 300 North Abbe Road, Elyria, from the previous landlord, Horizon Activities Center. The purchase price of $1,200,000, along with other purchase costs totaling $5,193, have been capitalized and will be depreciated over a forty-year period. All operations of the schools' elementary grade levels are located at this site.

During June 2016, EC purchased a former service station property from Marathon Oil which was across a side street from the school. The purchase price of the property was $80,000 and other purchase costs totaled $1,485. The property has been improved for use as a parking lot for the school. The purchase price has been capitalized as land and will not be depreciated. Other purchase costs have been capitalized and will be depreciated over the remaining life of the Allen School building.

IX. Eastgate School Purchase

On November 21, 2013, EC purchased the former Eastgate School located At 336 South Logan Road, Elyria, from the previous landlord Eastgate Company LLC to house the upper level grades for the school. The purchase price of $1,100,000, along with other purchase costs totaling $18,495, have been capitalized and will be depreciated over a forty-year period. All operations of the schools' middle school grade levels are located at this site.

X. Mortgage Notes Payable

On August 23, 2004, EC entered into two mortgage agreements relating to the purchase of the property at 300 North Abbe Road (see note VIII). A first mortgage note in the amount of $918,000 was held by PNC Bank, National Association (formerly National City Bank). A second mortgage note, which matured during fiscal year 2012, in the amount of $255,000 was held by Horizon Activities Center and was subordinate to the first mortgage.

The PNC Bank note was refinanced in November 2013 with CF Bank. A first position mortgage note is held by CF Bank in the amount of $535,000 for a five-year term at 4.75% interest. The note amortizes based on a fifteen-year schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the fifth year.

On November 21, 2013 EC entered into two mortgage agreements relating to the purchase of the Eastgate School property (Note IX) for $1,100,000. A first position mortgage note is held by CF Bank in the amount of $1,020,000 with a six-year term at 4.75% interest. The first year of the note included $850,000 for acquisition and $170,000 for construction with principal payments deferred until the second year. The $170,000 construction portion, held in escrow by CF Bank, was drawn during July, 2015. The note begins to amortize in the second year based on a fifteen-year schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the sixth year. A second position mortgage note of $250,000 was obtained from Eastgate Company LLC (the seller) for a period of five years at 4% interest as part of the building purchase. Under terms of the mortgage loan, EC is required to meet certain covenants. During fiscal year 2017 EC did not meet one of the covenants. CF Bank has waived the covenant requirements for the year.

During fiscal year 2017 principal for all three notes was reduced by $142,709 and interest payments totaled $67,479. As of June 30, 2017 the outstanding principal balances are $435,731 for the CF Bank loan for the Allen School building; $884,197 for the CF Bank loan for the Eastgate School building; and $75,959 for the Eastgate LLC loan for the Eastgate School building. Interest payable totaling $1,180 has been recorded as a current liability as of June 30, 2017. Principal and interest due on the outstanding mortgage notes are as follows:

CF Bank - Allen School Building

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	$29,612	$20,537	$50,149
2019	406,119	8,179	414,298
Total	$435,731	$28,716	$464,447

Eastgate School Building

	CF Bank			Eastgate Company LLC		
Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	$53,840	$41,799	$95,639	$53,171	$2,072	$55,243
2019	56,491	39,148	95,639	22,788	229	23,017
2020	773,866	15,590	789,456	0	0	0
Total	$884,197	$96,537	$980,734	$75,959	$2,301	$78,260

XI. Risk Management

1. Property and Liability Insurance

EC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2017, EC contracted with Traveler's Property Casualty Company of America for property insurance, The Hanover Insurance Company for liability insurance and errors and omissions insurance and Allamerica Financial Benefit Insurance Company for Automobile insurance.

General property and liability is covered at $10,000,000 single occurrence limit and $11,000,000 aggregated. Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles are covered at $1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Other coverage includes Employee Crime, School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, Electronic Data Processing, Cyber Liability and Business Interruption. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been any significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

2. Workers' Compensation

EC makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There have been five claims filed by EC employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2017. The total payments made for these claims have been $7,930. In the opinion of management, these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of EC as June 30, 2017.

3. Employee Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Benefits

EC provides medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. Total insurance benefits paid by EC for fiscal year 2017 are $340,798.

XII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

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 due to other governments on the accrual basis of accounting.

2. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – EC 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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire 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 30 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.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and EC 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, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2017.

EC's contractually required contribution to SERS was $58,969 for fiscal year 2017.

3. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – EC 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.

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 was 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or at age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member 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 service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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 to 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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. EC was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

EC's contractually required contribution to STRS was $250,715 for fiscal year 2017.

4. 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, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. EC's employer allocation percentage of the net pension liability was based on the employer's share of employer contributions in the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	STRS	SERS	Total
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 5,786,537	$ 892,004	$ 6,678,541
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.01728717%	0.01218738%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.01530740%	0.01153520%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00197977%	0.00065218%	
Pension Expense	$ 593,508	$ 119,297	$ 712,805

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in EC's proportion of the collective net pension liability. The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight line method over a five-year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

At June 30, 2017, EC reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	STRS	SERS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	$ 233,805	$ 12,030	$ 245,835
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	480,439	73,577	554,016
Changes of Assumptions	0	59,546	59,546
Changes in Proportion and Differences between EC Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	621,016	62,604	683,620
EC Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	250,715	58,969	309,684
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 1,585,975	$ 266,726	$ 1,852,701
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Changes in Proportion and Differences between EC Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

$309,684 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from EC contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	STRS	SERS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2018	$ 283,122	$ 63,047	$ 346,169
2019	283,124	62,992	346,116
2020	467,480	60,566	528,046
2021	301,534	21,152	322,686
	$ 1,335,260	$ 207,757	$ 1,543,017

5. 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, 2016, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates among active members were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period ending July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. The assumed rate of inflation, payroll growth assumption and assumed real wage growth were reduced in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation. The rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability updated to reflect recent experience and mortality rates were also updated.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by 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 an arithmetic weighted average 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 Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	10.00	3.00
	100.00 %	

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 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 EC'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 EC's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
EC's's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 1,180,957	$ 892,004	$ 650,138

6. Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increase	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
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 commences on the fifth anniversary of the 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 no set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate 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 %	7.61 %

*10-year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50 percent and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. 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, 2016. 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, 2016.

Sensitivity of EC's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents EC's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2016, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what EC'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%)
EC's's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 7,689,837	$ 5,786,537	$ 4,180,991

Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to EC's net pension liability is expected to be significant.

XIII. Post-Employment Benefits

1. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - EC contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) 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 as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code

Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care fund. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was $23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2017, EC's surcharge obligation was $4,373.

For fiscal years 2016 and 2017, SERS did not allocate employer contributions to the Health Care fund. EC's contributions for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was $5,770. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2015.

2. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – EC participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care; therefore, EC did not contribute to health care in the last three fiscal years.

XIV. Contingencies

1. Grants

EC received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs requires compliance with terms and conditions, specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of EC. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of EC at June 30, 2017.

2. School Foundation

School foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end.

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.08, ODE may also perform a FTE Review subsequent to the fiscal year end that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance. ODE did not perform such a review on EC for fiscal year 2017.

As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2017 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of EC.

In addition, EC’s contracts with their Sponsor, ESC of Lake Erie West and their Management company, Constellation Schools require that a portion of their fees be calculated as a percentage of Foundation revenues received by EC from the State (See Note XV). As discussed above, FTE adjustments for fiscal year 2017 are not finalized. Until such adjustments are finalized by ODE, the impact on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements, related to fee calculation changes necessary with these contracts, is not determinable. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or liability of, EC.

XV. Sponsorship and Management Agreements

EC entered into an agreement with the ECS of Lake Erie West, (ESCLEW) formerly Lucas County Educational Service Center, to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement was renewed at the end of the fiscal year and continues until June 30, 2019. Sponsorship fees were calculated as 2.0% of the Fiscal Year 2017 Foundation payments received by EC, from the State of Ohio through December 31, 2016 and at 2.5% beginning January 1, 2017. The total amount due from EC for fiscal year 2017 was $81,172 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2017.

EC entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools to provide legal, financial, and business management services for fiscal year 2017. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2016. Management fees are calculated as 6.25% of the Fiscal Year 2017 Foundation payments received by EC from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of $245,000. The total fee cannot exceed twice the fixed fee. The total amount due from EC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 was $477,980 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2017.

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Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Last Four Fiscal Years (1)

	2017	2016	2015	2014
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)				
EC's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01728717%	0.01530740%	0.01427336%	0.01427336%
EC's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$5,786,537	$4,230,518	$3,471,775	$4,135,556
EC's Covered Payroll (2)	$1,768,914	$1,452,214	$1,354,538	$1,348,462
EC's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	327.12%	291.31%	256.31%	306.69%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%
School Employees Retirement System (SERS)				
EC's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01218738%	0.01153520%	0.01032589%	0.01032589%
EC's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$892,004	$658,210	$522,587	$614,048
EC's Covered Payroll (2)	$363,943	$238,657	$229,062	$149,964
EC's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	245.09%	275.80%	228.14%	409.46%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available.

(2) Certain Constellation Schools LLC employees are reported under one employer code with the state retirement systems. However, these employees provide services to all schools managed by Constellation Schools LLC. Therefore, it has been determined the payroll related to these employees should be allocated to each of the schools. Fiscal years 2016 and 2017 amounts have been updated, however, information was not available to update fiscal year 2015 and prior.

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

Notes:

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Changes of Benefit Terms: None.

Changes of Assumptions: Amounts reported in 2017 reflect an adjustment of the rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability to more closely reflect actual experience and the expectation of retired life mortality was based on RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Tables and RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table. The following reductions were also made to the actuarial assumptions:

· Discount rate from 7.75% to 7.50%
· Assumed rate of inflation from 3.25% to 3.00%
· Payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.50%
· Assumed real wage growth from 0.75% to 0.50%

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Schedule of School Contributions

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2017	2016	2015	2014
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)				
Contractually Required Contribution	$250,715	$247,648	$203,310	$176,090
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(250,715)	(247,648)	(203,310)	(176,090)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$0	$0	$0	$0
EC's Covered Payroll	$1,790,821	$1,768,914	$1,452,214	$1,354,538
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%
School Employees Retirement System (SERS)				
Contractually Required Contribution	$58,969	$50,952	$31,455	$31,748
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(58,969)	(50,952)	(31,455)	(31,748)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$0	$0	$0	$0
EC's Covered Payroll	$421,207	$363,943	$238,657	$229,062
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

Note - Certain Constellation Schools LLC employees are reported under one employer code with the state retirement systems. However, these employees provide services to all schools managed by Constellation Schools LLC. Therefore, it has been determined the contributions related to these employees should be allocated to each of the schools. Fiscal year 2017 and 2016 amounts have been updated, however, information was not available to update fiscal year 2015 and prior.

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
$175,300	$142,764	$110,543	$99,037	$107,909	$96,331
(175,300)	(142,764)	(110,543)	(99,037)	(107,909)	(96,331)
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
$1,348,462	$1,098,185	$850,331	$761,823	$830,069	$741,008
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
$20,755	$19,279	$12,225	$11,484	$10,819	$8,750
(20,755)	(19,279)	(12,225)	(11,484)	(10,819)	(8,750)
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
$149,964	$143,338	$97,255	$84,815	$109,949	$89,104
13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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November 27, 2017

To the Board of Trustees
Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Lorain County, Ohio
300 North Abbe Road
Elyria, OH 44035

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Elyria Community , Lorain County, Ohio (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2017, wherein we noted the School restated net position balance to account for the reallocation of certain management company employees reported under one employer code within the state retirement systems, and their effect on the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Cambridge, Ohio

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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JANUARY 4, 2018