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HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. 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 Horizon Science Academy of Columbus is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM  
Chief Deputy Auditor

**July 11, 2025**

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HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Horizon Science Academy of Columbus  
Franklin County  
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To the Board of Directors:

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Academy, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis* and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.



**Supplementary information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2025, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the Academy's 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 Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Portsmouth, Ohio  
March 28, 2025

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The discussion and analysis of Horizon Science Academy of Columbus's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- Total assets were \$13,107,393.
- Total liabilities were \$13,439,670.
- Total net position decreased by \$1,178,670.

### **Using this Financial Report**

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

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

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

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

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position report the activities of the Academy, which encompass all the Academy's services, including instruction and supporting services. Unrestricted state aid and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

The Academy has restated the 2023 restricted and unrestricted net position to conform to the current year presentation of net position restricted for OPEB. Table 1 provides a comparison of net position as of June 30, 2024 with net position as of June 30, 2023.

**Table 1**  
**Net Position**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>Restated 2023</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current Assets	\$ 1,774,975	\$ 2,817,676
OPEB Asset	535,017	598,210
Capital Assets, Net	10,797,401	8,347,765
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>13,107,393</b>	<b>11,763,651</b>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b>2,835,455</b>	<b>2,291,272</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current Liabilities	1,900,918	2,066,864
Noncurrent Liabilities	11,538,752	8,066,190
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,439,670</b>	<b>10,133,054</b>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<b>962,974</b>	<b>1,202,995</b>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,238,378	4,857,293
Restricted for OPEB	535,017	598,210
Unrestricted	(4,233,191)	(2,736,629)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,204</b>	<b>\$ 2,718,874</b>

The net pension liability is reported pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, “*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27.*” The net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability/asset is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, “*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.*” For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the Academy’s actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability, and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and the net OPEB asset.

GASB standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan’s *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio’s statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset to equal the Academy's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

GASB notes that pension and OPEB 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 and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the Academy is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. 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 Ohio revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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 retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *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 retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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 or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities 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 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 and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the Academy's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Current and other assets decreased primarily due to a decrease in intergovernmental receivables related to the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) which was awarded and accrued at June 30, 2023. In addition, the Academy saw a decrease in cash and cash equivalents due to operations.

Current liabilities decreased primarily in accounts payable due to Concept Schools for management services rendered during the fiscal year and for contracts payable to related to construction. These decreases were offset by an increase in accrued wages and benefits payable.

Long-term liabilities increased primarily due to the long-term financing of the Peoples Bank and CSFD mortgage loan. The net pension liability increased \$817,214 over the prior year. The net pension liability is outside of the control of the Academy. The Academy contributes its statutorily required contributions to the pension systems; however, it's the pension systems that collect, hold and distribute pensions to Academy employees, not the Academy. See Note 6 for more detail.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

**Table 2**  
**Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>		
Foundation payments	\$ 7,248,535	\$ 4,950,846
Other revenue	116,442	168,387
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>7,364,977</b>	<b>5,119,233</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries	5,534,240	4,107,257
Fringe benefits	1,763,230	1,365,200
Purchased services	2,707,884	2,216,031
Materials and supplies	530,005	335,696
Depreciation	626,653	464,554
Miscellaneous	396,196	179,125
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>11,558,208</b>	<b>8,667,863</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(4,193,231)</b>	<b>(3,548,630)</b>
<b><u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u></b>		
Restricted grants in aid - federal	1,546,397	3,617,767
State and other grants	1,873,124	834,013
Interest revenue	460	289
Interest expense	(406,315)	(109,450)
Contributions and donations	895	957,510
<b>Total nonoperating revenues</b>	<b>3,014,561</b>	<b>5,300,129</b>
Change in net position	(1,178,670)	1,751,499
Net position, beginning of year	2,718,874	967,375
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,204</b>	<b>\$ 2,718,874</b>

Overall, operating expenses increased \$2,890,345 or 33.34%.

The Academy experienced an increase in salaries and fringe benefits expenses due to increased staffing as a result of increased enrollment.

Purchased services increased primarily management services, garbage and cleaning services, and contracted food services costs.

Foundation support increased \$2,297,689. Foundation support is the primary support of the Academy, comprising 98.42% of operating revenue and 67.20% of total revenues. The Academy also received a significant portion of state and federal grants, which represent 31.70% of total revenue. Federal grant revenue decreased as the Academy reported a significant amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding in fiscal year 2023. State and other grant revenue increased due to additional Quality Community School funding reported in fiscal year 2024. Contributions and donations decreased due to the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) received in fiscal year 2023. Net position decreased \$1,178,670.

### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the Academy had \$12,569,056 invested in building, improvements, and equipment (\$10,797,401 net of accumulated depreciation). Table 3 shows the balances at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

**Table 3**  
**Capital Assets**

	<b>Balance</b> <b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Balance</b> <b>June 30, 2023</b>
<b>Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:</b>		
Land	\$ 447,700	\$ 447,700
<b>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</b>		
Building	9,935,776	7,337,401
Improvements	224,592	301,242
Equipment Instructional	1,816,109	1,601,426
Equipment Office	16,567	31,679
School Vehicle	128,312	87,812
<b>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</b>	<b>12,121,356</b>	<b>9,359,560</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>12,569,056</b>	<b>9,807,260</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,771,655)	(1,459,495)
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,797,401</b>	<b>\$ 8,347,765</b>

For more information on capital assets see Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

**Debt**

Table 4 shows the Academy’s long-term loan and mortgage obligations at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**Table 4**  
**Long-Term Obligations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2023</b>
Peoples Bank Mortgage	\$ -	\$ 1,702,133
CSFD Loan 1	-	970,834
CSFD Loan 2	1,616,941	-
EJPF Loan	3,511,805	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,128,746</b>	<b>\$ 2,672,967</b>

For more information on outstanding debt see Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

**Contacting the Academy’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Academy’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Ahmet Erdal, Treasurer, Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, 1070 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229.



**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

**ASSETS:**

***Current Assets:***

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 584,255
Accounts receivable	81,122
Intergovernmental receivable	1,079,149
Other prepaid items	30,449
Total current assets	<u>1,774,975</u>

***Noncurrent Assets:***

Net OPEB asset	535,017
Nondepreciable capital assets	447,700
Depreciable capital assets, net	10,349,701
Total noncurrent assets	<u>11,332,418</u>

**Total Assets** **13,107,393**

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:**

Pension	2,618,901
OPEB	216,554

**Total Deferred Outflows of Resources** **2,835,455**

**LIABILITIES:**

***Current Liabilities:***

Accounts payable	779,600
Contracts payable	430,277
Accrued wages and benefits payable	552,282
Intergovernmental payable	69,337
Mortgage loans payable	69,422
Total current liabilities	<u>1,900,918</u>

***Noncurrent Liabilities:***

Net pension liability	6,348,794
Net OPEB liability	130,634
Mortgage loans payable	5,059,324
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>11,538,752</u>

**Total Liabilities** **13,439,670**

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:**

Pension	404,101
OPEB	558,873

**Total Deferred Inflows of Resources** **962,974**

**NET POSITION:**

Net investment in capital assets	5,238,378
Restricted for OPEB	535,017
Unrestricted	<u>(4,233,191)</u>

**Total Net Position** **\$ 1,540,204**

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES:</u></b>	
Foundation payments	\$ 7,248,535
Other revenue	116,442
	<b>7,364,977</b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u></b>	
Salaries	5,534,240
Fringe benefits	1,763,230
Purchased services	2,707,884
Materials and supplies	530,005
Depreciation	626,653
Miscellaneous	396,196
	<b>11,558,208</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(4,193,231)</b>
<b><u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</u></b>	
Restricted grants in aid - federal	1,546,397
State and other grants	1,873,124
Interest revenue	460
Interest expense	(406,315)
Contributions and donations	895
	<b>3,014,561</b>
Change in net position	(1,178,670)
Net position, beginning of year	2,718,874
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,204</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	
Cash received from State of Ohio	\$ 7,248,535
Other cash receipts	116,442
Cash payments to employees for services and benefits	(6,990,677)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(3,066,620)
Other cash payment	(396,196)
	<b>(3,088,516)</b>
<b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(3,088,516)</b>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	
Federal grants received	1,350,794
State and other grants received	1,873,124
Contributions and donations received	958,405
	<b>4,182,323</b>
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</b>	<b>4,182,323</b>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	
Principal paid on loans	(2,706,026)
Interest paid on loans	(406,315)
Issuance of loans	5,161,805
Payments for capital acquisitions	(3,463,517)
	<b>(1,414,053)</b>
<b>Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities</b>	<b>(1,414,053)</b>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	
Interest received	460
	<b>460</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(319,786)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	904,041
	<b>904,041</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 584,255</b>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b>	
Operating loss	\$ (4,193,231)
<b><u>ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b>	
Depreciation	626,653
<b>Changes in assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
(Increase) in prepaid assets	(26,859)
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(12,133)
Increase in accounts payable	183,402
Increase in accrued wages and benefits payable	156,379
Increase in intergovernmental payable	55,956
Decrease in net OPEB asset	63,193
(Increase) in deferred outflows of resources	(544,183)
(Decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(240,021)
Increase in net pension liability	817,214
Increase in net OPEB liability	25,114
	<b>1,104,715</b>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>1,104,715</b>
<b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>\$ (3,088,516)</b>

**Noncash Transaction:**

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Academy had purchased \$430,277 and \$817,505, respectively, of capital assets on account.

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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## **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY**

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

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

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Educational Service Center (ESC) of Lake Erie West (the Sponsor) commencing in 2005. The Academy's current contract for sponsorship with the ESC of Lake Erie West expires June 30, 2025.

The Academy operates under the direction of a self-appointed five-member Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which includes, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. During fiscal year 2024, the Academy employed 82 personnel and had 605 students.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

### **A. Basis of Presentation**

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Academy uses enterprise accounting to report its financial activities. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

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

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

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

### **B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

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

### **C. Budgetary Process**

Community schools are statutorily required to adopt a budget by Ohio Revised Code 3314.032(C). However, unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the specific budgetary process and limits set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does not require the Academy to follow the provisions Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705; therefore, no budgetary information is presented in the basic financial statements.

The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.391(A) of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually, and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

### **D. Cash**

To improve cash management, all cash received by the Academy is pooled in a central bank account. Total cash amount at the end of the fiscal year is presented as “Cash and cash equivalents” in the Statement of Net Position. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, any investment with an original maturity date less than 90 days is considered a cash equivalent and any investment with a maturity date greater than 90 days is considered an investment. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2024.

### **E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized. The Academy does not capitalize interest.

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

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation/Amortization**

Capital assets, except land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the life of the lease.

	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	40 years
Improvements	5 to 10 years
Equipment Instructional	3 to 5 years
Equipment Office	5 to 10 years
School Vehicle	3 to 5 years

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, Special Education Program, and Federal CCIP Program. Revenues received from the State Foundation Program are recognized as operating revenues whereas revenues from the Federal CCIP Program, Special Education Program and other State Grants are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

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

**G. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

**H. Compensated Absences**

The Academy’s policy indicates that all full-time employees are entitled to eight days of sick/personal leave in a school year. Also, Full time employees who have worked for the Academy for a total of 200 or more days during the contract year will be allowed nine days of paid sick or personal leave. Full-time employees who have worked for the Academy 210 or more days during the contract year will be allowed ten days of paid sick or personal leave. All leave earned by employees must be used within the current school year and cannot be transferred to the next school year, and therefore, are not recorded as a liability. The Academy compensates its employees \$150 per day for each unused sick/personal day at the end of the year.

**I. Prepayments**

Certain payments to vendors reflected the costs applicable to future accounting periods and were recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements. These items were reported as assets on the statement of net position using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts was recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

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

### **J. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available. At the end of the fiscal ended June 30, 2024, the Academy reported restricted net position for OPEB reflecting the OPEB asset net of related deferred inflows and outflows related to the OPEB asset.

### **K. Estimates**

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

### **L. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. See Notes 6 and 7 for deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. See Notes 6 and 7 for deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively.

### **M. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

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



### 3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

#### Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2024, the Academy has implemented certain paragraphs from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, “*Omnibus 2022*”, GASB Statement No. 100, “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*” and Implementation Guide No. 2023-1.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on balances previously report by the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 100 is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

### 4. DEPOSITS

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Academy deposits was \$584,255. Of the Academy’s bank balance, \$501,316 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) with the remainder being uninsured and uncollateralized. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	<b>Balance</b>			<b>Balance</b>
	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>
<b>Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:</b>				
Land	\$ 447,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447,700
<b>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</b>				
Building	7,337,401	2,598,375	-	9,935,776
Improvements	301,242	19,894	(96,544)	224,592
Equipment Instructional	1,601,426	417,520	(202,837)	1,816,109
Equipment Office	31,679	-	(15,112)	16,567
School Vehicle	87,812	40,500	-	128,312
<b>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</b>	<b>9,359,560</b>	<b>3,076,289</b>	<b>(314,493)</b>	<b>12,121,356</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>9,807,260</b>	<b>3,076,289</b>	<b>(314,493)</b>	<b>12,569,056</b>
<b>Less: Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Building	(646,986)	(210,597)	-	(857,583)
Improvements	(144,011)	(30,200)	96,544	(77,667)
Equipment Instructional	(621,439)	(367,358)	202,837	(785,960)
Equipment Office	(30,088)	(7,695)	15,112	(22,671)
School Vehicle	(16,971)	(10,803)	-	(27,774)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(1,459,495)</b>	<b>(626,653)</b>	<b>314,493</b>	<b>(1,771,655)</b>
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,347,765</b>	<b>\$ 2,449,636</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,797,401</b>

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

*Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability/Asset*

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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/OPEB liability (asset) represent the Academy’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) 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 these estimates annually.

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

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

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 7 for the required OPEB disclosures.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability (asset)* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *accrued wages and benefits payable*.

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

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; c Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; c 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 years of service; 2.2% for the first thirty years of service and 2.5% for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

## 6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5% and with a floor of 0%. In 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2024.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10.00% of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute 14.00% 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 10.00% for plan members and 14.00% 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, 2024, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.00%. For fiscal year 2024, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$44,075 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$3,569 is reported as *accrued wages and benefits payable*.

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

Plan Description - Licensed teachers participate in STRS, 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 website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined (CO) 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 is 2.20% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, 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.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit regardless of age.

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 9.53% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS Ohio. The remaining 4.47% of the 14% 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.

## 6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2% 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 and after termination of employment.

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. 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. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. 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.

Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2024 employer and employee contribution rate of 14% was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2024, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$731,164 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$58,586 is reported as *accrued wages and benefits payable*.

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

***Net 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, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Academy's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.007317500%	0.023102850%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.007686100%</u>	<u>0.027509230%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.000368600%</u>	<u>0.004406380%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 424,698	\$ 5,924,096	\$ 6,348,794
Pension expense	\$ 91,375	\$ 836,327	\$ 927,702

At June 30, 2024, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 18,254	\$ 215,983	\$ 234,237
Changes of assumptions	3,009	487,880	490,889
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	41,174	1,077,362	1,118,536
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>44,075</u>	<u>731,164</u>	<u>775,239</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 106,512</u>	<u>\$ 2,512,389</u>	<u>\$ 2,618,901</u>

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 13,144	\$ 13,144
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	5,971	17,751	23,722
Changes of assumptions	<u>-</u>	<u>367,235</u>	<u>367,235</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 5,971</u>	<u>\$ 398,130</u>	<u>\$ 404,101</u>

\$775,239 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ 35,392	\$ 355,665	\$ 391,057
2026	(10,561)	114,565	104,004
2027	31,317	766,527	797,844
2028	<u>318</u>	<u>146,338</u>	<u>146,656</u>
Total	<u>\$ 56,466</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,095</u>	<u>\$ 1,439,561</u>

***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 terminations). 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. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.



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

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, 2023 and June 30, 2022, are presented below:

Wage inflation:	
Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation:	
Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
COLA or ad hoc COLA:	
Current measurement date	2.00%
Prior measurement date	2.00%
Investment rate of return:	
Current measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
Discount rate:	
Current measurement date	7.00%
Prior measurement date	7.00%
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)

In 2023, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disable members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

In the prior measurement date, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.



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

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 the Statement of Investment Policy. ORC 3309.15 and the Board-adopted Investment Policy govern investment activity at SERS. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted 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 asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate** - Total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 21-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarially determined contribution rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14%. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long term assumed investment rate of return, 7.00%. 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. The annual money weighted rate of return, calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, for fiscal year 2023 was 6.90%.

**Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, 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 (6.00%), or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 626,830	\$ 424,698	\$ 254,437

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

*Actuarial Assumptions - STRS*

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation are presented below:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.5
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%	0.00%

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For the prior measurement date, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

STRS Ohio’s 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	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	100.00 %	

\* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

\*\*10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio’s investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with the rates described in Note 1. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS Ohio’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

**Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table represents the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 9,109,948	\$ 5,924,096	\$ 3,229,736

**Assumption and Benefit Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - The discount rate remained at 7.00% for June 30, 2023 valuation. Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

## 7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

### *Net OPEB Liability/Asset*

See Note 6 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

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

Health Care Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the Academy's surcharge obligation was \$5,295.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$5,295 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$5,295 is reported as *accrued wages and benefits payable*.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

Plan Description - The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered 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 partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary 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. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

***Net OPEB Liabilities/Assets, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB liability/asset was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability/asset used to calculate the net OPEB liability/asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset was based on the Academy's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.007515600%	0.023102850%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.007929500%</u>	<u>0.027509230%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.000413900%</u>	<u>0.004406380%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 130,634	\$ -	\$ 130,634
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ -	\$ 535,017	\$ 535,017
OPEB expense	\$ (1,988)	\$ (23,863)	\$ (25,851)

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

At June 30, 2024, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 271	\$ 837	\$ 1,108
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,010	958	1,968
Changes of assumptions	44,172	78,815	122,987
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	80,073	5,123	85,196
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>5,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,295</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 130,821</u>	<u>\$ 85,733</u>	<u>\$ 216,554</u>
	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 67,374	\$ 81,602	\$ 148,976
Changes of assumptions	37,100	352,993	390,093
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>1,746</u>	<u>18,058</u>	<u>19,804</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 106,220</u>	<u>\$ 452,653</u>	<u>\$ 558,873</u>

\$5,295 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability/asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (4,773)	\$ (157,052)	\$ (161,825)
2026	(682)	(75,164)	(75,846)
2027	3,967	(28,902)	(24,935)
2028	4,234	(39,245)	(35,011)
2029	3,978	(36,281)	(32,303)
Thereafter	<u>12,582</u>	<u>(30,276)</u>	<u>(17,694)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,306</u>	<u>\$ (366,920)</u>	<u>\$ (347,614)</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). 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.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are presented below:

Wage inflation:	
Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation:	
Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Investment rate of return:	
Current measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Municipal bond index rate:	
Current measurement date	3.86%
Prior measurement date	3.69%
Single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:	
Current measurement date	4.27%
Prior measurement date	4.08%
Medical trend assumption:	
Current measurement date	6.75 to 4.40%
Prior measurement date	7.00 to 4.40%

In 2023, the following mortality assumptions were used:

**Healthy Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females.

**Disabled Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.

**Contingent Survivors** - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females.

**Actives** - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.

**Mortality Projection** - Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.



**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

In the prior measurement date, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years for SERS. The most recent five-year experience study was performed for the period covering fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00%, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a 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 asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	100.00 %	

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023, was 4.27%. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2023, was 4.08%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50% of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50% payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted in 2048 by SERS' actuaries. The Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent interest rate for both the June 30, 2022 and the June 30, 2023 total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate was 3.86% at June 30, 2023 and 3.69% at June 30, 2022.

**Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates** - The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability, what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.27%) and higher (5.27%) than the current discount rate (4.27%). Also shown is what the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%).

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 166,988	\$ 130,634	\$ 101,968

  

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 95,972	\$ 130,634	\$ 176,566

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

*Actuarial Assumptions - STRS*

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, compared with June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation, are presented below:

	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
Inflation	2.50%		2.50%	
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%		Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation		7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Payroll increases	3.00%		3.00%	
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%		0.00%	
Discount rate of return	7.00%		7.00%	
Blended discount rate of return	N/A		N/A	
Health care cost trends				
	Initial	Ultimate	Initial	Ultimate
Medical				
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	4.14%	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	-10.94%	4.14%	-68.78%	3.94%
Prescription Drug				
Pre-Medicare	-11.95%	4.14%	9.00%	3.94%
Medicare	1.33%	4.14%	-5.47%	3.94%

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For the prior measurement date, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

**Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00% for the June 30, 2023 valuation.

**Benefit Term Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024.

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	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	100.00 %	

\* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

\*\*10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care fund investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** - The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 452,821	\$ 535,017	\$ 606,600

  

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 609,921	\$ 535,017	\$ 444,795

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Property and Liability**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the Academy contracted with The Hanover Insurance Company for property and general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate and no deductible. There has been no reduction in coverage from the prior year. There have been no settlements exceeding coverage in any of the last three fiscal years and there has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

**B. Workers Compensation**

The Academy pays the State Workers Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State. 100% of this premium was paid for fiscal year 2024.

**9. EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS**

The Academy has contracted with a private carrier to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. The Academy pays 70% of the monthly premium and the employee is responsible for the remaining 30%. The Academy has also contracted with private carriers to provide dental coverage. The Academy pays 70% of the monthly premium and the employee is responsible for the remaining 30%.

## 10. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The Academy's long-term obligations during the year consist of the following:

	<b>Balance</b>			<b>Balance</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Due in</b>
					<b>One Year</b>
Peoples Bank mortgage loan	\$ 1,702,133	\$ -	\$ (1,702,133)	\$ -	\$ -
CSFD mortgage 1 loan	970,834	-	(970,834)	-	-
CSFD mortgage 2 loan	-	1,650,000	(33,059)	1,616,941	69,422
EJPF loan	-	3,511,805	-	3,511,805	-
Net pension liability	5,531,580	817,214	-	6,348,794	-
Net OPEB liability	105,520	25,114	-	130,634	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,310,067</b>	<b>\$ 6,004,133</b>	<b>\$ (2,706,026)</b>	<b>\$ 11,608,174</b>	<b>\$ 69,422</b>

### Peoples Bank Mortgage Loan

On December 22, 2015, the Academy entered into a 5-year mortgage loan payable with Peoples Bank, Inc. (formerly Premier Bank, Inc.) for \$2,880,000. On December 21, 2020, this mortgage loan was extended for an additional 5 years at an interest rate of 4% and a new maturity date of December 21, 2025. The mortgage loan is a direct borrowing in which the terms are negotiated directly between the Academy and the lender. The property acquired by the mortgage serves as collateral for the debt. On December 15, 2024, the Academy retired this loan using proceeds of the CSFD mortgage 2 loan described below.

### CSFD Mortgage 1 Loan

On October 28, 2022, the Academy entered into a 5-year mortgage loan payable with Charter School Finance & Development, Inc. (CSFD) for \$1,000,000. The loan mortgage is a direct borrowing in which the terms are negotiated directly between the Academy and the lender. The property acquired by the mortgage loan serves as collateral for the debt. On December 15, 2023, the Academy retired this loan using proceeds of the EJPF loan described below.

### CSFD Mortgage 2 Loan

On December 15, 2023, the Academy entered into a 5-year mortgage loan payable with Charter School Finance & Development, Inc. (CSFD) for \$1,650,000. The loan mortgage is a direct borrowing in which the terms are negotiated directly between the Academy and the lender. The property acquired by the mortgage loan serves as collateral for the debt. The loan bears an interest rate of 6.50% and payments began January 15, 2024. A summary of the Academy's future CSFD mortgage loan requirements, including principal and interest payments as of June 30, 2024, follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>CSFD Mortgage 2 Loan</b>			
	<b>Ending June 30</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 69,422	\$ 103,057	\$ 172,479	\$ 172,479
2026	74,071	98,408	172,479	172,479
2027	79,032	93,447	172,479	172,479
2028	84,325	88,154	172,479	172,479
2029	1,310,091	41,982	1,352,073	1,352,073
	<b>\$ 1,616,941</b>	<b>\$ 425,048</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,989</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,989</b>

## 10. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

### EJPF Loan

On December 15, 2023, the Academy obtained a \$4.5 million construction loan from EJPF LLC. As of June 30, 2024, the Academy has borrowed \$3,511,805 of the total \$4.5 million permissible borrowings. The Academy is required to pay interest on the amount drawn. The property acquired by the loan serves as collateral for the debt. As of June 30, 2024, since only a portion of the total permissible borrowings have been drawn, no schedule of future debt service payments is available and the amount due in the subsequent year is not finalized.

### Net Pension / Net OPEB Liability

See Note 6 and Note 7 for information on the Academy's net pension and OPEB liabilities.

## 11. PURCHASED SERVICES

Purchased service expenses during fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Professional Services	\$ 1,600,975
Rent and Property Services	427,237
Travel Mileage/Meeting Expense	11,194
Advertising and Communications	101,168
Utility Services	113,782
Contracted Food Service	352,125
Other Purchased Services	101,403
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,707,884</u></b>

## 12. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

The Academy is under contract for sponsorship services with the ESC of Lake Erie West through June 30, 2024. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. According to the contract, the Academy pays 2.70% of its foundation and certain other state revenues to the Sponsor. In fiscal year 2024, the Academy's compensation to the Sponsor was \$199,200.

## 13. MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT

The Academy has contracted with Concepts Schools, Inc. to serve as the Academy's management company. The contract is renewed automatically every year in one-year terms unless the Academy or the management company decides otherwise. Under the terms of the current contract, the Academy shall automatically transfer ten percent (10%) of the funds received from the State when such funds are immediately available in the Academy's accounts as payment for management services. During fiscal year 2024, the Academy paid \$1,078,585 to Concept Schools for management services.

#### **14. CONTINGENCIES**

##### **Grants**

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Academy. In fiscal year 2024, the Academy recognized grants from State and Federal agencies of \$3,419,521.

#### **15. RELATED PARTIES**

The Board members for the Academy are also Board members for other Horizon Science Academy Schools that are managed by the same management company, Concept Schools, Inc.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**

Schedules of the Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of  
the Net Pension Liability and  
Academy Pension Contributions  
School Employees Retirement System (SERS) of Ohio

Last Ten Fiscal Years

<b>Fiscal Year (1)</b>	<b>Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>Academy's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2024	0.007686100%	\$ 424,698	\$ 306,821	138.42%	76.06%
2023	0.007317500%	395,787	277,593	142.58%	75.82%
2022	0.005872200%	216,667	206,757	104.79%	82.86%
2021	0.004576700%	302,713	161,979	186.88%	68.55%
2020	0.003468600%	207,532	119,948	173.02%	70.85%
2019	0.003212900%	184,009	101,785	180.78%	71.36%
2018	0.004060000%	242,576	135,429	179.12%	69.50%
2017	0.006510500%	476,509	201,107	236.94%	62.98%
2016	0.005449200%	310,937	164,052	189.54%	69.16%
2015	0.006703000%	339,235	194,776	174.17%	71.70%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>Academy's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 44,075	\$ (44,075)	\$ -	\$ 314,821	14.00%
2023	42,955	(42,955)	-	306,821	14.00%
2022	38,863	(38,863)	-	277,593	14.00%
2021	28,946	(28,946)	-	206,757	14.00%
2020	22,677	(22,677)	-	161,979	14.00%
2019	16,193	(16,193)	-	119,948	13.50%
2018	13,741	(13,741)	-	101,785	13.50%
2017	18,960	(18,960)	-	135,429	14.00%
2016	28,155	(28,155)	-	201,107	14.00%
2015	21,622	(21,622)	-	164,052	13.18%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of  
the Net Pension Liability and  
Academy Pension Contributions  
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) of Ohio

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year (1)	Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Academy's Covered Payroll	Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.027509230%	\$ 5,924,096	\$ 3,768,229	157.21%	80.02%
2023	0.023102850%	5,135,793	3,033,736	169.29%	78.88%
2022	0.022063103%	2,820,966	2,767,700	101.92%	87.78%
2021	0.019976050%	4,833,493	2,583,421	187.10%	75.48%
2020	0.017744950%	3,924,189	2,080,721	188.60%	77.40%
2019	0.019464820%	4,279,877	2,209,621	193.69%	77.31%
2018	0.018982390%	4,509,307	2,116,557	213.05%	75.30%
2017	0.017337520%	5,803,391	1,831,757	316.82%	66.80%
2016	0.015506900%	4,285,654	1,617,886	264.89%	72.10%
2015	0.014379310%	3,497,546	1,469,169	238.06%	74.70%

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Academy's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 731,164	\$ (731,164)	\$ -	\$ 5,222,600	14.00%
2023	527,552	(527,552)	-	3,768,229	14.00%
2022	424,723	(424,723)	-	3,033,736	14.00%
2021	387,478	(387,478)	-	2,767,700	14.00%
2020	361,679	(361,679)	-	2,583,421	14.00%
2019	291,301	(291,301)	-	2,080,721	14.00%
2018	309,347	(309,347)	-	2,209,621	14.00%
2017	296,318	(296,318)	-	2,116,557	14.00%
2016	256,446	(256,446)	-	1,831,757	14.00%
2015	226,504	(226,504)	-	1,617,886	14.00%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**

Schedules of the Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of  
the Net OPEB Liability and  
Academy OPEB Contributions  
School Employees Retirement System (SERS) of Ohio

Last Eight and Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year (1) (2)</u>	<u>Academy's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Academy's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability</u>
2024	0.00792950%	\$ 130,634	\$ 306,821	42.58%	30.02%
2023	0.00751560%	\$ 105,520	\$ 277,593	38.01%	30.34%
2022	0.00540200%	\$ 102,237	\$ 206,757	49.45%	24.08%
2021	0.00434460%	\$ 94,422	\$ 161,979	58.29%	18.17%
2020	0.00340240%	\$ 85,563	\$ 119,948	71.33%	15.57%
2019	0.003250300%	90,172	101,785	88.59%	13.57%
2018	0.004141900%	111,158	135,429	82.08%	12.46%
2017	0.006600110%	188,128	201,107	93.55%	11.49%

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Academy's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
2024	\$ 5,295	\$ (5,295)	\$ -	\$ 314,821	2.00%
2023	5,907	(5,907)	-	306,821	1.93%
2022	5,079	(5,079)	-	277,593	1.83%
2021	455	(455)	-	206,757	0.22%
2020	877	(877)	-	161,979	0.54%
2019	1,963	(1,963)	-	119,948	1.64%
2018	2,224	(2,224)	-	101,785	2.18%
2017	2,359	(2,359)	-	135,429	1.74%
2016	3,350	(3,350)	-	201,107	1.67%
2015	2,433	(2,433)	-	164,052	1.48%

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(2) Information prior to 2017 is not available. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

## Horizon Science Academy of Columbus

### Schedules of the Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of  
the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) and  
Academy OPEB Contributions  
State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) of Ohio

Last Eight and Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year (1) (2)	Academy's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	Academy's Covered Payroll	Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/(Asset)
2024	0.027509230%	\$ (535,017)	\$ 3,768,229	14.20%	168.52%
2023	0.023102850%	(598,210)	3,033,736	19.72%	230.73%
2022	0.022063103%	(465,182)	2,767,700	16.81%	174.73%
2021	0.019976050%	(351,079)	2,583,421	13.59%	182.10%
2020	0.017744950%	(293,899)	2,080,721	14.12%	174.74%
2019	0.019464820%	(312,780)	2,209,621	14.16%	176.00%
2018	0.018982390%	740,623	2,116,557	34.99%	47.10%
2017	0.017337520%	927,215	1,831,757	50.62%	37.30%

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Academy's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,222,600	0.00%
2023	-	-	-	3,768,229	0.00%
2022	-	-	-	3,033,736	0.00%
2021	-	-	-	2,767,700	0.00%
2020	-	-	-	2,583,421	0.00%
2019	-	-	-	2,080,721	0.00%
2018	-	-	-	2,209,621	0.00%
2017	-	-	-	2,116,557	0.00%
2016	-	-	-	1,831,757	0.00%
2015	-	-	-	1,617,886	0.00%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

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**NOTE 1 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**PENSION**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, SERS changed from a fixed 3% annual increase to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on the changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%.
- For fiscal year 2019, with the authority granted the Board under Senate Bill 8, the Board has enacted a three year COLA delay for future benefit recipients commencing benefits on or after April 1, 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, SERS changed from a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.5% to 2.0%.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement and (h) the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.

**NOTE 1 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS decreased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to zero.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.

*Changes in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (b) the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (c) the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00%, (d) total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25% due to lower inflation, (e) the healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016 and (f) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: the projected salary increases went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

**NOTE 1 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

**OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement, and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to the following: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement, (h) the municipal bond index rate increased from 2.92% to 3.56% and (i) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 2.98% to 3.63%.
- For fiscal year 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate increased from 3.63% to 3.70%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.50%-5.00% to a range of 5.375%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.50%-5.00% to a range of 7.25%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate increased from 3.56% to 3.62% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 3.63% to 3.70%.
- For fiscal year 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.375%-4.75% to a range of 5.25%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.25%-4.75% to a range of 7.00%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.62% to 3.13% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%.
- For fiscal year 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.22% to 2.63% and (b) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.13% to 2.45%, and (c) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.22% to 2.63%.



**NOTE 1 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 1.92% to 3.69%, (b) single equivalent interest rate when from 2.27% to 4.08% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 5.125% to 4.40% Medicare and 6.75% to 4.40% Pre-Medicare to 7.00% to 4.40%.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumptions affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 3.69% to 3.86%, (b) single equivalent interest rate when from 4.08% to 4.27% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 7.00% to 4.40% to 6.75% to 4.40%.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS reduced the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 2.1% to 1.9% per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019.
- For fiscal year 2019, STRS increased the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 1.9% to 1.944% per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.
- For fiscal year 2020, STRS increased the subsidy percentage from 1.944% to 1.984% effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.
- For fiscal year 2021, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- For fiscal year 2022, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.100%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2024.

**NOTE 1 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB), (b) the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (c) valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified, (d) the percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased and (e) the assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.
- For fiscal year 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability/asset since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB) and (b) decrease in health care cost trend rates from 6.00%-11.00% initial; 4.50% ultimate down to Medical Pre-Medicare 6.00% and Medicare 5.00% initial; 4.00% ultimate and Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare 8.00% and Medicare (5.23%) initial; 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2020, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 6.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 8.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate and (5.23%) initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2021, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%, (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (c) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical Medicare from -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) projected salary increase went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by services from 2.50% to 8.50% and (b) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate; medical Medicare from -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate; Medicare from 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 4.14% ultimate; medical Medicare from -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -10.94% initial - 4.14% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -11.95% initial - 4.14% ultimate; Medicare from -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 1.33% initial - 4.14% ultimate.

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**  
Franklin County, Ohio  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Assistance Listing Number (ALN)	Total Federal Expenditures
<b>United States Department of Agriculture</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>			
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>			
National School Lunch Program	2024	10.555	\$ 250,457
National School Lunch Program - COVID-19 - CN COVID FOOD PRO MANF	COVID-19, 2024	10.555	<u>20,505</u>
Total National School Lunch Program			<u>270,962</u>
School Breakfast Program	2024	10.553	<u>82,827</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>353,789</u>
<b>Total United States Department of Agriculture</b>			<b><u>353,789</u></b>
<b>United States Department of Education</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>			
<i>Title I:</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	2024	84.010A	<u>682,883</u>
Total Title I			<u>682,883</u>
<i>Special Education Cluster (IDEA):</i>			
Special Education - Grants to States	2024	84.027A	<u>209,831</u>
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			<u>209,831</u>
Supporting Effective Instruction	2024	84.367A	62,373
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	2024	84.424A	53,464
Equity for Each Grant	2024	84.048A	123,658
Stronger Connections Grant	2024	84.424F	13,781
<i>Education Stabilization Fund (ESF):</i>			
American Rescue Plan - Homeless Round II - COVID-19	COVID-19, 2024	84.425W	<u>4,292</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)			<u>4,292</u>
<b>Total United States Department of Education</b>			<b><u>1,150,282</u></b>
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			<b><u>\$ 1,504,071</u></b>

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

**Horizon Science Academy of Columbus**  
 Franklin County, Ohio  
 Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The schedule includes the federal award activity of the Horizon Science Academy of Columbus under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and is prepared in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Horizon Science Academy of Columbus.

**NOTE B – INDIRECT COST RATE**

CFR 200.414 allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Academy has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

**NOTE C – PASS-THROUGH ENTITY NUMBERS**

OAKS did not assign pass-through entity numbers for fiscal year 2024.

**NOTE D – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of breakfasts and lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.

**NOTE E – TRANSFERS TO SCHOOLWIDE BUILDING PROGRAM**

The following amounts were transferred to the Schoolwide Building Program Fund based on ODE&W administrative action and transferability guidelines during fiscal year 2024:

<b>SCHOOLWIDE POOL</b>			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>ALN</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
Schoolwide Building Program Fund	N/A	\$ 1,008,551	\$ -
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010A	-	682,883
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	-	209,831
Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367A	-	62,373
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	-	53,464
<b>Total Schoolwide Pool</b>		<b><u>\$ 1,008,551</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,008,551</u></b>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Horizon Science Academy of Columbus  
Franklin County  
1070 Morse Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2025.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 Academy'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 Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Portsmouth, Ohio  
March 28, 2025



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Horizon Science Academy of Columbus  
Franklin County  
1070 Morse Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

To the Board of Directors:

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

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Horizon Science Academy of Columbus's, Franklin County, (the Academy) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Horizon Science Academy of Columbus's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. Horizon Science Academy of Columbus's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Horizon Science Academy of Columbus complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Academy and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Academy's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

The Academy's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Academy's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Academy's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Academy's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Academy's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Academy's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

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

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



Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Portsmouth, Ohio  
March 28, 2025

**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Schedule of Findings  
2 CFR § 200.515  
June 30, 2024

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS**

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Program’s Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies ALN 84.010
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

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

None

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 7/24/2025**

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