

Breakthrough Charter Schools:
Citizens Leadership Academy
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2014



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Breakthrough Charter Schools:
Citizens Leadership Academy
9711 Lamont Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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

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

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

June 5, 2015

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March 31, 2015

To the Board of Trustees
Breakthrough Charter Schools:
Citizens Leadership Academy
9711 Lamont Avenue
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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Breakthrough Charter Schools: Citizens Leadership Academy, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2015 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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*Management's Discussion and Analysis
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(Unaudited)*

The management's discussion and analysis of Breakthrough Charter Schools: Citizens Leadership Academy's (the "School") financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- In total, net position decreased by \$107,381 or 16 percent from \$670,406 to \$563,025.
- The School had operating revenues of \$2,155,922 and operating expenses of \$3,275,544 for fiscal year 2014. The School also had \$1,012,241 in non-operating revenues during fiscal year 2014.
- Enrollment increased from 196 students to 280 students.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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

Reporting the School Financial Activities

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

These documents answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2014?" These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received.

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These statements report the School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and is meeting the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 10 of this report.

The table below provides a summary of the School's net position for the fiscal years 2014 and 2013:

Table 1 - Net Position		
	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Current Assets	\$ 729,222	\$ 569,589
Security Deposits	318	318
Capital Assets, Net	195,880	210,000
Total Assets	925,420	779,907
 LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	362,395	109,501
 NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	195,880	210,000
Restricted	104,026	100,318
Unrestricted	263,119	360,088
Total Net Position	\$ 563,025	\$ 670,406

At June 30, 2014, the School's net position totaled \$563,025. The increase in assets is mainly attributed to the increase in cash and cash equivalents. The increase in cash equivalents is correlated to the increase in current liabilities and the timing of when liabilities are paid.

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The table below shows the change in net position for the fiscal years 2014 and 2013:

Table 2 - Change in Net Position

	2014	2013
OPERATING REVENUES		
State Foundation	\$2,091,511	\$1,380,552
Fees	5,153	5,249
Other Operating Revenues	59,258	6,683
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,155,922</u>	<u>1,392,484</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and Wages	1,598,089	1,090,583
Fringe Benefits	382,516	232,614
Purchased Services	1,077,290	896,554
Materials and Supplies	89,170	75,842
Depreciation	22,225	-
Equipment	62,415	114,628
Other	43,839	48,720
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,275,544</u>	<u>2,458,941</u>
Operating Loss	(1,119,622)	(1,066,457)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES		
Tax Distribution	236,095	165,403
Intergovernmental Revenues	367,628	473,200
Contributions and Donations	408,518	433,628
Rental Income	-	2,200
Total Non-operating Revenues	<u>1,012,241</u>	<u>1,074,431</u>
Change in Net Position	(107,381)	7,974
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>670,406</u>	<u>662,432</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 563,025</u>	<u>\$ 670,406</u>

The revenue generated by community schools are heavily dependent upon per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation program and federal entitlement programs. Foundation payments, attributed to 66 percent of total operating and non-operating revenues during fiscal year 2014.

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The school educated 280 students in fiscal year 2014 compared to 196 students in fiscal year 2013. The increases in revenues and expenses can mainly be attributed to the significant increase in the students the School educated during fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013.

The increase in tax distribution revenue from 2013 to 2014 is due to the Breakthrough network of schools participating in a partnership with the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) for a property tax levy of 1 mill based on the assessed real property value within the School District. The levy is for four years and was passed in November 2012 and started collection in January 2013.

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2014, the School had \$195,880 invested in leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation. See Note 7 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on capital assets.

Current Financial Related Activities

The School's fiscal agent relationship is Breakthrough Charter Schools, a Charter Management Organization. During the 2013-2014 school year, there were 280 students enrolled in the School (includes summer school). The School relies on the State Foundation Funds, State and Federal Sub-Grants and private donors to provide the monies necessary to operate the School.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Angela M. Neeley, Treasurer, 10118 Hampden Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44108 or email aneeley@breakthroughschools.org.

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*Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2014*

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 286,315
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental - Federal and State Grants	71,956
Pension	9,809
Pledge	311,235
Other	47,478
Prepaid Items	<u>2,429</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>729,222</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Security Deposits	318
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>195,880</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>196,198</u>
Total Assets	<u>925,420</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	215,958
Accrued Wages and Benefits	143,237
Unearned Revenue	<u>3,200</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>362,395</u>

NET POSITION

Investment in Capital Assets	195,880
Restricted for:	
Security Deposits	318
Locally Funded Programs	103,708
Unrestricted	<u>263,119</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 563,025</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
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OPERATING REVENUES	
State Foundation	\$ 2,091,511
Classroom Materials and Fees	5,153
Other Operating Revenues	<u>59,258</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,155,922</u>
 OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and Wages	1,598,089
Fringe Benefits	382,516
Purchased Services	1,077,290
Materials and Supplies	89,170
Depreciation	22,225
Equipment	62,415
Other	<u>43,839</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,275,544</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(1,119,622)</u>
 NON-OPERATING REVENUES	
Tax Distribution	236,095
Intergovernmental	367,628
Contributions and Donations	<u>408,518</u>
Total Non-operating Revenues	<u>1,012,241</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(107,381)</u>
 Net Position - Beginning of Year	 <u>670,406</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 563,025</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014*

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 2,091,511
Cash Received from Other Operations	16,933
Cash Payments for Salaries and Wages	(1,560,427)
Cash Payments for Fringe Benefits	(392,325)
Cash Payments for Purchased Services	(865,258)
Cash Payments for Materials and Supplies	(89,170)
Cash Payments for Equipment	(62,415)
Cash Payments for Other Expenses	(45,473)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>(906,624)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL
FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Federal and State Grants	387,521
Tax Distribution	236,095
Contributions and Donations	432,630
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>1,056,246</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Payments for Capital Acquisitions	<u>(8,105)</u>
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(8,105)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	141,517

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>144,798</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 286,315</u></u>

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Loss	\$ (1,119,622)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	22,225
(Increase) in Assets:	
Pension Receivable	(9,809)
Other Receivable	(47,478)
Prepaid Items	(1,634)
Increase in Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	212,032
Accrued Wages and Benefits	37,662
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (906,624)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Breakthrough Charter Schools: Citizens Leadership Academy (the "School") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for educational purposes. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the School's tax-exempt status. The School's mission is to prepare its urban middle school students, grades six through eight, to lead in academics, service and civic engagement during high school, college and beyond. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and all other operations. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School began operations at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. The school was approved for operation under a contract with Cleveland Metropolitan School District (the "Sponsor") for a period of three years commencing July 1, 2011. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. On July 1, 2014, the contract was extended for a five year period.

The School has contracted with Breakthrough Charter Schools for academic and business services beginning September 23, 2010 for an initial term of five years through June 30, 2015.

The School operates under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include but are not limited to, State mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers. The Board of Trustees controls the School's one instructional/support facility staffed by 7 non-certified and 32 certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 280 students (includes summer school).

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

B. Measurement Focus

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded upon the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred inflows.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. As of June 30, 2014, the School did not have any deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. As of June 30, 2014, the School did not have any deferred inflows of resources.

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the School and its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the School are accounted for by the School's fiscal agent, Breakthrough Charter Schools. All cash is received and deposited by the School. Separate accounts are maintained in the School's name. Monies for the School are maintained in these accounts.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and the presentation on the statement of net position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Capital Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. The School does not have any infrastructure. The School maintains a capitalization threshold at \$5,000. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the remaining useful life of the related capital assets. Equipment is depreciated over 5-7 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over twenty years.

G. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources compared to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

H. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity. For the School, these revenues are payments from the State Foundation Program and classroom materials and fees. Also included are other revenues for the reimbursement of salaries and benefits for employee services. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide goods or services that are the primary activities of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating.

I. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit fiscal years beyond June 30, 2014 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the fiscal year ended in which services are consumed.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Intergovernmental Revenue

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Basic Aid, OPAPP Grant, ERATE, Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF), Title I, IDEA-B, Title II-A and Food Service Program. The State Foundation Basic Aid (which includes casino revenue) is recognized as operating revenue. All of the other grant revenues received from these programs are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility includes timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts recognized under the above named programs for the 2014 school year totaled \$2,459,139.

K. Security Deposits

The security deposit of \$318 is for Columbia Gas.

L. Estimates

The preparation of basic 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.

M. Compensated Absences

Effective starting for the 2011-2012 school year, each full time employee is given up to ten paid days per year personal time off (PTO). Employees receive 1 day of personal leave credit for each month of service to be used for personal matters, including vacation, illness or illness in a family. PTO leave not used will not be carried over to the next year. Employees who are terminated or resign are not paid for unused PTO.

N. Contributions and Donations

Non-cash contributions and donations are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. Contributions and donations received for the 2014 school year totaled \$408,518.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

O. Changes in Accounting Principles

GASB Statement Number 66, *Technical Corrections-2012-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 10 and No. 62*. The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity by resolving conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of two pronouncements, Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, and No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 GASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2012 and have been implemented by the School.

GASB Statement Number 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*. The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2013 and have been implemented by the School.

GASB Statement Number 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*. The objective of this Statement is to improve the recognition, measurement, and disclosure guidance for state and local governments that have extended or received financial guarantees that are nonexchange transactions. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2013 and have been implemented by the School.

The aforementioned Statements did not have an effect on the School's financial statements.

NOTE 3 – SPONSORSHIP AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

The School entered into an agreement with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for a period of three years commencing July 1, 2011. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 1.5% of the fiscal year 2014 foundation payments received by the School, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from the School for fiscal year 2014 was \$30,801, of which \$15,279 was outstanding and recorded as a liability as of June 30, 2014. Sponsorship fees are included with professional and technical services within purchased services on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position.

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NOTE 3 – SPONSORSHIP AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS (Continued)

The School entered into an agreement with Breakthrough Charter Schools to provide academic and business services beginning July 1, 2011 for an initial term of five years. Management fees are calculated as 10% of the fiscal year 2014 foundation payments received by the School from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from the School for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was \$207,924, of which \$19,583 was outstanding as of June 30, 2014, and recorded as a liability. Management fees are recorded as professional and technical services within the purchased services expense on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position.

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS

Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of all School's deposits was \$286,315. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2014, \$125,335 of the School's bank balance of \$375,335 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, as it was not covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. The School has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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NOTE 5 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2014, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements, pension receivable, pledges receivable, and other receivable. Intergovernmental receivables are considered collectible in full due to the current year guarantee of federal funds and the stable condition of state programs. A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

	<u>Receivables</u>
Intergovernmental - Federal and State Grants:	
Title I	\$ 55,689
IDEA B	9,750
Title II-A	1,988
Food Service	2,154
TIF	<u>2,375</u>
Total Intergovernmental - Federal and State Grants	71,956
Pension Receivable	9,809
Pledges Receivable	311,235
Other Receivable	<u>47,478</u>
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 440,478</u>

NOTE 6 – TAX DISTRIBUTION

The Breakthrough network of schools participate in a partnership with the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) for a property tax levy of 1 mill based on the assessed real property value within the School District. The levy is for four years and was passed in November 2012 and started collection in January 2013.

Each school receives property taxes, based on a collection rate of 76.1 percent of the revenue generated from the 1 mill, on a pro-rata basis of all community schools participating in the CMSD partnership levy.

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NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the School’s capital assets at June 30, 2014, follows:

	<u>Balance 6/30/2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2014</u>
Capital Assets:				
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 210,000	\$ 630	\$ -	\$ 210,630
Equipment	-	7,475	-	7,475
<i>Total Capital Assets</i>	<u>210,000</u>	<u>8,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,105</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Leasehold Improvements	-	(21,157)	-	(21,157)
Equipment	-	(1,068)	-	(1,068)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,225)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,225)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$ 210,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (14,120)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 195,880</u></u>

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Insurance Coverage

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

For the fiscal year ended 2014, the School contracted with the O’Neill Group with the following insurance coverage:

Commercial General Liability per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability Aggregate	3,000,000
Umbrella Coverage per Occurrence	15,000,000
Umbrella Coverage per Aggregate	15,000,000
Commercial Property (\$5,000 Deductible)	126,500
Crime Coverage (\$1,000 Deductible) Each Employee	1,000,000
Computer Coverage (\$1,000 Deductible)	100,000
Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible) Each Employee	1,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible) Aggregate	1,000,000
Employers Stop Gap Liability	1,000,000
School Board Legal Liability per Aggregate (\$2,500 Deductible)	1,000,000
School Board Legal Liability per Occurrence (\$2,500 Deductible)	3,000,000
Sexual Misconduct Liability per Occurrence/Aggregate	1,000,000

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NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

A. Insurance Coverage (Continued)

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been any significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year. The School owns no property, but leases a facility located at 9711 Lamont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio (See Note 13).

B. Workers' Compensation

The School makes premium payments to the Ohio Workers' Compensation System for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

C. Employees Medical, Dental, Vision, Life and Disability Benefits

Effective January 1, 2011, Breakthrough Charter Schools contracted through an independent carrier to provide insurance to all employees who work 30 or more hours per week. Employees have a choice of two medical plans. The School subsidizes more for an employee plan and the least amount for a family plan. The School subsidizes between 52 – 75% of the Point of Service (POS) \$250 deductible plan and subsidizes between 65 – 86% for the Health Savings Account (HSA) \$2,600 deductible plan. The school subsidizes the cost of dental insurance. Vision insurance and voluntary life is paid by the employee. Long-term disability insurance, short-term disability, and basic life insurance benefits are paid by the School. Total insurance benefits paid by the School for the fiscal year were \$122,029.

NOTE 9 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

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NOTE 9 – CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

B. Litigation

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

C. State Foundation Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. Adjustments to the State funding received during fiscal year 2014 have been calculated and determined to be immaterial and will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2015.

NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The School contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Employer/Audit Resources*.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10.00 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14.00 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10 percent. The remaining 0.90 percent of the 14.00 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B funds. The School's pension and death benefits contributions to SERS for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$35,271, \$23,242, and \$18,529, respectively; 100.00 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012.

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NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

The School participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

Plan Options - New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 9.50 percent of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members may transfer to a different STRS Ohio retirement plan during their fifth year of membership. Eligible members who do not make a choice during the reselection period will permanently remain in their current plan.

DB Plan Benefits – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any member may retire who has **(i)** five years of service credit and attained age 60; **(ii)** 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or **(iii)** 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit,” the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.20 percent multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.50 percent with an additional one-tenth of a percent added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.60 percent for 32 years, 2.70 percent for 33 years and so on) until 100.00 percent of the final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.50 percent instead of 2.20 percent. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

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NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (Continued)

DC Plan Benefits - Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 9.50 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. Employer contributions into members' accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the members' designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the members' account balance.

Combined Plan Benefits - Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member's defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1.00 percent of the member's final average salary by the member's years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

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

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (Continued)

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years' credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, members were required to contribute 11.00 percent of their annual covered salary and the School was required to contribute 14.00 percent. Member and employer contribution rates were established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 14.00 percent for members and 14.00 percent for employers provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Of the 14.00 percent contributed by the School, 13.00 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations.

The School's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$168,844, \$116,833, and \$67,455, respectively; 96.46 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan described in Note 10, SERS administers two postemployment benefit plans.

Medicare Part B Plan - The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50 if they participated in on SERS' health care plans.

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

A. School Employees Retirement System (Continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation is 0.76 percent. The School's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$2,046, \$1,313 and \$1,408, respectively; 100.00 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012.

Health Care Plan – ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14.00 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the health care allocation is 0.14 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.00 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.50 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,250. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14.00 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$2,378, \$2,285 and \$1,019, respectively; 100.00 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

A. School Employees Retirement System (Continued)

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Employers/Audit Resources*.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description – STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan; a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan, and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan.

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to 3307 of the Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

Funding Policy - Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14.00 percent employer contribution rate, 1.00 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Effective July 1, 2014, 0.00 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. The 14.00 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$12,988, \$8,987, and \$4,818, respectively; 96.46 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

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NOTE 12 – PURCHASED SERVICES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, and are as follows:

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 378,482
Property Services	467,379
Travel Mileage/Meeting	23,713
Communications	15,419
Utilities	47,678
Contracted Craft or Trade Service	126,213
Pupil Transportation	18,091
Other	315
Total	<u>\$ 1,077,290</u>

NOTE 13 – OPERATING LEASES

The School leases its facilities from Friends of Breakthrough Schools under a ten year lease agreement. The lease was effective July, 2011. In April 2013, the School amended its original school building lease with the Breakthrough Charter Schools. The original lease did not reflect the current market value of real estate within the region. The School's Board and finance committee along with the Breakthrough Charter Schools' Board and finance committee researched comparable market values to determine the agreed rents. The amended lease increased the base rent from \$0.24/sq ft to \$11.00/sq ft. This increase in base rent was driven by the current market rate and the Board's desire to maintain their current building locations, combined with the long-term sustainability of the Breakthrough network of schools. Rent and related expenses were \$397,365 in fiscal year 2014. In December 2013, the School entered into an amended lease agreement with Friends of Breakthrough Real Estate, LLC extending the lease through June 30, 2034 or the termination of the Breakthrough Charter Schools agreement.

Future minimum rental payments due in each year of the lease are \$374,241 per year payable in monthly installments through the remainder of the lease term.

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NOTE 14 – FISCAL AGENT

The Academic and Business Services Agreement states Breakthrough Charter Schools (BCS) shall be responsible and accountable for the following financial functions:

- Provision of a licensed fiscal officer (treasurer);
- Payment of school expenditures with school funds;
- Maintenance of adequate cash balances to cover payroll and payments to vendors; and
- Payroll.

NOTE 15 – PRIVATE DONATION

The School is a separate corporation from Friends of Breakthrough Schools, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation. Friends of Breakthrough Schools is an agency that was organized to provide funding for operations for Breakthrough Charter Schools. Funding provided to the School from Friends of Breakthrough amount to \$384,460 for operating expenses which includes \$311,235 pledged to the School for operating expenses recorded as a receivable as of June 30, 2014, and will be paid during the subsequent school year.

March 31, 2015

To the Board of Trustees
Breakthrough Charter Schools:
Citizens Leadership Academy
9711 Lamont Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Breakthrough Charter Schools: Citizens Leadership Academy, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item #2014-001.

The School's Response to Findings

The School's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The School's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Medina, Ohio

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*Schedule of Findings
June 30, 2014*

**Findings Related to the Financial Statements
Required to be Reported In Accordance With GAGAS**

**FINDING #2014-001
Material Non-Compliance – Records Retention**

Criteria: Ohio Rev. Code section 149.41 authorizes the School to develop its own records commission and rules. The Board of Trustees has adopted a records retention and disposal policy which specifies specific procedures to be followed in order to dispose of public records.

Condition: During the performance of audit procedures, we noted various checks in which the corresponding invoice was not maintained or could not be produced. The treasurer was able to contact all applicable vendors to produce a valid invoice to support the expense.

Cause: Documents were not properly maintained and could not be located.

Effect: Failure to maintain approved invoices can lead to non-compliance and improper financial reporting.

Recommendation: We recommend the School maintain all records in accordance with the ORC and Board of Trustee policies.

Management Response: Procedures will be implemented to ensure all records are maintained in accordance with the Ohio Rev. Code and School policy.



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

CITIZENS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 18, 2015**