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**BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bella Academy of Excellence  
Cuyahoga County  
19114 Bella Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44119

To the Board of Directors:

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

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

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

**Opinion**

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

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the Academy has experienced financial difficulties as of June 30, 2014. The difficulties have resulted in a deficit net position. Management's corrective action plan is described in Note 14 to the financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. This matter does not affect our opinion on these financial statements.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

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

*Supplementary and Other Information*

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

The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is not a required part of the financial statements.

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

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 17, 2015, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

March 17, 2015

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
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The discussion and analysis of the Bella Academy of Excellence (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- In total, net position was deficit \$2,810 at June 30, 2014.
- The Academy had operating revenues of \$2,903,005, operating expenses of \$3,515,708, and non-operating revenues of \$610,293 for fiscal year 2014.

**Using these Basic Financial Statements**

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

**Reporting the Academy's Financial Activities**

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

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

These two statements report the Academy's *net position* and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Academy as a whole, the *financial position* of the Academy has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 11 of this report.

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The table below provides a comparative analysis of fiscal years 2014 and 2013:

	<b>Net Position</b>		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Current assets	\$ 103,054	\$ 60,365	\$ 42,689
Total assets	<u>103,054</u>	<u>60,365</u>	<u>42,689</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Current liabilities	<u>105,864</u>	<u>60,765</u>	<u>45,099</u>
Total liabilities	<u>105,864</u>	<u>60,765</u>	<u>45,099</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>			
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(2,810)</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(2,410)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,810)</u>	<u>\$ (400)</u>	<u>\$ (2,410)</u>

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2014, the Academy's net position totaled a deficit \$2,810 compared to deficit \$400 at June 30, 2013.

Current assets represent cash and intergovernmental receivables. The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables for grants at June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$101,542 and \$60,144, respectively. As a result of the full-time equivalency (FTE) review by the Ohio Department of Education at June 30, 2014, an intergovernmental receivable in the amount of \$1,290 was reported.

Current liabilities of \$105,864 and \$60,765 represent accounts payable for professional and legal services at June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively.

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The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

**Change in Net Position**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues:</u></b>			
State foundation	\$ 2,903,005	\$ 2,871,541	\$ 31,464
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>(1,400)</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>2,903,005</u>	<u>2,872,941</u>	<u>30,064</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u></b>			
Management fees	2,647,466	2,611,385	36,081
Sponsorship fees	86,872	86,780	92
Legal	28,839	16,155	12,684
Professional services	31,215	33,000	(1,785)
Operating lease payments	711,683	700,079	11,604
Other	<u>9,633</u>	<u>10,643</u>	<u>(1,010)</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,515,708</u>	<u>3,458,042</u>	<u>57,666</u>
<b><u>Non-operating Revenues:</u></b>			
Federal and State grants	<u>610,293</u>	<u>583,361</u>	<u>26,932</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>610,293</u>	<u>583,361</u>	<u>26,932</u>
Change in net position	(2,410)	(1,740)	(670)
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(400)</u>	<u>1,340</u>	<u>(1,740)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (2,810)</u>	<u>\$ (400)</u>	<u>\$ (2,410)</u>

The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from Federal entitlement programs. The Academy received more State foundation revenue and had increased operating expenses during the year as a result.

The Academy received Federal grant monies through the Child Nutrition Lunch, Title VI-B, Title I, Title II-D, and Title II-A programs during fiscal year 2014. The Academy received a full year of tax revenue from casino profits in the amount of \$21,113 during fiscal year 2014, which is reported in non-operating Federal and State grants revenue. The Academy received \$8,952 in tax revenue from casino profits during fiscal year 2013, which was reported as other non-operating revenue in the prior year, and has been included in non-operating Federal and State grants revenue in the table above for conformity with current year presentation.

***Debt***

The Academy had no debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2013.

***Capital Assets***

The Academy had no capital assets over the threshold to report at June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2013.

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**Restrictions and Other Limitations**

The future stability of the Academy is not without challenges. The Academy does not receive any funds from taxes. The primary source of funding is the State foundation program. An economic slowdown in the State could result in budgetary cuts to education, which would have a negative impact on the Academy.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The Academy is sponsored by St. Aloysius Orphanage. The Academy is reliant upon State foundation monies and Federal Sub-Grants to offer quality, educational services to students.

In order to continually provide learning opportunities to the Academy's students, the Academy will apply resources to best meet the needs of its students. It is the intent of the Academy to apply for other State and Federal funds that are made available to finance its operations.

**Contacting the Academy's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Dan Lamb, Treasurer, Charter School Specialists, 19114 Bella Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44119.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014

<b>Assets:</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash . . . . .	\$           222
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental . . . . .	<u>102,832</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>103,054</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable. . . . .	<u>105,864</u>
Total liabilities. . . . .	<u>105,864</u>
<b>Net position:</b>	
Unrestricted (deficit) . . . . .	<u>(2,810)</u>
Total net position (deficit). . . . .	<u>\$       (2,810)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
State foundation . . . . .	\$ 2,903,005
Total operating revenues . . . . .	2,903,005
 <b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Purchased services - management fees . . . . .	2,647,466
Sponsorship fees . . . . .	86,872
Legal . . . . .	28,839
Professional services . . . . .	31,215
Operating lease payments. . . . .	711,683
Other . . . . .	9,633
Total operating expenses. . . . .	3,515,708
 Operating loss . . . . .	 (612,703)
 <b>Non-operating revenues:</b>	
Federal and State grants. . . . .	610,293
Total non-operating revenues . . . . .	610,293
 Change in net position. . . . .	 (2,410)
 <b>Net position (deficit) at beginning of year. . .</b>	 (400)
 <b>Net position (deficit) at end of year . . . . .</b>	 \$ (2,810)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
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<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from State foundation . . . . .	\$ 2,901,715
Cash payments for purchased services - management fees. . . . .	(2,604,907)
Cash payments for sponsorship fees . . . . .	(86,872)
Cash payments for legal fees . . . . .	(26,299)
Cash payments for professional services . . . . .	(31,215)
Cash payments for operating lease . . . . .	(711,683)
Cash payments for other expenses . . . . .	<u>(9,633)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	<u>(568,894)</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>	
Cash received from Federal and State grants . . . . .	<u>568,895</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities. . . . .	<u>568,895</u>
Net increase in cash . . . . .	1
<b>Cash at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>221</u>
<b>Cash at end of year. . . . .</b>	<u><u>\$ 222</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss. . . . .	\$ (612,703)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in intergovernmental receivable . . . . .	(1,290)
Increase in accounts payable . . . . .	<u>45,099</u>
Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	<u><u>\$ (568,894)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY**

The Bella Academy of Excellence (the “Academy”) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy provides students with an academically excellent opportunity by offering challenging curriculum richly infused with math, arts, science and technology and designed to engage all in the learning process; by maintaining a caring learning environment of affirmation; by working with parents and local communities to offer opportunities both in and out of the classroom that further develop the intellect and character of the students who choose to attend the school; and by utilizing innovative teaching techniques delivered by superior faculty in order to prepare all students for success in the ever-growing global community of the future. 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 was approved under contract with The St. Aloysius Orphanage (the “Sponsor”) commencing on May 15, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010. On June 28, 2010 the contract was renewed commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2014. The contract was renewed on June 30, 2014, for a term of one year ending on June 30, 2015. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board which must contain at least five Directors who are not owners or employees, or relatives of owners or employees, of any for-profit company that operates or manages the Academy. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualification of teachers. The Governing Board controls the Academy’s instructional/support facility staffed by employees of the management company who provide services to 391 students.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements (BFS) of the Academy 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 Academy's significant accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

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

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

**B. Measurement Focus**

Enterprise activity is accounted for using a flow of economic resources 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 changes in net position presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances meet its cash flow needs.



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

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recognized in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's 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 on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenue resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the period when the resources are required to be used or the period when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**D. Budgetary Process**

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 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.

**E. Cash**

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "cash" on the statement of net position. Unless otherwise noted, all monies received by the Academy are pooled and deposited in a central bank account as demand deposits. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2014.

**F. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost and updated for additions and deletions during the year. The Academy has established a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. 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.

The Academy had no capital assets over the threshold to report at June 30, 2014.

**G. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

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

**H. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, Special Education, Economic Disadvantaged and Facilities Program. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as operating revenues. Amounts awarded under these programs for the 2014 school year totaled \$2,903,005.

Grants and entitlements 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 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. Federal and State grant revenue received during fiscal year 2014 was \$610,293.

**I. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

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

**J. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

**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.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**Change in Accounting Principle**

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

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

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits and the bank balance was \$222. The entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the non-profit corporation.

**NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

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

<b>Intergovernmental receivables:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Federal breakfast and lunch reimbursement	\$ 4,320
Title I	94,895
Title II-A	2,327
Ohio Department of Education - FY14 enrollment and full-time equivalency adjustment	<u>1,290</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u><u>\$ 102,832</u></u>

Under the terms of the operating contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. (see Note 9.B for detail), the Academy has recorded accounts payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$101,542 for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2014, and \$1,161 for 90 percent of the amount of the Ohio Department of Education full-time equivalency adjustment at June 30, 2014.

**NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS**

The Academy has contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 9.B.) to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the Academy as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to the systems noted as follows:

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org), under "Employers/Audit Resources".

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**NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current Academy rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2014, 13.05 percent and 0.05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 14 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$41,074, \$36,178 and \$38,300, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org), under "Publications".

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 14 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

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**NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$134,361, \$128,466 and \$119,641, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2014 were \$11,019 made by the Academy and \$8,657 made by the plan members.

**NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org), under "Employers/Audit Resources".

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2014, 0.14 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,250.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$439, \$442 and \$1,659, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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**NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The Academy’s contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$2,383, \$2,044 and \$2,262, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the “Plan”) administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians’ fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org), under “Publications” or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy’s contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$10,335, \$9,882 and \$9,203, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2014, the Academy maintained the following coverage: general liability, automobile liability, and excess/umbrella liability through Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co.; and workers compensation and employers’ liability through Twin City Fire Insurance Co.

Coverage	Limits of Coverage
General liability:	
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General aggregate	3,000,000
Medical expenses	10,000
Personal & advertising injury	1,000,000
Damages to rented premises, per occurrence	100,000
Products - aggregate	3,000,000
Automobile liability:	
Combined single limit - each accident	1,000,000

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**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

<u>Coverage – (Continued)</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>
Excess/umbrella liability:	
Each occurrence	\$15,000,000
Aggregate	15,000,000
Retention	10,000
Workers compensation and employers' liability:	
Each accident	1,000,000
Disease - each employee	1,000,000
Disease - policy limit	1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in the past three years. There was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

**NOTE 9 - CONTRACTS**

**A. Sponsor Contract**

The Academy entered into a sponsorship contract commencing on May 15, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010 with St. Aloysius Orphanage (the "Sponsor") for its establishment. On June 28, 2010 the contract was renewed commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2014. The Sponsor shall carry out the responsibilities established by law, including:

- Monitor the Academy's compliance with the laws applicable to the Academy and with the terms of this contract;
- Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization of the Academy on at least an annual basis;
- Provide reasonable technical assistance to the Academy in complying with this contract and with applicable laws (provided, however, the Sponsor shall not be obligated to give legal advice to the Academy);
- Take steps to intervene in the Academy's operation to correct problems in the Academy's overall performance, declare the Academy to be on probationary status under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.073, suspend operation of the Academy pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.072, or terminate or non-renew this contract pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.07, as determined necessary by the Sponsor;
- Establish and/or require a plan of action to be undertaken if the Academy experiences financial difficulties or losses before the end of the school year; and
- Abide by the requirements of its contract with the Ohio Department of Education, even should those requirements affect the Academy.

The Academy paid the Sponsor \$86,872 for services during fiscal year 2014.

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**NOTE 9 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)**

**B. Management Contract**

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

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

For the services listed above, the Academy is required to pay a fee to Imagine Schools, Inc. The fee is equal to approximately 90 percent of the total per pupil allowance received from the State of Ohio and 100 percent of State and/or Federal grant funds received by the Academy for the creation and operation of its school. Payments to Imagine Schools, Inc. amounted to \$2,647,466 during fiscal year 2014.

**C. Service Contract**

The Academy entered into a service contract for a period of twelve months, commencing on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014, with Charter School Specialists, LLC (CSS), to provide fiscal and Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Planning consulting services. The Academy paid CSS \$30,495 during fiscal year 2014 for these services.

**NOTE 10 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, Imagine Schools, Inc. incurred the following expenses (reported below on cash-basis) on behalf of the Academy:

<u>Expenses</u>	
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,275,444
Employees' benefits	234,579
Purchased services	547,760
Supplies and materials	86,575
Capital outlay	51,031
Other direct costs	39,992
Indirect Expenses	<u>377,223</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,612,604</u>



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**NOTE 10 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES - (Continued)**

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

**NOTE 11 - OPERATING LEASES**

The Academy entered into a sublease agreement on June 22, 2009, with Schoolhouse Finance, LLC (“SHF”) to lease classroom space for the Academy. SHF is a subsidiary of Imagine Schools, Inc. The term of the sublease commenced July 1, 2009, and continued through June 30, 2014. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. The Academy paid to SHF \$504,000 in annual base rent payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the fifteenth day of each month of the term. The base rent escalated annually on July 1, 2010, and on July 1 each year thereafter, at a rate of 2 percent. The Academy also reimbursed SHF for any utility or service charges assessed by the prime landlord pursuant to the lease.

The Academy entered into a sublease agreement effective July 1, 2011, with SHF to lease additional classroom space for the Academy. The term of the sublease commenced on July 1, 2011 and continued through June 30, 2014. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. For fiscal year 2014, the Academy paid to SHF \$46,138, in annual base rent payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the first day of each month of the term. The Academy also paid additional rent for operating expenses, real property tax and assessments, personal property and other taxes, insurance premiums, and utilities.

On June 13, 2014, the Academy entered into a sublease agreement with SHF to lease classroom space for the Academy. The term of the sublease commences on July 1, 2014, and continues through June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. The Academy shall pay to SHF \$545,545, \$551,001, \$556,511, \$562,076, and \$567,697 in annual base rent for fiscal years 2015 through 2019, respectively, payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the fifteenth day of each month of the term. The Academy shall also reimburse SHF for any additional rent as follows: real property tax and assessments, personal property and other taxes, insurance premiums, utilities and services, and other expenses.

On June 13, 2014, the Academy entered into an amendment of the sublease agreement entered into on July 1, 2011, with SHF to extend the lease for additional classroom space for the Academy for a period of an additional two years. The term of the amended sublease commences on July 1, 2014 and continues through June 30, 2016. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. For fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the Academy shall pay to SHF \$47,059 and \$47,995, respectively, in annual base rent payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the first day of each month of the term. The Academy shall also pay additional rent for operating expenses, real property tax and assessments, personal property and other taxes, insurance premiums, and utilities.

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**NOTE 12 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The Academy received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2014, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

**B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. ODE has identified several community schools and/or STEM schools that made critical data errors between the June payment and the Final #1 payment. As a result, ODE will be running a Final #2 foundation report for community schools and STEM schools for fiscal year 2014. As of the date of this report, a final list of schools impacted and amounts are not yet available, but ODE believes this will result in receivables to the schools affected. However, as a result of preliminary fiscal year 2014 reviews, the Academy is due \$1,290 from ODE. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental receivable on the statement of net position.

**C. Litigation**

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

**NOTE 13 - FEDERAL TAX STATUS**

The Academy was approved under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization on November 3, 2010. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that might adversely affect the Academy's tax exempt status.

**NOTE 14 - MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Academy had a decrease of \$2,410 in net position and a deficit net position of \$2,810 at June 30, 2014. The deficit net position is primarily a result of accounts payable reported at June 30, 2014. This liability will be paid through the Academy's State foundation revenue received during fiscal year 2015.

**NOTE 15 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
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<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> <i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$27,634	\$27,634
National School Lunch Program	10.555	118,946	118,946
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>146,580</u>	<u>146,580</u>
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	7,725	7,725
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	<u>18,116</u>	<u>18,116</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>		<u>172,421</u>	<u>172,421</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b> <i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Special Education Grants	84.027	103,600	103,702
Title I	84.010	264,625	292,452
Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	<u>812</u>	<u>3,139</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>		<u>369,037</u>	<u>399,293</u>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>\$541,458</u>	<u>\$571,714</u>

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Bella Academy of Excellence's (the Academy's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The Academy commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the Academy assumes it expends federal monies first.



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

Bella Academy of Excellence  
Cuyahoga County  
19114 Bella Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44119

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Bella Academy of Excellence, Cuyahoga County, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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 17, 2015, wherein we noted the Academy experienced financial difficulties which resulted in a net deficit as of June 30, 2014.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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

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

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

March 17, 2015



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Bella Academy of Excellence  
Cuyahoga County  
19114 Bella Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44119

To the Board of Directors:

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

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

### ***Management's Responsibility***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

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

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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

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

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



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

March 17, 2015



**BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Program:	Title I – CFDA #84.010
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

None

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

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**BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 31, 2015**