# CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: PURITAS COMMUNITY MIDDLE CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

# **REGULAR AUDIT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014



# **Constellation Schools** "The Right Choice for Parents and a Real Chance for Children!"



# Dave Yost · Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle 15204 Puritas Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44135

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle, 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 Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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December 31, 2014

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

December 19, 2014

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle 15204 Puritas Avenue Cleveland, OH 44135

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle, 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 School'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 School'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.

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 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 3-7 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 December 19, 2014 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle (PTCM) financial performance provides an overall review of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance of PTCM as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the financial performance of PTCM.

# **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 include the following:

- In 2014 net position increased \$117,682, which represents a 63.3% increase from 2013. This increase is due to increases in state foundation funds, federal grants and casino tax revenues.
- Total assets increased \$171,098, which represents an 88.7% increase from 2013. This is due to significant increases in cash and capital assets as well as increases in receivables, due from other governments and security deposits for the year.
- Liabilities increased \$53,416, which represents a 742.4% increase from 2013. Increases in capital lease equipment payable to acquire technology equipment and unearned revenue were offset by reductions in accounts payable.
- Operating revenues increased by \$112,099, which represents a 10.6% increase from 2013. This is a direct result of state foundation funds, casino tax collection increases and other income earned during the year.
- Expenses increased by \$68,973 which represents a 5.9% increase from 2013. Operating increases occurring in salaries, benefits, purchased services, depreciation and other expenses were offset in part by slight decreases in materials, supplies and capital purchases.
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$21,848 which represents a 13.8% increase from 2013. This increase is due to increases in federal funding.

# Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### **Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position looks at how well PTCM has performed financially through June 30, 2014. This statement includes all of the assets, liabilities and net position using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended.

The following schedule provides a summary Statement of Net Position for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 for PTCM.

	2014	2013	Change	%
Assets				
Cash	\$231,734	\$115,746	\$115,988	100.2%
Other Current Assets	22,579	13,604	8,975	66.0%
Non-Current Assets	26,958	25,000	1,958	7.8%
Capital Assets	82,808	38,631	44,177	114.4%
Total Assets	364,079	192,981	171,098	88.7%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	29,388	7,195	22,193	308.5%
Long Term Liabilities	31,223	0	31,223	100.0%
Total Liabilities	60,611	7,195	53,416	742.4%
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	28,293	38,631	(10,338)	-26.8%
Unrestricted	275,175	147,155	128,020	87.0%
Total Net Position	\$303,468	\$185,786	\$117,682	63.3%

Net Position increased in both fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. Enrollment increases occurred in both years and the school experienced several increases and decreases in revenues and expenses. For assets, cash increased \$115,988; accounts receivable increased \$5,311; due from other governments increased \$3,664; security deposits increased \$1,958 and net capital assets increased \$44,177 from 2013. For liabilities, accounts payable decreased \$1,810, interest payable increased \$21, unearned revenue (previously deferred revenues) increased \$690 and capital lease equipment payables increased \$54,515 from 2013.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reports operating and nonoperating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

The following schedule provides a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for PTCM for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

	2014	2013	Change	%
Revenues				
Foundation and Poverty Based				
Assistance Revenues	\$1,078,790	\$989,069	\$89,721	9.1%
Other Operating Revenues	93,714	71,336	22,378	31.4%
Total Operating Revenues	1,172,504	1,060,405	112,099	10.6%
Federal and State Grants	179,661	157,813	21,848	13.8%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	179,661	157,813	21,848	13.8%
Total Revenues	1,352,165	1,218,218	133,947	11.0%
Expenses				
Salaries	536,788	512,934	23,854	4.7%
Fringe Benefits	183,941	160,216	23,725	14.8%
Purchased Services	422,374	415,017	7,357	1.8%
Materials and Supplies	35,541	37,532	(1,991)	-5.3%
Capital Outlay	8,589	11,426	(2,837)	-24.8%
Depreciation	22,050	12,755	9,295	72.9%
Other Expenses	25,200	15,630	9,570	61.2%
Total Expenses	1,234,483	1,165,510	68,973	5.9%
Changes in Net Position	117,682	52,708	64,974	123.3%
Net Position: Beginning of the				<b></b>
Year	185,786	133,078	52,708	39.6%
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Net Position: End of Year	\$303,468	\$185,786	\$117,682	63.3%

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Net Position increased in both fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. Enrollment increases occurred in both years and the school experienced several increases and decreases in revenues and expenses. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase or decrease as the number of classes increase and decrease other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received for capital improvements to our building and to purchase various educational programs and equipment.

Overall, revenues increased by \$133,947 from 2013 to 2014. The most significant changes in revenues from 2013 to 2014 are increases of \$85,389 in state Foundation funding; \$4,332 Casino tax revenues; an increase in federal funding which totaled \$21,419; an increase in materials fees for \$2,856 and other miscellaneous increases. Minor changes occurred in state grants and other operating revenues which had minimal effect on the overall revenue.

Expenses increased \$68,973 from 2013 mostly as a result of enrollment increases and normal annual increases. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$47,579 due to staff changes and routine annual increases. Purchased services increased \$7,357 due a combination of increases and decreases but mainly from increases in equipment leases administrative fees. Materials and Supplies decreased \$1,991 due to slightly decreased purchases of supplies and text books with increased purchases in software. Capital Outlay decreased \$2,837 due to slight reductions in instructional technology, furniture and equipment. Depreciation increased slightly by \$9,295 because of technology acquired through capitalized leases during the year. Other Expenses increased \$9,570.

# **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2014, PTCM had \$82,808 invested in technology, software, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation. This is a \$44,177 increase from June 30, 2013.

The following schedule provides a summary of Capital Assets as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 for PTCM.

2014	2013	Change	%
n)			
\$59,503	\$8,436	\$51,067	605.3%
23,305	30,195	(6,890)	-22.8%
\$82,808	\$38,631	\$44,177	114.4%
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For more information on capital assets see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

# **Equipment Financing**

During fiscal year 2014 PTCM entered into a group leasing agreement with Winthrop Resources Corporation for \$69,984 worth of technology equipment. The lease term is for a total of 36 months, carries an interest rate of 0.50% per annum and will expire in October 2016. The lease values have been recorded as capital equipment to recognize the assets, and as capital equipment lease payables to recognize the lease debt. The outstanding principal value as of June 30, 2014 on the lease payable is \$54,515.

#### **Current Financial Issues**

Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle opened on September 28, 2006. It has grown from 40 students, two teaching staff members and expenses of \$213,993 to a total of 142 students, fourteen teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,234,483. At the beginning of the 2007 school year grades 5 and 6 were split off from Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Elementary to form the middle school. This is providing more flexibility in the curriculum for each student and improves our options for limited facilities space.

As the nation continues to recover from a major economic downturn, the Board of Directors, school management and school staff have worked diligently to ensure that the school maintains the high level of educational services and financial integrity that we have always provided. Our goal is to provide a strong educational product for our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during our previous years.

# **Contacting the School's Financial Management**

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

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# Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle Cuyahoga County, Ohio Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2014

<u>Assets:</u> <u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash	\$231,734
Accounts Receivable	5,311
Due from Other Governments	17,268
Total Current Assets	254,313
Non-Current Assets:	
Security Deposit	26,958
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	82,808
Total Non-Current Assets	109,766
Total Assets	364,079
<u>Liabilities:</u> Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	1,005
Interest Payable	21
Unearned Revenue	5,070
Capital Lease Equipment Payable	23,292
Total Current Liabilities	29,388
Long Term Liabilities:	
Capital Lease Equipment Payable	31,223
Total Long Term Liabilities	31,223
Total Liabilities	60,611
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	28,293
Unrestricted	275,175
Total Net Position	\$303,468

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Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$1,078,790
Other Operating Revenues	93,714
Total Operating Revenues	1,172,504
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	536,788
Fringe Benefits	183,941
Purchased Services	422,374
Materials and Supplies	35,541
Capital Outlay	8,589
Depreciation	22,050
Other Operating Expenses	24,985
Total Operating Expenses	1,234,268
Operating Loss	(61,764)
Non-Operating Revenues & (Expenses):	
Interest Expense	(215)
Federal and State Grants	179,661
Total Non-Operating Revenues & (Expenses)	179,446
Change in Net Position	117,682
Net Position at Beginning of the Year	185,786
Net Position at End of Year	\$303,468

# Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle Cuyahoga County, Ohio Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

# Increase (Decrease) in Cash:

### **Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

Cash Received from State of Ohio Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services Cash Payments to Employees for Services Other Operating Revenues	\$1,078,790 (677,446) (536,788) <u>87,605</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(47,839)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Federal and State Grants Received	183,002
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	183,002
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions Proceeds for Equipment Lease Equipment Lease Principal Payments Equipment Lease Interest Payments Increase in Security Deposit	(71,538) 69,984 (15,469) (194) (1,958)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(19,175)
Net Increase in Cash Cash at Beginning of Year	115,988 <u>115,746</u>
Cash at End of Year	\$231,734

# Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle Cuyahoga County, Ohio Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014 (Continued)

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	(\$61,764)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to <u>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Depreciation	22,050
Capital Asset Returned for Refund	5,311
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(7,005)
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(5,311)
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(1,810)
Increase in Unearned Revenue	690
Total Adjustments	13,925
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$47,839)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

#### I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle (PTCM) is a nonprofit corporation established on August 20, 1999 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. On November 1, 2007, PTCM was issued a determination letter of tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the tax-exempt status of PTCM. PTCM, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. PTCM may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of PTCM.

PTCM was approved for operation as Detroit Shoreway Community School (DSCS) under a contract dated January 20, 2004 between the Governing Authority of PTCM and the Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) (the Sponsor). On July 22, 2005 PTCM (as DSCS) entered into a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to have BCHF replace LCESC as their sponsor. The contract has been renewed through June 30, 2015. Under the terms of the contract BCHF will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XII for further discussion of the sponsor services.

PTCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide legal, financial, business and educational management services for the fiscal year. See Note XII for further discussion of this management agreement.

PTCM operates under a five member Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualification of teachers. The Board of Directors controls PTCM's instructional facility staffed by fourteen certificated full time teaching personnel and two support staff who provide services to 142 students. During 2014, the board members for PTCM also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Westside Community School of the Arts, Constellation Schools: Mansfield Community Middle, Constellation Schools: Collinwood Village Academy and Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle.

# II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

### 1. Basis of Presentation

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

# 2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

# 3. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2014, PTCM has implemented GASB Statement No. 65, "*Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*". GASB Statement No. 65 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as *deferred outflows of resources* or *deferred inflows of resources*, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 65 also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements *deferred outflows of resources*, such as changes in the

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term *deferred* in financial statement presentations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 did not have an effect on the financial statements of PTCM.

#### 4. Cash

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

#### 5. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391 PTCM prepares and adopts an annual budget which includes estimated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year and a five year forecast of revenues and expenditures. PTCM will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

#### 6. Due From Other Governments

Monies due PTCM for the year ended June 30, 2014 are recorded as Due From Other Governments. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the monies to be due.

# 7. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the dates received. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of \$1,000 or more are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

#### 8. Intergovernmental Revenues

PTCM currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Poverty Based Assistance Program and Casino Tax Distribution. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. PTCM also participates in Federal Entitlement Programs, the Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program, Race to the Top and various State Grant Programs. State and Federal Grants and Entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2014 school year totaled \$1,258,451.

#### 9. **Private Grants and Contributions**

PTCM received grants and contributions from private sources to support the schools programs. Private grants and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are received. PTCM did not receive any grants and contributions for the 2014 school year.

#### 10. Compensated Absences

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

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

#### 11. Use of Estimates

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

#### 12. Unearned Revenue

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

#### III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of PTCM's deposits totaled \$231,734 and its bank balance was \$241,783. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2014, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$241,783 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

# IV. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$55,540
Pupil Support Services	63,233
Staff Development & Support	20,157
Administrative	180,866
Occupancy Costs	62,015
Food Services	40,563
Total Purchased Services	\$422.374
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

# V. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2014 follows:

	Balance 6/30/13	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/14
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Building Improvements Technology and	\$27,690	\$0	\$0	\$27,690
Software	258,800	71,538	(20,044)	310,294
Furniture and Equipment	68,900	0	0	68,900
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	355,390	71,538	(20,044)	406,884
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Building Improvements Technology and	(27,690)	0	0	(27,690)
Software	(250,364)	(15,160)	14,733	(250,791)
Furniture and Equipment	(38,705)	(6,890)	0	(45,595)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(316,759)	(22,050)	14,733	(324,076)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated	<b>\$22.22</b>			
Depreciation	\$38,631	\$49,488	(\$5,311)	\$82,808

# VI. Operating Leases

PTCM sub-leases space to Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Elementary (PTCE) for the year. Under the terms of the sub-lease PTCM made monthly lease payments of \$5,000. PTCE charged PTCM a total of \$60,000 during the year. As of June 30, 2014 all lease payments were paid to PTCE.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

### VII. Capital Equipment Lease Payable

During fiscal year 2014, PTCM entered into a three year lease for technology equipment. The principal amount of lease is \$69,984 with an interest rate of 0.5% per annum. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by accounting standards, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers the benefits and risks of ownership of the lessee. Assets of technology equipment totaling \$69,984 have been capitalized. This amount represents the actual purchase price of the equipment and is the same as the net present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. Principal payments during fiscal year 2014 totaled \$15,469 and interest paid totaled \$194.

Future minimum lease payments for principal and interest under the capital lease are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
0045	<b>\$</b> 22,222	<b>\$</b> 222	<b>\$</b> \$\$\$ 45.4
2015	\$23,292	\$202	\$23,494
2016	23,400	94	23,494
2017	7,823	8	7,831
Total	\$54,515	\$304	\$54,819

#### VIII. Risk Management

# 1. **Property and Liability Insurance**

PTCM is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2014, PTCM contracted with Traveler's Property Casualty Company of America for property insurance, The Hanover Insurance Company for liability insurance and errors and omissions insurance and Allamerica Financial Benefit Insurance Company for Automobile insurance.

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

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### 2. Workers' Compensation

PTCM makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There have been no claims filed by PTCM employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2014.

#### 3. Employee Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Benefits

PTCM provides medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. Total insurance benefits paid by PTCM for the fiscal year is \$91,654.

#### IX. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

#### 1. State Teachers Retirement System

PTCM 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 comprehensive annual financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at www.strsoh.org.

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 10.5% 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 will transfer to the DB plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

The DB 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

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based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the members' three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years until 100% 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 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the "moneypurchase benefit" calculation, a member's lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. The total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance. Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

DC Plan benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% 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 member's account balance.

Member contributions in the Combined Plan are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A members' defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the members' final average salary by the members' years of service credit. The defined portion of the Combined Plan is payable to a 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 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.

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The DB and Combined Plan offer access to health 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.

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.

Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 14% for members and 14% for employers. Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were 11% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The amount required to fund pension obligations during the year is 13%.

PTCM's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$63,174, \$63,431 and \$76,539, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012. Member and employer contributions actually made for DB, DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

# 2. School Employees Retirement System

PTCM 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. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and PTCM is required to contribute 14% 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.

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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%. The remaining 0.90% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. PTCM's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$7,116, \$3,500 and \$3,795, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### X. Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits

# 1. State Teachers Retirement System

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plans. 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 reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Section 3307 of the Ohio 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 benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

Under Ohio law funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contribution rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 PTCM's contributions to post-employment health care were \$4,860, \$4,879 and \$5,888, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

# 2. School Employees Retirement System

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio administers two post-employment benefit plans. The Medicare B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 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 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.

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The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2014 the actuarially required allocation is .76%. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 PTCM's contributions to Medicare Part B were \$386, \$185 and \$206, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Ohio Revised Code 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 Ohio Revised Code provides a statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employee contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment 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% contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014 the health care allocation is 0.14%. 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% of that employer's SERS covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,525. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 PTCM's contributions to the Health Care Plan, including the surcharge were \$646, \$478 and \$787, respectively; 11.01% has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100% for fiscal years 2013 and 2012. \$575 representing the unpaid surcharge due for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

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### XI. Contingencies

#### 1. Grants

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

# 2. Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment 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. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. Adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2014 are immaterial and are not reflected in the 2014 financial statements but will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2015.

# XII. Sponsorship and Management Agreements

PTCM entered into an agreement with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement has been renewed through June 30, 2015. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 3% of the Fiscal Year 2014 Foundation payments received by PTCM, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from PTCM for fiscal year 2014 was \$31,753 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2014.

PTCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools to provide legal, financial, and business management services for fiscal year 2014. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2013. Management fees are calculated as 6.25% of the Fiscal Year 2014 Foundation payment received by PTCM from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$72,175. The total amount due from PTCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was \$138,755 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2014.

# XIII. Subsequent Event

During July of 2014 PTCM obtained a loan to purchase technology equipment in an amount up to \$60,000. As of December 19, 2014 PTCM has drawn \$23,760 of the available lease amount. The loan is scheduled to close to purchases by the end of December after which it will convert to a 48 month loan with an interest rate of 3.99%.

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December 19, 2014

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle 15204 Puritas Avenue Cleveland, OH 44135

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Middle, 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 December 19, 2014.

#### **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 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

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PURITAS COMMUNITY MIDDLE

**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 Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED JANUARY 08, 2015

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