

**CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: STOCKYARD 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: Stockyard Community Middle  
3224 West 65th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

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

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

December 31, 2014

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 19, 2014

To the Board of Trustees  
Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle  
3224 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, OH 44102

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Constellation Schools: Stockyard 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.

***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.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

## **CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: STOCKYARD COMMUNITY MIDDLE**

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle (SCM) 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 SCM 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 SCM.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 include the following:

- In 2014 net position increased \$34,876, which represents a 51.2% increase from 2013. Increased enrollment provided for an increase in state foundation revenues and an increase in casino tax revenues. Increases in private grants and contributions collected offset reduction in federal grants. Reductions in expenses contributed to the increase in net position. This increase is due to increases in state foundation funds, federal grants and casino tax revenues.
- Total assets decreased \$38,440, which represents a 13.4% decrease from 2013. Decreases in capital assets due to depreciation of building improvements were partially offset by an increase in cash.
- Liabilities decreased \$73,316, which represents a 33.4% decrease from 2013. Decreases in loans payable, accounts payable and unearned revenues occurred during the year.
- Operating revenues increased by \$44,308, which represents a 6.3% increase from 2013. This is a direct result of state foundation funds and casino tax collection increases during the year.
- Expenses decreased by \$31,492 which represents a 3.2% decrease from 2013. Operating decreases occurring in benefits, purchased services, materials, supplies capital purchases and depreciation were offset in part by slight increases in salaries, and other expenses.
- Non-operating revenues decreased by \$4,784 which represents a 2.0% decrease from 2013. This decrease is due to significant decreases in federal funding that were nearly matched by an increase in private grants.

### **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.

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## 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 SCM 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 SCM.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$104,985	\$53,409	\$51,576	96.6%
Other Current Assets	14,226	14,405	(179)	-1.2%
Non-Current Assets	3,561	3,561	0	0.0%
Capital Assets	<u>126,454</u>	<u>216,291</u>	<u>(89,837)</u>	<u>-41.5%</u>
Total Assets	<u>249,226</u>	<u>287,666</u>	<u>(38,440)</u>	<u>-13.4%</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current Liabilities	<u>146,229</u>	<u>219,545</u>	<u>(73,316)</u>	<u>-33.4%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>146,229</u>	<u>219,545</u>	<u>(73,316)</u>	<u>-33.4%</u>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(15,930)	14,615	(30,545)	-209.0%
Unrestricted	<u>118,927</u>	<u>53,506</u>	<u>65,421</u>	<u>122.3%</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$102,997</u>	<u>\$68,121</u>	<u>\$34,876</u>	<u>51.2%</u>

Net Position increased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 decreased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Enrollment increases occurred in both years and the school experienced several increases and decreases in revenues and expenses. For assets, cash increased \$51,576; accounts receivable increased \$2,122; due from other governments decreased \$2,301 and net capital assets decreased \$89,837 from 2013. For liabilities, accounts payable decreased \$12,058, due to other governments decreased \$1,346, unearned revenue (previously deferred revenues) decreased \$620 and loans payable decreased \$59,292 from 2013.

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

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

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

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$648,422	\$604,572	\$43,850	7.3%
Other Operating Revenues	102,619	102,161	458	0.4%
Total Operating Revenues	<u>751,041</u>	<u>706,733</u>	<u>44,308</u>	<u>6.3%</u>
Federal and State Grants	130,131	194,915	(64,784)	-33.2%
Private Grants and Contributions	110,000	50,000	60,000	120.0%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>240,131</u>	<u>244,915</u>	<u>(4,784)</u>	<u>-2.0%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>991,172</u>	<u>951,648</u>	<u>39,524</u>	<u>4.2%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries	361,567	352,798	8,769	2.5%
Fringe Benefits	96,064	98,440	(2,376)	-2.4%
Purchased Services	342,361	354,629	(12,268)	-3.5%
Materials and Supplies	32,042	42,310	(10,268)	-24.3%
Capital Outlay	2,862	26,360	(23,498)	-89.1%
Depreciation and Amortization	87,695	90,535	(2,840)	-3.1%
Other Expenses	33,705	22,716	10,989	48.4%
Total Expenses	<u>956,296</u>	<u>987,788</u>	<u>(31,492)</u>	<u>-3.2%</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>34,876</u>	<u>(36,140)</u>	<u>71,016</u>	<u>-196.5%</u>
Net Position: Beginning of the Year	<u>68,121</u>	<u>104,261</u>	<u>(36,140)</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Position: End of Year	<u>\$102,997</u>	<u>\$68,121</u>	<u>\$34,876</u>	<u>51.2%</u>

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Net Position increased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and decreased in fiscal year ended June 30, 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 \$39,524 from 2013 to 2014. The most significant changes in revenues from 2013 to 2014 are increases of \$41,640 in state Foundation funding; \$2,210 Casino tax revenues and an increase in private grants of \$60,000. Federal funding decreases totaled \$64,798 and rental and service income decreased \$18,000. Minor changes occurred in state grants and other operating revenues which had minimal effect on the overall revenue.

Expenses decreased \$31,492 from 2013 mostly as a result of managed reductions in overall expenditures. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$6,393 due to staff changes and routine annual increases. Purchased services decreased \$12,268 due a combination of increases and decreases but mainly from decreases in facility, food services, marketing and professional development. Materials and Supplies decreased \$10,268 due to decreased purchases of supplies and text books with increased purchases in software. Capital Outlay decreased \$23,498 due to reductions in instructional technology, and administrative furniture and equipment. Depreciation decreased slightly by \$2,840 due to assets being fully depreciated during the year. Other Expenses increased \$10,989.

### Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2014, SCM had \$126,454 invested in building improvements, technology, software, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation. This is an \$89,837 decrease from June 30, 2013.

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Capital Assets (net of depreciation)</b>				
Building Improvements	\$72,463	\$144,925	(\$72,462)	-50.0%
Technology and Software	1,252	9,238	(7,986)	-86.4%
Furniture and Equipment	<u>52,739</u>	<u>62,128</u>	<u>(9,389)</u>	<u>-15.1%</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$126,454</u>	<u>\$216,291</u>	<u>(\$89,837)</u>	<u>-41.5%</u>

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

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### **Current Financial Issues**

Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle opened in August 2010. The school has grown from 51 students, five teaching staff members and expenses of \$505,021 to a total of 76 students, nine teaching staff members and expenses of \$956,296. The school serves student in grades seven and eight. For fiscal year 2015 the school is budgeted for a total of 84 students.

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 SCM and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Thomas F. Babb, M.A., CPA, by mail at Constellation Schools LLC, 5730 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio 44134; by e-mail at [babb.thomas@constellationschools.com](mailto:babb.thomas@constellationschools.com); by calling 216.712.7600; or by faxing 216.712.7601.

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

**Assets:**

**Current Assets:**

Cash	\$104,985
Accounts Receivable	3,142
Due from Other Governments	11,084
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>119,211</u>

**Non-Current Assets:**

Security Deposit	3,561
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	126,454
<i>Total Non-Current Assets</i>	<u>130,015</u>

<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>249,226</u>
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**Liabilities:**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	3,060
Loans Payable	142,384
Unearned Revenue	785
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>146,229</u>

<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>146,229</u>
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**Net Position:**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	(15,930)
Unrestricted	118,927
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$102,997</u>

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

**Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

**Operating Revenues:**

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$648,422
Other Operating Revenues	<u>102,619</u>

<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>751,041</u>
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**Operating Expenses:**

Salaries	361,567
Fringe Benefits	96,064
Purchased Services	342,361
Materials and Supplies	32,042
Capital Outlay	2,862
Depreciation	87,695
Other Operating Expenses	<u>26,712</u>

<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>949,303</u>
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Operating Loss	<u>(198,262)</u>
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**Non-Operating Revenues & (Expenses):**

Interest Expense	(6,993)
Federal and State Grants	130,131
Private Grants and Contributions	<u>110,000</u>

<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues &amp; (Expenses)</i>	<u>233,138</u>
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Change in Net Position	<u>34,876</u>
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Net Position at Beginning of the Year	<u>68,121</u>
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Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$102,997</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Constellation Schools: Stockyard 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	\$648,422
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(516,544)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(361,567)
Other Operating Revenues	<u>97,607</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(132,082)</u>

**Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:**

Private Grants and Contributions Received	110,000
Federal and State Grants Received	<u>140,943</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>250,943</u>

**Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:**

Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(1,000)
Loan Principal Payments	(59,292)
Loan Interest Payments	<u>(6,993)</u>
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(67,285)</u>
Net Increase in Cash	51,576
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>53,409</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u><u>\$104,985</u></u>

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

**Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014  
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net  
Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss	(\$198,262)
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to  
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Depreciation	87,695
Capital Asset Returned for Refund	3,142

Changes in Assets and Liabilities:

(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(2,123)
(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(9,857)
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(12,057)
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(620)

Total Adjustments	66,180
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Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$132,082)
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity**

Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle (SCM) is a nonprofit corporation established on December 22, 2008 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, SCM 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 SCM. SCM, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. SCM may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of SCM.

SCM was approved for operation as Constellation Schools: Capital Elementary under a contract dated May 13, 2010 between the Governing Authority of SCM and Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) 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.

SCM 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.

SCM 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 SCM's instructional facility staffed by nine certificated full time teaching personnel and three support staff who provide services to 76 students. During 2014, the board members for SCM also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle, Constellation Schools: Westside Community School of the Arts, Constellation Schools: Mansfield Community Middle and Constellation Schools: Collinwood Village Academy.

**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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**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. SCM 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 SCM 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 SCM must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to SCM on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**3. Change in Accounting Principles**

For 2014, SCM 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* and *deferred inflows of resources*, such as changes in the

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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 SCM.

**4. Cash**

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

**5. Budgetary Process**

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

**6. Due From Other Governments**

Monies due SCM 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:

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

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**8. Intergovernmental Revenues**

SCM 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. SCM 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 \$778,553.

**9. Private Grants and Contributions**

SCM 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. Amounts received for the 2014 school year totaled \$110,000 from Constellation Schools, which provides management services to SCM (see Note XII).

**10. Compensated Absences**

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, SCM 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. SCM 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 SCM consists of materials fees received in the current year which pertains to the next school year.

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**III. Deposits**

At fiscal year end June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of SCM's deposits totaled \$104,985 and its bank balance was \$114,416. 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 \$114,416 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, SCM 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 SCM.

**IV. Loans Payable**

On June 30, 2011 SCM executed two unsecured promissory notes with Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Elementary (WCE) and Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Elementary (SCM) in the amount of \$150,000 each for a total of \$300,000. Each note carries interest at 4% per annum. Interest only was charged through September 30, 2011 at which time interest and principal payments began. Payments are based on a five year amortization schedule with a balloon payment for the principal balance due at June 30, 2014. At the November 2014 board meeting the boards of WCE and SCM voted to extend the notes for SCM through June 30, 2015 at which time the remaining principal balance will be due. As of June 30, 2014, the combined principal balance owed is \$142,384 under the notes. During fiscal year 2014 combined principal was reduced by \$59,292 and combined interest expense totaled \$6,993.

**V. Purchased Services**

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$87,525
Pupil Support Services	1,598
Staff Development & Support	6,139
Administrative	26,482
Occupancy Costs	168,842
Transportation	11,210
Food Services	37,637
Student Activities	2,928
Total Purchased Services	<u>\$342,361</u>

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**VI. 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	\$301,164	\$0	\$0	\$301,164
Technology and Software	27,032	0	(3,142)	23,890
Furniture and Equipment	77,632	1,000	0	78,632
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>405,828</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(3,142)</u>	<u>403,686</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Building Improvements	(156,239)	(72,462)	0	(228,701)
Technology and Software	(17,794)	(4,844)	0	(22,638)
Furniture and Equipment	(15,504)	(10,389)	0	(25,893)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(189,537)</u>	<u>(87,695)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(277,232)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$216,291</u>	<u>(\$86,695)</u>	<u>(\$3,142)</u>	<u>\$126,454</u>

**VII. Operating Leases**

SCM leases its facilities from 3200 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC under a five-year and one month lease agreement for the period July 23, 2010 through August 23, 2015. Effective August 2013 the area SCM leased increased from 9,885 square feet to 16,885 square feet. A security deposit of \$3,561 was made at the beginning of the lease term. Effective November of 2013 the area SCM leased increased by 990 square feet to 17,875 square feet. Monthly rent increased from \$9,895 in October 2013 to \$10,596 in November 2013. Total rents paid during the fiscal year were \$123,644.

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**VIII. Risk Management**

**1. Property and Liability Insurance**

SCM 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, SCM 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.

**2. Workers' Compensation**

SCM makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There have been three claims filed by SCM employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2014. The total payments made for this claim have been \$418. In the opinion of management, these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of SCM as June 30, 2014.

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

SCM 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 SCM for the fiscal year is \$36,652.

**IX. Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**1. State Teachers Retirement System**

SCM 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

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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](http://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 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 "money-purchase benefit" calculation, a member's lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. 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

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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.

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%.

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SCM's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$37,187, \$41,060 and \$33,546, 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**

SCM 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](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and SCM 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. 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. SCM's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$10,572, \$5,174 and \$4,659, 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

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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 SCM's contributions to post-employment health care were \$2,861, \$3,158 and \$2,580, 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.

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 SCM's contributions to Medicare Part B were \$574, \$273 and \$253, 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.

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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 SCM's contributions to the Health Care Plan, including the surcharge were \$588, \$703 and \$971, respectively; 17.98% has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100% for fiscal years 2013 and 2012. \$482 representing the unpaid surcharge due for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

**XI. Contingencies**

**1. Grants**

SCM 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 SCM. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of SCM 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.

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**XII. Sponsorship and Management Agreements**

SCM 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 SCM, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from SCM for fiscal year 2014 was \$19,124 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2014.

SCM 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 SCM from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$43,325. The total amount due from SCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was \$83,602. During the 2014 year CS issued credits totaling \$83,602 to SCM to reduce total management fees. After application of the credits, the total amount due from SCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was eliminated.

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December 19, 2014

To the Board of Trustees  
Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle  
3224 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, OH 44102

**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: Stockyard 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.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio



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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JANUARY 8, 2015**