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**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School
Cuyahoga County
2357 Tremont Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, 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 preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary and Other Information

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

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 20, 2015, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2015

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
(UNAUDITED)**

The discussion and analysis of the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (the MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key Financial Highlights for the School for the 2013-14 school year are as follows:

- Total assets increased \$735,965.
- Total liabilities increased \$445,149.
- Total net position increased \$290,816.
- Total operating and non-operating revenues were \$5,690,968. Total operating expenses were \$5,400,152.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

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

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position reflect how the School did financially during fiscal year 2014. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the School's Net Position and changes in those assets. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
(UNAUDITED)**

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how the School did financially during 2014. This statement includes all assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resource focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's Net Position for fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013.

**Table 1
Statement of Net Position**

	2014	2013
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 1,524,004	\$ 783,705
Capital Assets, net	160,891	165,225
Total Assets	1,684,895	948,930
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	1,086,759	641,610
Total Liabilities	1,086,759	641,610
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	160,891	165,225
Unrestricted	437,245	142,095
Total Net Position	\$ 598,136	\$ 307,320

Over time, Net Position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2014, the School's net position totaled \$598,136. Overall, the change in total assets was a result of increases in the School's receivables. The change in liabilities was due to additional payables existing at year end over the prior year and increases in advances payable.

Current assets represent cash and cash equivalents, as well as, accounts and intergovernmental receivables. Current liabilities represent accounts payable, accrued expenses, advances payable, and line of credit payable at fiscal year-end.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Table 2 shows the changes in Net Position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

**Table 2
Change in Net Position**

	2014	2013
Operating Revenue		
State Aid	\$ 4,196,966	\$ 2,967,354
Other	55,270	21,903
Total Operating Revenues	4,252,236	2,989,257
 Operating Expenses		
Salaries	1,824,669	1,168,630
Fringe Benefits	452,993	282,414
Purchased Services	2,527,334	1,842,111
Materials and Supplies	220,439	149,939
Depreciation	241,464	164,146
Other	133,253	41,486
Total Operating Expenses	5,400,152	3,648,726
Operating (Loss)	(1,147,916)	(659,469)
 Non-Operating Revenues		
Federal Grants	927,865	464,662
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	510,867	291,785
Total Non-Operating Revenues	1,438,732	756,447
Change in Net Position	\$ 290,816	\$ 96,978

Overall, the increase in Operating Revenues was a result of significantly more students being enrolled over the prior year, in addition to positive changes to the State funding formula. More enrollment was also a driving force behind the increase in Non-Operating Revenues. There was also a corresponding increase across all expense categories during fiscal year 2014 due to the additional students needing to be served and certain expenses being based on a percentage of revenues, which overall were higher compared to the prior year.

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BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705 (with the exception section 5705.391 – Five Year Forecasts), unless specifically provided in the community school's contract with its Sponsor.

The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. The School must prepare and submit a detail budget for every fiscal year to the Board of Directors and its Sponsor. The five-year forecast is also submitted to the Ohio Department of Education, annually.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At fiscal year end, the School's net capital asset balance was \$160,891. This balance represents current year additions of \$237,130 offset by current year depreciation of \$241,464. For more information on capital assets, see Note 5 of the Basic Financial Statements.

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES - CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL

During the fiscal year, the School received working capital monies from Charter School Capital through a receivables purchase agreement. As the School receives monthly State funding, these advances are repaid, however, the School may elect to receive additional advances from Charter School Capital by entering into additional agreements.

CURRENT FINANCIAL ISSUES

The School is a community School and is funded through the State of Ohio Foundation Program. The School relies on this, as well as, State and Federal funds as its primary source of revenue. In fiscal year 2014, the State raised the base per pupil funding to \$5,745, which is up from \$5,653 in the previous two years. Additionally, community schools in Ohio will be allocated a small amount of facilities funding which is also per pupil based. This amount is projected to be approximately \$92 per pupil.

The full-time equivalent enrollment of the School for the year ended June 30, 2014 was 503.98 compared to a figure of 398.60 at the end of fiscal year 2013.

Overall, the School will continue to provide learning opportunities and apply resources to best meet the needs of the students served.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact C. David Massa, CPA, of Massa Financial Solutions, LLC, 2357 Tremont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 or e-mail at dave@massasolutionsllc.com

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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**Statement of Net Position
At June 30, 2014**

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,171
Accounts Receivable	1,142,838
Intergovernmental Receivable	<u>375,995</u>

Total Current Assets 1,524,004

Noncurrent Assets:

Capital Assets:

Depreciable Capital Assets, net	<u>160,891</u>
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Total Noncurrent Assets 160,891

Total Assets \$ 1,684,895

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 178,549
Accrued Expenses	144,859
Advances Payable	715,300
Line of Credit Payable	21,114
Withholdings Payable	<u>26,937</u>

Total Liabilities \$ 1,086,759

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	160,891
Unrestricted	<u>437,245</u>

Total Net Position \$ 598,136

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**Statement of Revenues,
Expenses and Change in Net Position
For the Year Ending June 30, 2014**

<u>Operating Revenues</u>	
State Aid	\$ 4,196,966
Other	55,270
Total Operating Revenues	<u>4,252,236</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
Salaries	1,824,669
Fringe Benefits	452,993
Purchased Services	2,527,334
Materials and Supplies	220,439
Depreciation	241,464
Other	133,253
Total Operating Expenses	<u>5,400,152</u>
Operating (Loss)	(1,147,916)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues</u>	
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Other Intergovernmental Revenue	510,867
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>1,438,732</u>
Change in Net Position	290,816
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>307,320</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 598,136</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 4,196,966
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	53,297
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,811,963)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(1,824,669)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	<u>(585,072)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	(971,441)
<u>Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities</u>	
Cash Received from Federal Grants	782,917
Cash Received from Cleveland Municipal School District	<u>570,245</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non-capital Financing Activities	1,353,162
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</u>	
Cash Payments on Line of Credit	(4,401)
Cash Received From Advances	4,358,554
Cash Repayments of Advances	(4,507,954)
Cash Payments for Capital Acquisitions	<u>(237,130)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Capital Financing Activities	(390,931)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(9,210)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>14,381</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 5,171</u>

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**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	\$ (1,147,916)
Depreciation	241,464
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase)/ Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(242,133)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Intergovernmental Receivable	(1,974)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Withholding Payable	21,761
Increase/ (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	103,430
Increase/ (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	<u>53,927</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	<u>(971,441)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, (the School) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School's mission is to provide an orderly and supportive environment whereby students experience preparations for college, career and life. The School operates on a foundation, which fosters character building for all students, parents and staff members. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The School may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under a contract with Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio, Inc. ("ERCO") (the Sponsor) for a one year period commencing on July 1, 2013. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The School operates under the direction of a Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student populations, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admissions standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Board controls the School's instructional and administrative staff.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the School 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 the School's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes Net Position, financial position and cash flows.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The Government Accounting Standards Board requires the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-ending reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise where the intent is that the cost (expense) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by measurement focus. Under this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

C. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the state of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705 (with the exception section 5705.391 – Five Year Forecasts), unless specifically provided for in the School's sponsorship agreement. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed budget for each year of the contract.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the School is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the Statement of Net Position. The School did not have any investments during the period ended June 30, 2014.

E. 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.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost. Donated Capital Assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The costs of additions are capitalized and expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed when incurred. When property is sold or retired, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the financial records and any gain or loss is included in additions to or deductions from Net Position. Capital assets were \$160,891, as of June 30, 2014, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of capital assets is calculated utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the asset which are as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Computers & Software	3 years
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	5 years
Textbooks	3 years

The School's policy for asset capitalization threshold is \$5,000. Assets or certain asset groups not meeting the capitalization threshold are not capitalized and are not included in the assets represented in the accompany statement of Net Position.

G. Intergovernmental Revenues

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenues received from this program are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which eligibility requirements have been met.

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

The School also participates in various federal programs passed through the Ohio Department of Education.

Also, during the fiscal year, the School began to receive a pro-rata share of property tax distributions from the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) as part of a partnership agreement executed between the School and CMSD.

Under the above programs the School recorded \$4,196,966 this fiscal year from the Foundation Program, \$927,865 from Federal Grants and \$510,867 of CMSD property tax distributions.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Compensated Absences

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

Sick/personal leave benefits are earned by full-time employees at the rate of eight days per year and cannot be carried into the subsequent years. No accrual for sick time is made since unused time is not paid to employees upon employment termination.

I. Accrued Liabilities

Obligations incurred but unpaid at June 30 are reported as accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. These liabilities consisted of accounts payable, accrued expenses, line of credit payable, advances payable, and withholdings payable and totaled \$1,086,759 at June 30, 2014.

J. Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Non exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditures requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

K. Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the School that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the School that is applicable to a future reporting period. Other revenues received in advance of the fiscal year for which they were intended to finance, are recorded as deferred inflows. Grants not received within the available period, grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met due at June 30, 2014 are recorded as deferred inflows. Receivables that will not be collected within the available period are reported as deferred inflows of resources. The School has no deferred inflows and has no deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2014.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Net Position

Net Position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net Position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restriction imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws and regulations of other governments. The School applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted Net Position are available. Net Position invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

M. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the School. For the School, these revenues are primarily the State Foundation program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating. There were no non-operating expenses reported at June 30, 2014.

N. Change in Accounting Principles

In fiscal year 2014, the School 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 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 had no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

For fiscal year 2014, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 67, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25", and GASB Statement No. 70, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees". GASB Statement No. 67 improves the usefulness of pension information included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental pension plans for making decisions and assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 67 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School. GASB Statement No. 70 improves the recognition, measurement, and disclosures for state and local governments that have extended or received financial guarantees that are nonexchange transactions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

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3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The following information classifies deposits by category of risk as defined in GASB Statement No.3 "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements," as amended by GASB Statement No.40, "Deposit, and Investment Risk Disclosures".

The School maintains its cash balances at one financial institution, PNC Bank, located in Ohio. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000, per qualifying account. At June 30, 2014, the book amount of the School's deposits was \$5,171 and the bank balance was \$14,906.

The School had no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirement of state statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee to secure repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value shall be at least 105% of deposits being secured. At June 30, 2014, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.

4. RECEIVABLES

A. Accounts Receivable

The School has accounts receivables totaling \$1,142,838 at June 30, 2014. These receivables represented monies earned, but not received as of June 30, 2014.

B. Intergovernmental Receivable

The School had intergovernmental receivables of \$375,995 at June 30, 2014. These receivables represented monies due to the School from government sources, but not received as of June 30, 2014.

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

For the period ending June 30, 2014, the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	<u>Balance 06/30/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/14</u>
Capital Assets:				
Computers & Software	\$ 370,607	\$ 210,290	\$ -	\$ 580,897
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	93,623	26,840	-	120,463
Textbooks	71,216	-	-	71,216
Total Capital Assets	535,446	237,130	-	772,576
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Computers & Software	(260,398)	(193,632)	-	(454,030)
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	(50,865)	(24,093)	-	(74,958)
Textbooks	(58,958)	(23,739)	-	(82,697)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(370,221)	(241,464)	-	(611,685)
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 165,225</u>	<u>\$ (4,334)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 160,891</u>

6. ADVANCES PAYABLE

During the fiscal year ending 2014, the School initiated advances to and from other community schools managed by I CAN Schools. Additionally, during fiscal year 2014, the School received working capital advances from Charter School Capital through a receivables purchase agreement. As the School receives its monthly State funding, these advances are repaid, however, the School may elect to receive future advances from Charter School Capital by entering into additional agreements.

The total amount of advances outstanding from both sources at June 30, 2014 was \$715,300. The activity for the year is reflected as follows:

<u>Balance July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2014</u>
<u>\$ 137,200</u>	<u>\$ 715,300</u>	<u>\$ (137,200)</u>	<u>\$ 715,300</u>

7. LINE of CREDIT PAYABLE

The School has a line of credit agreement with US bank of \$30,000. The total amount borrowed against the line at June 30, 2014 was \$21,114. The line bears interest at the 16.25% annual percentage rate. The line is reviewed annually and is due on demand.

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property & Liability

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the School contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company for general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence/ \$2,000,000 annual aggregate, as well as, an umbrella policy with a \$10,000,000 aggregate limit. The School also had a \$1,000,000 School Leaders policy in place through National Union Fire Insurance. There were no settlements in excess of insurance coverage over the past 3 years.

B. Workers' Compensation

The School pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

C. Employee Medical and Dental Benefits

The School provides medical, vision, and dental insurance benefits through Aetna to all full-time employees. During the School year, the School paid 90% of the monthly premiums for all employees.

9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS Ohio)

Plan Description – The School contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer 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 Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by contacting School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746, or by calling toll free 1-800-878-5853. It is also posted at the SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employer/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2014, 13.05 percent and 0.05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$135,490, \$52,687 and \$28,509 respectively, which equaled the required contribution for each year or 100%.

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9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (STRS Ohio)

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

Plan Options - New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 9.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Schools was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 11 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$273,428, \$195,728, and \$171,826 respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for those years or 100 percent. There were no contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2014.

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10. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System (SERS Ohio)

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

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

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

The School's contribution for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$2,956, \$4,039 and \$4,629 respectively which equaled the required contributions for those years or 100 percent.

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10. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

A. School Employee Retirement System (SERS Ohio) (Continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The School's contribution for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$7,860, \$2,976 and \$1,684 respectively, which equaled the required contributions for those years, or 100 percent.

B. State Teachers Retirement System (STRS Ohio)

Plan Description - The School contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School's contribution for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$21,033, \$15,056 and \$13,217 respectively, which equaled the required contributions for those years or 100 percent.

11. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. Amount received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amount which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

B. Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School as defendant.

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11. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

C. Full-Time Equivalency

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the School. These reviews are conducted to ensure the School is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated.

D. State Funding Adjustment

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has identified several community schools and/or STEM schools that made critical data errors between the June payment and the Final #1 payment. As a result, ODE will be running a Final #2 foundation report for community schools and STEM schools for fiscal year 2014. As of the date of this report, a final list of schools impacted and amounts are not yet available, but ODE believes this will result in receivables to the schools affected.

12. SPONSOR AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

A. Sponsor

The School contracted with Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio, Inc. as its sponsor and oversight services as required by law. Sponsorship fees are calculated as a three percent of state funds received by the School from the State of Ohio. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the total sponsorship fees paid totaled \$124,580.

B. Management Company

The School entered into an agreement with I CAN Schools, a local nonprofit management company, to provide legal, financial, and other management support services for fiscal year 2014. The agreement was for a period of five years beginning July 1, 2012. Management fees are calculated as 18% of the total revenues received from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from the School for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was \$1,020,905 and is included under "Purchased Services" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

13. PURCHASED SERVICES

For the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the School made the following purchased services commitments.

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 1,366,175
Property Services	336,254
Utilities	101,643
Travel and Meetings	1,097
Communications	46,838
Contractual Trade Services	470,144
Pupil Transportation	205,183
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14. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

On May 27, 2010, the School entered into an operating lease with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for space located at St. John Cantius Parish. The term of the lease is for a period of five years. Base rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2014 was \$52,451 and each year on the anniversary of the lease the rent shall automatically increase 3% of the current rental amount.

On August 27, 2010, the School entered into an additional lease with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for more space located on the same St. John Cantius Parish campus. The term of the lease was for a period of one year, but can be automatically renewed for up to four one-year periods. Base rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2014 was \$115,992.

Future lease obligations are as follows:

	<u>Building 1</u>	<u>Building 2</u>
FY2015	<u>\$54,024</u>	<u>\$132,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$54,024</u></u>	<u><u>\$132,000</u></u>

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**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program (SLP) - 2014	10.553	\$ 70,441	\$ 72,509
National School Lunch Program (NSLP) - 2014	10.555	<u>214,357</u>	<u>210,026</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>284,798</u>	<u>282,535</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>284,798</u>	<u>282,535</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) - 2014	84.010	<u>383,883</u>	<u>489,541</u>
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)		383,883	489,541
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - 2014	84.027	<u>90,144</u>	<u>93,279</u>
Total Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)		90,144	93,279
Title II-A Grants to States (Title II-A, Improving Teacher Quality) - 2014	84.367	<u>-</u>	<u>5,624</u>
Total Title II-A Grants to States (Title II-A, Improving Teacher Quality)		-	5,624
Ohio Resident Educator Program - 2013	84.395	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>474,027</u>	<u>588,444</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance		<u>\$ 758,825</u>	<u>\$ 870,979</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School's (the School) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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

Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School
Cuyahoga County
2357 Tremont Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School, Cuyahoga County, (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 May 20, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government 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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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2015



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

Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School
Cuyahoga County
2357 Tremont Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

To the Board of Directors:

Report on Compliance for The Major Federal Program

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

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)

As described in finding 2014-001 in the accompanying schedule of findings, the School did not comply with requirements regarding *Procurement and Suspension and Debarment* applicable to its Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) major federal program. Compliance with this requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for the School to comply with requirements applicable to this program.

Qualified Opinion on Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion on Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)* paragraph, the Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which OMB Circular A-133 requires us to report, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-002. This finding did not require us to modify our compliance opinion on the major federal program.

The School's responses to our noncompliance findings are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not audit the School's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, we cannot assure we have identified all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected

and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-001 to be a material weakness.

The School's response to our internal control over compliance finding is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not audit the School's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2015

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**NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

None

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

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number	2014-001
CFDA Title and Number	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) – CFDA #84.010
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Education

Material Weakness, Material Noncompliance Finding – Procurement and Suspension and Debarment

7 CFR Section 3016.35 states that grantees and subgrantees must not make any award or permit any award (subgrant or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, “Debarment and Suspension”. 2 CFR Part 180 provides Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines to agencies on government wide debarment and suspension. “Covered transactions” include those procurement contracts for goods and services awarded under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., grant or cooperative agreement) that are expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or meet certain other criteria as specified in 2 CFR section 180.220. All nonprocurement transactions entered into by a recipient (i.e., subawards to subrecipients), irrespective of award amount, are considered covered transactions, unless they are exempt as provided in 2 CFR section 180.215.

The School made payments with Title I federal funds to two vendors which exceeded \$25,000. No documentation was provided to indicate the School applied methods to obtain the most competitive bid and the School did not verify the vendor was not suspended or debarred.

The failure to perform the required competitive bidding and verification procedures places federal resources at risk from contractors engaged in dishonest or illegal conduct or are otherwise unable to satisfactorily perform their responsibilities.

We recommend the School implement procedures to ensure compliance with procurement and suspension and debarment requirements prior to entering into a covered transaction.

Official’s Response:

The School will review its current procurement processes and implement procedures to ensure compliance with procurement and suspension and debarment requirements.

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

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Finding Number	2014-002
CFDA Title and Number	All
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Education

Other Federal Noncompliance – Timely Filing of Federal Single Audit Reports

OMB Circular A-133, Subpart C, Section .320(a) requires the School to submit the data collection form described in Section .320(b) and the reporting package described in Section .320(c) within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor’s report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the cognizant or oversight agency for audit.

OMB Compliance Supplement, Appendix 7 states “II. Granting of Extensions Eliminated - The single audit is a key tool used to drive accountability for Federal awards under ARRA. Due to the importance of single audits and the reliance of Federal agencies on the audit results to monitor accountability for all Federal programs, OMB has advised Federal agencies in Updated Guidance on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, dated March 22, 2010 (M-10-14), that they should not grant any extension requests to grantees for fiscal years 2009 through 2011. Federal agencies have either already adopted or are in the process of adopting this policy.”

The School did not submit its 2014 Single Audit reports prior to the deadline noted above. The failure to submit timely reports precludes the School from being a low-risk-auditee as described in Section .530, which makes the School ineligible for reduced audit coverage when determining major federal programs.

We recommend the School submit its data collection form and reporting package timely in order to be considered a low-risk-auditee and eligible for reduced audit coverage when determining major programs.

Official’s Response:

The School will submit the data collection form and the reporting package timely in future years.

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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (c)
JUNE 30, 2014**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2014-001	The School will review its procurement process and implement procedures to ensure compliance with procurement and suspension and debarment requirements.	2015	Dave Massa, CFO
2014-002	The School will submit its data collection form and reporting package timely.	2015	Dave Massa, CFO

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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
JULY 7, 2015**