

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors Rittman Academy 100 Saurer Street Rittman, OH 44270

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Rittman Academy, Wayne 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. Rittman Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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January 28, 2014

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December 4, 2014

To the Board of Directors Rittman Academy Wayne County, Ohio 100 Saurer Street Rittman, OH 44270

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Rittman Academy, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Academy), a component unit of the Rittman Exempted Village School District, Wayne County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Rittman Academy, Wayne County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in 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 through 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2014 on our consideration of the Academy'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 Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kea & Associates, Inc.

New Philadelphia, Ohio

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

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

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- Capital assets decreased \$17,338 in fiscal year 2014.
- Total net position increased \$50,259 in fiscal year 2014.
- Current assets increased \$76,191 in fiscal year 2014.

#### **Using this Annual Financial Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Academy as a financial whole, an entire operating entity.

The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position reflect how the Academy did financially during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting similar to that which is used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the initial period revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the Academy's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the Academy has increased or decreased during the period. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations.

The Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting. All financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity; therefore, the entity wide and fund presentations information is the same.

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

#### Reporting the Academy as a Whole

Recall the Statements of Net Position provides the perspective of the Academy as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for 2014 compared to 2013:

## Table 1Net Position

	2014		2013
Assets			
Current Assets	\$	404,518	\$ 328,327
Noncurrent Assets		22,414	 39,752
Total Assets		426,932	 368,079
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		21,433	 12,839
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		22,414	39,752
Restricted		32,062	7,734
Unrestricted		351,023	 307,754
Total Net Position	\$	405,499	\$ 355,240

Total assets were \$426,932 in fiscal year 2014. The decrease of \$17,338 in capital assets is primarily due to depreciation exceeding purchases of capital assets. The increase of \$76,191 in current assets is due to an increase in grants receivable.

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

Table 2

#### **Financial Analysis**

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2014 compared 2013:

#### Changes in Net Position 2014 2013 **Operating Revenue** Foundation payments 210,874 226,629 \$ \$ State Distributed Casino Revenues 1,652 757 Total Operating Revenues 212,526 227,386 **Non-Operating Revenues** State and federal grants 28,298 8,054 Other non-operating revenue 1,214 Total non-operating revenues 29,512 8,054 Total Revenues 242,038 235,440 **Operating Expenses:** Salaries 30,660 27,659 Fringe benefits 6,470 3,567 Purchased services 128,220 131,053 Materials and supplies 2,966 8,655 Depreciation 16,952 26,281 Other 6,511 20,691 Total operating expenses 191,779 217,906 Change in Net Position 50,259 17,534 Net position, beginning of year 355,240 337,706 \$ Net position, end of year 405,499 355,240

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position shows the cost of operating expenses and the revenues offsetting those services.

The dependence upon state foundation revenues for operating activities is apparent. The Academy's foundation revenue is 87 percent of total revenue. State sources are by far the primary support for the Rittman Academy.

The Academy also received \$28,298 in state and federal grants during fiscal year 2014. All awards were recognized in the current year.

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

The Academy's state foundation funding decreased from 2013 to 2014 due to a decrease in enrollment, which also directly caused the decrease in expenses. The Academy's total revenue increased by \$6,598 due to the increase in federal awards.

#### Budget

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 unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy. The Academy has developed a five-year projection that is reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2014, the Academy had \$22,414 (net of \$26,043 in accumulated depreciation) invested in furniture, fixtures and equipment. Table 3 shows fiscal year 2014 balances compared to 2013. More detailed information is presented in Note 4 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

## Table 3 Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	2014	2013
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 22,414	\$ 39,752

#### Debt

The Academy did not incur any debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

The Academy is sponsored by the Rittman Exempted Village School District with a contract that is in effect through June 30, 2018. The Academy relies on State Foundation Funds, which is driven by student enrollment. The Academy also received Federal Funds through the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Planning application that is provided by the Ohio Department of Education.

The future of the Academy is dependent upon continued funding from the State Foundation Funds and student enrollment as no local revenue can be generated through tuition or property taxes. It is the intention of the management of the Academy to pursue other State and Federal grants as they become available.

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

The Academy has committed itself to providing a quality online educational opportunity to students in a school setting and has provided full-time academic help for students. The Academy's curriculum is developed to help students reach graduation in a non-traditional setting. The management will aggressively pursue adequate funding to secure the financial stability of the Academy. The management will work to maintain an enrollment level that will provide financial stability to the school.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mark Dickerhoof, Treasurer, at Rittman Academy, 100 Saurer Street, Rittman, Ohio 44270.

### **Rittman Academy Wayne County, Ohio** *Statement of Net Position June 30, 2014*

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 352,914
Intergovernmental Receivable	37,186
Prepaid Items	14,418
Total Current Assets	404,518
Noncurrent Assets:	
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	22,414
Total Assets	426,932
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Intergovernmental Payable	21,433
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,414
Restricted for Other Purposes	32,062
Unrestricted	351,023
Total Net Position	\$ 405,499

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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

Operating Revenues		
Foundation Payments	\$	210,874
State Distributed Casino Revenues	Ŧ	1,652
		1,002
Total Operating Revenues		212,526
Operating Expenses		
Salaries		30,660
Fringe Benefits		6,470
Purchased Services		128,220
Materials and Supplies		2,966
Depreciation		16,952
Other		6,511
Total Operating Expenses		191,779
Operating Income		20,747
Non-Operating Revenues		
Federal and State Grants		28,298
Other Non-Operating Revenue		1,214
Total Non-Operating Revenues		29,512
Change in Net Position		50,259
Net Position Beginning of Year		355,240
Net Position End of Year	\$	405,499
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

#### **Rittman Academy Wayne County, Ohio** *Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014*

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Cash Received from State Foundation	\$ 210,874
Cash Received from Casino Revenues	1,652
Cash Payments for Purchased Goods and Services	(117,655)
Cash Payments for Materials and Supplies	(2,580)
Cash Payments for Salaries and Benefits	(37,168)
Cash Payments for Other Expenses	 (6,511)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 48,612
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities	
Other Non-Operating Revenues	 1,214
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	49,826
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	 303,088
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	\$ 352,914
Reconciliation of Operating Income to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$ 20,747
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	16,952
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	386
(Increase) Decrease Assets	
Intergovernmental Receivable	(38)
Prepaid Items	1,971
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	
Intergovernmental Payable	 8,594
Total Adjustments	 27,865
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 48,612

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Rittman Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to educate students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Academy, 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 Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Board of Education of the Rittman Exempted Village Schools (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing with fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. A contract authorizing continued operation of the Academy was executed in May 2013 covering the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration. The Academy operates under a five-member Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which includes, but is not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The Academy is considered a component unit of the Sponsor for reporting purposes, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements No. 39 and 61.

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

The financial statements of the Academy 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 most significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

#### A. 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### B. 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 deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in 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 relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized 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 Rev. Code Chapter 5705, with the exception of 5705.391. All other budgetary provisions are not required to be followed, unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy.

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash held by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net position. Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments. The Academy had no investments in fiscal year 2014.

#### E. Prepaids

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

#### F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure and does not capitalize interest costs.

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 expensed.

Depreciation of furniture, fixtures and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three years.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### G. Tax Exemption Status

The Academy is a non-profit organization that, in the opinion of legal counsel, is exempt from federal income taxes due to the Academy's status as an integral part of its sponsoring political subdivision, the Rittman Exempted Village Schools.

#### H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position restricted for other purposes consist of grants.

#### I. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenue received from this program is recognized as operating revenues (foundation payments) in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable. The Academy received \$210,874 for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. In fiscal year 2014, the Academy participated in several state and federal grant programs. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as non-operating revenue in the accompanying financial statements. Revenues recognized under the grant programs for the year ended June 30, 2014 totaled \$28,298.

#### J. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### K. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Directors and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2014.

#### L. 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 those estimates.

#### M. Implementation of New Accounting Policies

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, GASB Statement No. 66, *Technical Corrections*—2012—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 10 and No. 62, and GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*.

GASB Statement No. 65 properly classifies certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources or recognizes certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as outflows of resources (expenses or expenditures) or inflows of resources (revenues). These changes were incorporated in the Academy's fiscal year 2014 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

GASB Statement No. 66 resolves conflicting accounting and financial reporting guidance that could diminish the consistency of financial reporting and thereby enhance the usefulness of the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 66 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 70 improves comparability of financial statements by requiring consistent reporting and specifying information required to be disclosed for extending and receiving nonexchange financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS

According to State law, public depositories must give security for all uninsured public funds on deposit. These institutions may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by FDIC, or may pledge a pool of government securities valued at least 105 percent of the total value of uninsured public monies on deposit at the institution. Repurchase agreements must be secured by the specific government securities upon which the repurchase agreements are based. These securities must be obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and mature or be redeemable within 5 years of the date of the related repurchase agreement. State law does not require security for public deposits and investments to be maintained in the Academy's name. During fiscal year 2014, the Academy and public depositories complied with the provisions of these statutes.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit in excess of those funds that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation (FDIC) or by any other agency or instrumentality of the federal government. These institutions may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by the FDIC, or may pledge a pool of government securities valued at least 105 percent of the total value of public monies on deposit at the institution. The Academy's policy is to deposit money with financial institutions that are able to abide by the laws governing insurance and collateral of public funds.

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$352,914. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2014, \$112,674 of the Academy's bank balance of \$362,674 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed above, while \$250,000 covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the Academy.

#### NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2014:

	Balance 6/30/2013	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2014
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 109,554 (69,802)	\$ 0 (16,952)	\$ (61,097) 60,711	\$ 48,457 (26,043)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 39,752	\$ (16,952)	\$ (386)	\$ 22,414

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### **NOTE 5 - PURCHASED SERVICES**

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

Tri-County Educational Service Center	\$ 83,491
NCS Pearson	16,389
Rittman Exempted Village School District	18,304
Other	10,036
	\$ 128,220

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, Rittman Academy recognized \$83,491 in expenses for educational services and curriculum provided by the Tri-County Educational Service Center.

The Academy paid NCS Pearson \$16,389 for curriculum services for fiscal year 2014.

#### NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the Academy contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. There has not been any reduction in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

#### NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

#### A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio ("SERS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2014, 13.05 percent and .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 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 Academy's required contributions for pension

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obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$1,896, \$1,425 and \$642, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio ("STRS Ohio"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a publicly-available, stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

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

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of 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 dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to the DB Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$3,616, \$1,961 and \$1,950, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### **NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

#### A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System 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 plan 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 Ohio Revised Code Section 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 lessor of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. 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, It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. 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 fiscal year 2014, .14 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,250.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The Academy's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$20, \$17, and \$28, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The Academy's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$110, \$81, and \$38, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the financial report of STRS. Interested parties can view the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by visiting <u>www.strsoh.org</u> or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free (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 fiscal year 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$278, \$151, and \$150, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### **NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

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

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#### B. Full-Time Equivalency

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. For fiscal year 2014, the amount owed was \$2,693. This amount due was determined to be immaterial to the financial statements and is not reported in a liability.

#### NOTE 10 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

For the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 the Academy incurred expenses of \$18,304 to their sponsor for educational facility costs.



December 4, 2014

To the Board of Directors Rittman Academy Wayne County, Ohio 100 Saurer Street Rittman, OH 44270

#### 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 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 Rittman Academy, Wayne County, Ohio (the Academy), a component unit of the Rittman Exempted Village School District, Wayne County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2014.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy'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 Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control.

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

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

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kea & Associates, Inc.

New Philadelphia, Ohio

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Corrected, Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken or Finding No Longer Valid Explain
2013-001	Internal Controls over Financial Reporting – Capital Assets	Yes	Corrected

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WAYNE COUNTY

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

Susan Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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