

Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
Mahoning County, Ohio

*Audited Financial Statements*

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2014





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
1408 Rigby Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Youngstown Academy of Excellence, Mahoning County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Youngstown Academy of Excellence is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

June 5, 2015

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**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**

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March 25, 2015

To the Board of Trustees  
Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
1408 Rigby Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

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

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

Management is responsible for 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 Academy'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 Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

***Opinion***

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

***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the Academy's deficit net position (\$1,560,255) and change in net position (\$116,068) raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Note 15 describes management's plan regarding these issues. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***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 4–8 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 Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.



The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2015, 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.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
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***MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014***

The discussion and analysis of the Youngstown Academy of Excellence's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance. The first year of the Academy's operations was 2006.

**Financial Highlights**

- Net position decreased \$116,068.
- Enrollment decreased from 205 in fiscal 2013 to 201 in fiscal 2014.
- Total revenue decreased from \$2,336,303 in fiscal 2013 to \$2,190,104 in fiscal 2014.
- Total operating expenses (excluding interest) decreased from \$2,446,441 in fiscal 2013 to \$2,277,742 in fiscal 2014.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial report consists of three parts – management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the financial position of the Academy. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statement of net position. The statement of net position represents the statement of position of the Academy. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs. Finally, the notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided on the basic financial statements.

**Financial Analysis of the Academy as a Whole**

The Academy is not required to present government-wide financial statements as the Academy is engaged in only business-type activities. Therefore, no condensed financial information derived from governmental-wide financial statements is included in the discussion and analysis.

The following tables represent a summary the Academy's condensed financial information for 2014 derived from the statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

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

Table 1 Net Position			
	2014	2013	Change
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current Assets	\$ 62,179	\$ 76,254	\$ (14,075)
Capital Assets	154,662	103,941	50,721
Total Assets	216,841	180,195	36,646
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Current Liabilities	1,777,096	1,624,382	(152,714)
Total Liabilities	1,777,096	1,624,382	(152,714)
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Invested in Capital Assets	154,662	103,941	50,721
Unrestricted	(1,714,917)	(1,548,128)	(166,789)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,560,255)	\$ (1,444,187)	\$ (116,068)

Results of fiscal year 2014 indicate a deficit increase of \$116,068 resulting in an ending cumulative net deficit balance of \$1,560,255. The deficit increase is the result of higher personnel costs and a slight decrease in enrollment. Fiscal 2014 enrollment was 201 as compared to fiscal 2013 enrollment of 205. As of March 2015, enrollment has further decreased to 168. The goal is to grow enrollment to be closer to the capacity of the facility at which point the school would generate surpluses on an annual basis sufficient to eliminate accumulated deficits. Initial losses are typical for a new Academy which may not achieve positive net position within the first several years of operations due to significant start-up costs.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net position for the fiscal year 2014 as compared to 2013:

Table 2  
Change in Net Position

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
State Aid	\$ 1,667,980	\$ 1,645,224	\$ 22,756
Miscellaneous	-	6,609	(6,609)
Federal and State Restricted Grants	522,124	684,470	(162,346)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>2,190,104</u>	<u>2,336,303</u>	<u>(146,199)</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Purchased Services	2,137,419	2,311,648	(174,229)
Depreciation	22,103	10,254	11,849
General Supplies	102,751	59,554	43,197
Other Operating Expenses	15,469	64,985	(49,516)
<b>Non Operating Expenses:</b>			
Interest Expense	28,430	4,911	23,519
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,306,172</u>	<u>2,451,352</u>	<u>(145,180)</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(116,068)	(115,049)	(1,019)
<b>Net Position (Deficit) Beginning of Year</b>	(1,444,187)	(1,329,138)	(115,049)
<b>Net Position (Deficit) End of Year</b>	<u>\$ (1,560,255)</u>	<u>\$ (1,444,187)</u>	<u>\$ (116,068)</u>

At the onset of planning for the opening of the Academy, management and the board carefully calculated the costs and risks associated with offering a high quality educational program that would be competitive with the educational programs available at the traditional public schools and weighed those costs and risks against the enhanced educational opportunities that would be available to students. Based on that analysis, the board and its management made the decision to make an investment in the future of the children of this community, not based on a plan that was expected to generate economic profits, but rather on a plan that is economically sustainable and that would generate dividends to the community in the form of enhanced opportunities for children and families. Resources for the necessary programs came from delaying payment on invoices from the Academy's management company for certain rent, management services, other operating expenses and invoices for payroll of Academy staff.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Budget**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provision set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, other than the development of a five year forecast. The Academy's contract with its sponsor, Ohio Department of Education, also requires an annual financial plan.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2014, the Academy had \$154,662 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for leasehold improvements, computers and other equipment. The following table shows fiscal year 2014 compared to 2013:

Capital Assets at June 30 (Net of Depreciation)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$106,464	\$44,744	\$61,720
Computer Technology	23,393	31,355	(7,962)
Leasehold Improvements	<u>24,805</u>	<u>27,842</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u><u>\$154,662</u></u>	<u><u>\$103,941</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,721</u></u>

The increase represents an investment in additional furniture and equipment offset by the depreciation expense for the year. There were no asset disposals during the year. For further information regarding the Academy's capital assets, refer to Note 5 of the basic financial statements.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Economic Factors**

The Academy is experiencing financial difficulty; see Note 15 to the basic financial statements for further information.

**Operations**

Youngstown Academy of Excellence is a public school established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in grades K-8. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, 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 concerning this report, please contact the administrative offices of Youngstown Academy of Excellence, 1408 Rigby Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44506.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Assets:**

***Current assets:***

Intergovernmental Receivable	\$ 59,597
Prepaid Expense	2,582
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>62,179</u>

***Noncurrent assets:***

Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>154,662</u>
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<b>Total assets</b>	<u>216,841</u>
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**Liabilities:**

***Current liabilities:***

Accounts Payable, Trade	193,481
Accounts Payable, Related Party	1,240,958
Short-term Debt	<u>342,657</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>1,777,096</u>

<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,777,096</u>
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**Net Position**

Net Invested in Capital Assets	154,662
Unrestricted	<u>(1,714,917)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ (1,560,255)</u></u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**



**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
State Aid	\$ 1,667,980
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>1,667,980</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Purchased Services	2,137,419
Depreciation	22,103
General Supplies	102,751
Other Operating Expenses	15,469
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>2,277,742</u>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<u>(609,762)</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses):</b>	
Federal and State Restricted Grants	522,124
Interest Expense	(28,430)
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)</b>	<u>493,694</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(116,068)
<b>Net Position Beginning of Year</b>	<u>(1,444,187)</u>
<b>Net Position End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ (1,560,255)</u></u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
State Aid Receipts	\$ 1,667,980
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(2,443,115)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(775,135)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Short-term Financing Interest Payments	(28,430)
Short-term Financing Proceeds	908,100
Short-term Financing Principal Payments	(565,443)
Federal and State Grant Receipts	<u>529,012</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>843,239</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Purchase of Assets	<u>(72,824)</u>
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(72,824)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(4,720)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	<u>4,720</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending of the Year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	
Operating Loss	\$ (609,762)
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	
Depreciation	22,103
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in Receivables	1,370
Decrease in Prepaid Expense	1,097
Increase in Accounts Payable, Trade	87,294
Decrease in Accounts Payable, Related Party	<u>(277,236)</u>
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<u><u>\$ (775,135)</u></u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1 – Description of the School**

The Youngstown Academy of Excellence (the “Academy”) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in grades K-8. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy. The Academy is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the St. Aloysius Orphanage (the Sponsor) for a period of five academic years commencing after July 1, 2005 and, with extensions, continued through June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, the Academy was approved for operation under a sponsor contract with Ohio Department of Education. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board that consists of five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives or owners or employees of any for-profit firm that operate or manage the Academy for the Governing Board. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract that include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc., for management services including management of personnel and human resources, the program of instruction, technology, marketing, data management, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. See Note 12.

**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 units. 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 Academy’s accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Academy’s basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and a statement of cash position. The Academy uses a single enterprise presentation for its financial records. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

**B. Measurement Focus**

The enterprise activity is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Academy are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances meet its cash flow needs.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Accounting**

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

**D. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provision set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, other than the development of a five year forecast. The Academy's contract with its sponsor, Ohio Department of Education, also requires an annual financial plan.

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents". There had no cash and cash equivalents on the statement of net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The Academy had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

**F. Prepaid Items**

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

**G. Capital Assets**

The Academy's capital assets during fiscal year 2014 consisted of furniture, computers and other equipment as well as leasehold improvements to make the lower level of the facility useable. All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**G. Capital Assets (Continued)**

All capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Useful Lives</u>
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Computer Technology	5 years
Leasehold Improvements	Remaining term of the facility lease

**H. 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 either through the enabling legislation adopted by Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. There is no enabling legislation at June 30, 2014. Net invested in capital assets of \$154,662, represents capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.

**I. 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.

**J. 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.

**K. Economic Dependency**

The Academy receives approximately 100% of its operating revenue from the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the significance of this revenue source, the Academy is considered to be economically dependent on the State of Ohio Department of Education.

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**Note 3 - Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2014, the book balance was \$0, and the bank balance of Academy's deposits was \$2,630. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

**Note 4 - Intergovernmental Receivables**

At June 30, 2014, the Academy had intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$59,597. The receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Grant	Amount
Title I	\$38,566
21 <sup>st</sup> Century	6,739
Special Education	14,292
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$59,597

**Note 5 - Capital Assets**

The capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2013	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2014
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Furniture & Equipment	\$72,448	\$72,824	\$ -	\$145,272
Leasehold Improvements	40,658	-	-	40,658
Computer Technology	136,112	-	-	136,112
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	249,218	72,824	-	322,042
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Furniture & Equipment	(27,704)	(11,104)	-	(38,808)
Leasehold Improvements	(12,816)	(3,037)	-	(15,853)
Computer Technology	(104,767)	(7,962)	-	(112,729)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(145,287)	(22,103)	-	(167,390)
Capital Assets, Net	\$103,931	\$50,721	\$ -	\$154,652

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**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. During fiscal year 2014, the Academy contracted with the Hartford Casualty Insurance Company.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Medical Expense Limit - Any One Person/Occurrence	15,000
Damage to Rented Premises - Each Occurrence	500,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Business Personal Propert	303,200
Automobile Liability:	
Combined Single Limit	1,000,000
Excess/Umbrella	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Aggregate Limit	3,000,000

**Note 7 – Purchased Services**

For the year ended June 30, 2014, purchased service expenses were for the following services:

<u>Purchased Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Personnel Services	\$823,004
Staff and Administrative Services	258,372
Food Services	158,395
Building Services	416,966
Student Services	11,718
Sponsor Services	49,158
Professional Services	410,705
Advertising	9,101
Total	<u>\$2,137,419</u>



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**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Academy has contracted with Mosaica Education, Inc. to provide employee services. However, these contracted services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below.

**A. School Employee Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy 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 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 on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://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 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board, The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 12.7 percent. The remaining 1.3 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The Academy's contributions to SERS for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$11,650, \$10,225 and \$14,769, respectively; which equaled the required contributions each year.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

The Academy contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Copies of the STRS Ohio's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be requested in writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or visiting the STRS Ohio website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, community school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the state of any political subdivision thereof.

**Plan Options** - New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

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**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)**

**DB Plan Benefits** – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit”, the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2 percent multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-value purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5 percent. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation or every year of Ohio service over 31 years (2.6 percent for 32 years, 2.7 percent for 33 years and so on) until 100 percent of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5 percent instead of 2.2 percent. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

**DC Plan Benefits** – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 and 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump-sum withdrawal. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested for the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balances. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

**Combined Plan Benefits** – Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1 percent of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a members on or after age 60. The defined contributions portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians’ fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years’ credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC, or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members’ beneficiaries.

**Funding Policy** – Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for members and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon

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**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)**

recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 11 percent for members and 14 percent for employers.

Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were 11 percent of covered payroll for members and 14 percent for employers. Employer contributions actually paid should be disclosed in both dollar amounts and as a percentage of the employer's covered payroll for the current year and the two preceding years. Member and employer contributions actually made for DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

The Academy required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, 2012 were \$116,628, \$110,557 and \$88,706 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2014 were made by the Academy.

**C. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2014, none of the members of the Board of Education has elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

**Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits**

**A. School Employee Retirement System**

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans.

**Medicare Part B Plan**

The Medicare Part B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium of the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$99 for most participants, but could be as high as \$369.10 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation is .76 percent. The Academy's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$528, \$578 and \$872, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

**Health Care Plan**

ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to

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**Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

**A. School Employee Retirement System (Continued)**

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 ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans. The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the health care allocation is .55 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, prorated according to service credit earned. State law provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Academy's contributions assigned to health care for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$97, \$125 and \$640, respectively.

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. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare Part B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan; a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan, and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan.

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associate health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by requesting a copy by calling toll free 1-888-227-7877.

Funding Policy

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to

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**Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)**

postemployment health care for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012. The 14 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law.

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$8,331, \$8,504 and \$6,824, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

**Note 10 - 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, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2014.

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

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the Academy is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. No provision for any adjustment to the fiscal 2014 foundation has been made, due to it being immaterial, and will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2015.

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**Note 11 – Building Leases**

The Academy entered into a lease agreement on September 6, 2005 for 15 years to lease a building from School Properties Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mosaica Education, Inc. for the use of the main building and grounds as a school facility. Mosaica Education, Inc. is a related party, as disclosed in Note 12. In accordance with the lease, the annual base rent increases by 2% effective each September of the lease term. Rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2014 was \$335,165.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments required under the executed lease agreement:

Fiscal Year Ending	Amount
<u>June 30</u>	
2015	\$ 341,872
2016	348,709
2017	355,683
2018	363,796
2019	370,052
2020-2021	440,568
Total minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 2,220,680</u></u>

**Note 12 – Related Party Transactions/Management Company**

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc. for a variety of services including management of personnel and human resources, board relations, financial management, marketing, technology services, the program of instruction, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. Financial management services include, but are not limited to, financial statement and budget preparation and accounts payable and payroll preparation.

Per the management agreement with the Academy, Mosaica Education is entitled to a management fee that is equivalent to 12.5% of the Academy's revenues. The management fee for fiscal year 2014 was \$273,763.

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**Note 12 – Related Party Transactions/Management Company (continued)**

Also, per the management agreement there are expenses that will be billed to the academy based on the actual cost incurred on behalf of the Academy by Mosaica Education, Inc. These expenses include rent, salaries of Mosaica Education, Inc employees working at the Academy, and other costs related to providing educational and administration services. The total reimbursable expenses billed by Mosaica on behalf of the Academy during the fiscal year 2014 were \$1,414,834.

At June 30, 2014, the Academy had payables to Mosaica Education, Inc. in the amount of \$1,240,958. The following is a schedule of payables owed to Mosaica Education, Inc.

	Amount
Payroll and Benefits	\$633,242
Building Rent	277,452
Management Fee	213,075
Insurance	13,084
Wages Payable	74,090
Accrued Expenses	8,898
Miscellaneous	21,117
Total June 30, 2014	\$1,240,958

**Note 13 – Sponsor**

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with St. Aloysius Orphanage (the Sponsor) for a period of five academic years commencing July 18, 2005. Subsequent to the initial five year period, the Academy received annual one year extensions through June 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, the Academy began operating under a sponsorship agreement from the Ohio Department of Education. As part of this contract, the Sponsor is entitled to a maximum of 3% of the total state funds. Total amount due and paid for fiscal year 2014 was \$49,158.

**Note 14 – Short Term Debt**

A summary of short-term obligations for the Academy at June 30, 2014, is as follows:

Charter School Capital - In September 2013, the Academy entered into an agreement with Charter School Capital to borrow against its future foundation payments. The amount borrowed was \$908,100. Total principal payments made during fiscal year end were \$565,443. The terms of the loan are amounts borrowed for a particular month's foundation payment are to be repaid over the course of the next three months following purchase. Total interest paid was \$28,430. The imputed interest rate is 18% per annum.

	Principal Outstanding				Principal Outstanding	
	6/30/2013	Additions	Reductions		6/30/2014	
Charter School Capital	\$ -	\$ 908,100	(\$565,443)		\$ 342,657	

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**Note 15 – Management’s Plan**

For fiscal year 2014, the Academy had a decrease in net position of \$116,068, and a cumulative net position deficit of \$1,560,255. Final fiscal year 2014 full-time equivalent student enrollment was 201 students as compared to final fiscal year 2013 full-time equivalent student enrollment was 205 students. We have noted continued decline in enrollment to 168 as of March 2015.

Over time, management believes the anticipated increase in enrollment should allow the school to reduce its operating losses and have operating gains. Management plans to continue efforts to increase enrollment through active advertising via print, radio, mailings and through referrals of current parents which may increase enrollment, reduce future deficits and may lead to no operating losses in future years.



March 25, 2015

To the Board of Trustees  
Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
1408 Rigby Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Youngstown Academy of Excellence, Mahoning County, Ohio (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2015, wherein we noted the Academy had a deficit net position and a reduction in net position as of June 30, 2014 and for the year ended, and is experiencing financial difficulties.

**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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2014-002 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2014-001.

### **The Academy's Response to Findings**

The Academy's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Academy's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **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 Academy's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

March 25, 2015

To the Board of Trustees  
Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
1408 Rigby Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Youngstown Academy of Excellence's, Mahoning County, Ohio (the "Academy") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Academy's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The Academy's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Academy's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Academy's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the Academy complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Academy is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Academy's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	CFDA #	Grant Year	Revenues	Expenses
<b>U. S. Department of Education</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Title I	84.010	2014	\$ 195,085	\$ 195,085
Special Education IDEA Part B	84.027	2014	39,748	39,748
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	2014	100,000	98,426
ARRA - Race to the Top	84.395	2014	7,031	2,481
<i>Total U.S. Department of Education</i>			<u>341,864</u>	<u>335,740</u>
<b>U. S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	10.582	2014	10,331	10,331
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>				
<i>Cash Assistance:</i>				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2014	62,681	62,681
National School Lunch Program (B)	10.555	2014	107,063	107,063
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>			<u>169,744</u>	<u>169,744</u>
<i>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>			180,075	180,075
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			<u>\$ 521,939</u>	<u>\$ 515,815</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards summarizes activity of the School's federal awards programs. This schedule has been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. Food Distribution Program nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards at the entitlement value of the commodities received and disbursed. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the School received no food commodities inventory.

**NOTE C - TRANSFERS**

The School generally must spend Federal assistance within 15 months of receipt. However, with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approval, a School can transfer (carryover) unspent Federal assistance to the succeeding year, thus allowing the School a total of 27 months to spend the assistance. During fiscal year 2014, the ODE authorized the following transfers:

<u>CFDA Number / Grant Title</u>	<u>Grant Year</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>
84.010 Title I	2013	\$ 119,638	
84.010 Title I	2014		\$ 119,638
84.367 Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	2013	4,418	
84.367 Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	2014		4,418
84.365 Title III English Language Acquisition Grants	2013	4,808	
84.365 Title III English Language Acquisition Grants	2014		4,808
84.395 ARRA - Race to the Top	2013	17,928	
84.395 ARRA - Race to the Top	2014		17,928
		<u>\$ 146,792</u>	<u>\$ 146,792</u>

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
OMB CIRCULAR A-133, Section .505  
JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>
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(d) (1) (i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any other significant deficiency conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d) (1) (iii)	Were there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported for major federal programs?	No
(d) (1) (v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (vi)	Are there any reportable findings under Section .510?	No
(d) (1) (vii)	Major Programs (list): Title I	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?	Yes

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JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING #2014-001  
Material Non-Compliance – Records Retention**

**Criteria:** Ohio Rev. Code section 149.41 authorizes the Academy to develop its own records commission and rules. The Board of Trustees has adopted a data and records retention policy which states, in part, all records are the property of the Academy and are not removed, destroyed, mutilated, transferred or otherwise damaged or disposed of, in whole or in part, except as provided by law or under the rules adopted by the Board of Trustees. Such records shall be delivered by outgoing officials and employees to their successors and shall not be otherwise removed, transferred or destroyed unlawfully.

**Condition:** During the performance of audit procedures, we noted various checks in which the corresponding invoice was not maintained or could not be produced. The successor treasurer was able to contact all applicable vendors to produce a valid invoice to support the expense.

**Cause:** Due to turnover in the Academy's treasurer position documents were not properly maintained and could not be located.

**Potential Effect:** Failure to maintain approved invoices can lead to non-compliance and improper financial reporting.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Academy maintain all records in accordance with the ORC and Board of Trustee policies.

**Management Response:** All disbursements are now matched to a corresponding invoice and scanned into a cloud storage platform to ensure all records are maintained in accordance with board policy.

**FINDING #2014-002  
Significant Deficiency – Bank Reconciliation**

**Criteria:** A necessary step in the internal control over financial reporting is to reconcile the cash balance of the bank to the cash balance in the accounting records in a timely manner.

**Condition:** Bank reconciliations were not timely completed, which in turn lead to delays in finalizing of year end records, ability to perform audit procedures in a timely manner, and timely reports to the Board of Trustees to ensure accurate management of the Academy's functions.

**Cause:** Due to the small size of the previous Treasurer's department, as well as the various turnover in Treasurer's position throughout the year, timely reconciliations were not performed throughout the year. Upon the final successor treasurer taking over in September 2014, all bank reconciliations have been performed timely.



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<b>2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (CONTINUED)</b>
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**FINDING #2014-002 (Continued)  
Significant Deficiency – Bank Reconciliation**

**Potential Effect:** Without complete and timely reconciliation of the bank statements versus the accounting system, the Academy's internal control is weakened, which could hinder the detection of errors or irregularities by the Academy's management in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Academy take all steps necessary to reconcile the cash balance of the bank to the cash balance in the accounting records each month.

**Management Response:** Bank Accounts are now reconciled in a timely manner every month. The School Fiscal Officer reviews and signs off when completed.

<b>3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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None were noted.

March 25, 2015

Board of Trustees  
Youngstown Academy of Excellence  
Mahoning County, Ohio  
1408 Rigby Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

### **Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states “the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school.”

Accordingly, we have performed the procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether the Youngstown Academy of Excellence, Mahoning County, Ohio (the Academy) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board did not amend its anti-harassment policy to include violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying. Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666 required the Board to amend its definition by September 28, 2010.
2. We also noted the Board did not amend its anti-harassment policy to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student “on a school bus” or by an “electronic act.” Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666 required the Board to amend its definition by November 4, 2012.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and Sponsor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**YOUNGSTOWN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE**

**MAHONING COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JUNE 18, 2015**