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# Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus Franklin County, Ohio

*Audited Financial Statements*

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2015





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus  
1880 E. Dublin Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus, Franklin County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. 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 Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

March 16, 2016

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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December 27, 2015

To the Board of Directors  
Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus  
Franklin County, Ohio  
1880 E. Dublin Granville Road  
Columbus, OH 43229

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

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***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in its financial position and the cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Emphasis of a Matter***

As described in Note 3, the School restated the June 30, 2014 net position balance to account for the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. 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 *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and the *Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*, and *Schedule of School Contributions* on pages 3-7, 29-30, and 31-34, respectively, 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 27, 2015 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Dublin, Ohio

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

The management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus (the "School") provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

- In total, the School's net position increased \$214,519 from restated net position at June 30, 2014.
- The School had total revenues of \$3,282,268, including operating revenues of \$2,791,475 and non-operating revenues of \$490,793, which supported operating expenses of \$3,067,749 during fiscal year 2015.
- Beginning Net Position was restated by \$2,542,505 due to the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 68 and No. 71 (see Note 3).

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

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 School's financial activities. The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position provide information about the activities of the School, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations.

**Reporting the School's Financial Activities**

***Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows***

These statements consider all financial transactions and address the question, "How did the School perform financially during 2015?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this report. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 10.

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11-28 of this report.

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***Required Supplementary Information***

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report as presents certain required supplementary information concerning the School's net pension liability. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 29-34 of this report.

The table below provides a summary of the School's net position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The net position at June 30, 2014 has been restated as described in Note 3.

	<b>Net Position</b>	
	2015	Restated 2014
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current assets	\$ 229,872	\$ 249,002
Capital assets, net	167,524	23,966
Total assets	397,396	272,968
<b><u>Deferred outflows</u></b>	204,138	138,196
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current liabilities	169,953	169,567
Non-current liabilities:		
Due within one year	-	6,674
Net pension liability	2,258,517	2,680,701
Total liabilities	2,428,470	2,856,942
<b><u>Deferred inflows</u></b>	404,323	-
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Investment in capital assets	167,524	23,966
Unrestricted (deficit)	(2,398,783)	(2,469,744)
Total net position (deficit)	\$(2,231,259)	\$(2,445,778)

During 2015, the School adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability*. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

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Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the District is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at June 30, 2014, from \$96,727 to a deficit of \$2,445,778.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2015, the School's net position is a deficit balance of \$2,231,259, which is caused by the implementation of GASB 68 and 71 (see Note 11 for more details). The increase in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation was the result of leasehold improvements that were capitalized. At year-end, capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, represented 42.16 percent of total assets. Capital assets at June 30, 2015 consisted of equipment and leasehold improvements. Capital assets are used to provide services to students and are not available for future spending.

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The table below shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014.

**Change in Net Position**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues:</u></b>		
State foundation	\$ 2,787,356	\$ 1,987,244
Other revenues	<u>4,119</u>	<u>3,069</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>2,791,475</u>	<u>1,990,313</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u></b>		
Salaries and wages	1,157,680	879,990
Fringe benefits	251,147	388,032
Purchased services	1,455,152	1,003,666
Materials and supplies	143,004	67,732
Other operating expenses	41,694	36,131
Depreciation	<u>19,072</u>	<u>2,571</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,067,749</u>	<u>2,378,122</u>
Operating loss	(276,274)	(387,809)
<b><u>Non-operating revenues:</u></b>		
Federal and state grants and entitlements	<u>490,793</u>	<u>555,520</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>490,793</u>	<u>555,520</u>
Change in net position	214,519	167,711
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year (restated)	<u>(2,445,778)</u>	N/A
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (2,231,259)</u>	<u>\$ (2,445,778)</u>

The information necessary to restate the 2014 beginning balances and the 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, 2014 operating expenses still include pension expense of \$138,196 computed under GASB 27. GASB 27 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2015 statements report pension expense of \$99,256. Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total operating expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

Total 2015 operating expenses under GASB 68	\$ 3,067,749
Pension expense under GASB 68	(99,256)
2015 contractually required contributions	<u>183,059</u>
Adjusted 2015 operating expenses	3,151,552
Total 2014 operating expenses under GASB 27	<u>2,378,122</u>
Increase in operating expenses not related to pension	<u>\$ 773,430</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from federal entitlement programs. Aid through the state foundation increased \$800,112 or 40.26% from fiscal year 2014, while federal and state grants and entitlements decreased \$64,727 or 11.65%. The increase in foundation revenue is a result of an increase in student enrollment. Expenses increased \$689,627 or 29.00%, with the increase primarily in the salaries and wages and purchased services expenses related to the increased student enrollment.

**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2015, the School had \$167,524, net of accumulated depreciation, invested in capital assets. During fiscal year 2015, the School made leasehold improvements at a cost of \$162,630 and recognized \$19,072 in depreciation expense. Refer to Note 10 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on the School's capital assets.

**Capital Assets at June 30  
(Net of Depreciation)**

	2015	2014
Equipment	\$ 21,157	\$ 23,966
Leasehold improvements	146,367	-
Total capital assets	\$ 167,524	\$ 23,966

**Debt Administration**

Effective June 30, 2011, the School ended its management agreement with eSchool Consultants, LLC. As part of the termination of this agreement, the School agreed to pay termination fees totaling \$40,008 to eSchool Consultants, LLC. The remaining balance of the termination fee was paid during fiscal year 2015. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for detail on long-term obligations.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The School operates by hiring employees directly and offering education to students in kindergarten through grade 8. The School's sponsor, the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center, receives a fee equal to three percent of aid received through the state foundation. The financial outlook over the next several years is closely related to the School's enrollment and economic conditions in central Ohio.

**Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Cynthia Mercer, Treasurer for the Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus, 1880 East Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43229.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2015

**Assets:**

Current assets:

Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 163,916
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental. . . . .	62,029
Prepayments . . . . .	<u>3,927</u>
Total current assets . . . . .	<u>229,872</u>

Non-current assets:

Depreciable capital assets, net . . . . .	<u>167,524</u>
Total non-current assets. . . . .	<u>167,524</u>
Total assets. . . . .	<u>397,396</u>

Deferred outflows of resources:

Pension - STRS. . . . .	146,804
Pension - SERS. . . . .	<u>57,334</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources . . . . .	<u>204,138</u>

**Liabilities:**

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable. . . . .	17,063
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	119,418
Pension and postemployment benefit obligation payable. . . . .	17,387
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	<u>16,085</u>
Total current liabilities . . . . .	<u>169,953</u>

Non-current liabilities:

Net pension liability . . . . .	<u>2,258,517</u>
Total non-current liabilities . . . . .	<u>2,258,517</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>2,428,470</u>

Deferred inflows of resources:

Pension - STRS. . . . .	307,726
Pension - SERS. . . . .	<u>96,597</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>404,323</u>

**Net position:**

Investment in capital assets. . . . .	167,524
Unrestricted (deficit). . . . .	<u>(2,398,783)</u>
Total net position (deficit). . . . .	<u>\$ (2,231,259)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
Foundation basic aid. . . . .	\$ 2,787,356
Other . . . . .	4,119
Total operating revenues . . . . .	<u>2,791,475</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Salaries and wages. . . . .	1,157,680
Fringe benefits. . . . .	251,147
Purchased services. . . . .	1,455,152
Materials and supplies . . . . .	143,004
Other. . . . .	41,694
Depreciation . . . . .	19,072
Total operating expenses. . . . .	<u>3,067,749</u>
Operating loss. . . . .	<u>(276,274)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>	
Federal and State operating grants. . . . .	490,793
Total nonoperating revenues. . . . .	<u>490,793</u>
Change in net position . . . . .	214,519
<b>Net position (deficit) at beginning of year (restated).</b>	<u>(2,445,778)</u>
<b>Net position (deficit) at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u><u>\$ (2,231,259)</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from State foundation . . . . .	\$ 2,843,904
Cash received from other operations . . . . .	4,119
Cash payments for salaries and wages. . . . .	(1,147,548)
Cash payments for fringe benefits . . . . .	(344,476)
Cash payments for contractual services . . . . .	(1,486,657)
Cash payments for materials and supplies . . . . .	(132,201)
Cash payments for other expenses . . . . .	(44,326)
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Net cash used in operating activities. . . . .	(307,185)
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>	
Federal and State operating grants. . . . .	473,862
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Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities. . . . .	473,862
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<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>	
Acquisition of capital assets . . . . .	(162,630)
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Net cash used in capital and related financing activities. . . . .	(162,630)
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents. . . . .	4,047
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<b>159,869</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 163,916</b>
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<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss. . . . .	\$ (276,274)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation . . . . .	19,072
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable. . . . .	42,821
Increase in prepayments . . . . .	(2,713)
Increase in accounts payable. . . . .	1,403
Decrease in other long-term payable. . . . .	(6,674)
Increase in accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	15,586
Decrease in intergovernmental payable . . . . .	(10,803)
Decrease in pension obligation payable . . . . .	(5,800)
Decrease in net pension liability . . . . .	(422,184)
Increase in deferred outflows - pensions . . . . .	(65,942)
Increase in deferred inflows - pensions. . . . .	404,323
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Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	\$ (307,185)
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL**

Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus (formerly Life Skills Center of Northern Columbus) (“the School”) is a state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service. The School, which is part of the State’s education program, is independent of any school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio State Board of Education for a period of five years from May 16, 2000 through June 30, 2005. The Buckeye Community Hope Foundation sponsored the School from June 2005 through June 2012. The North Central Ohio Educational Service Center became the sponsor effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. The School operates under a self-appointing five member Board of Directors (“the Board”). The School’s Code of Regulations specifies that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the sponsor 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 School has one instructional/support facility. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel who provide services to approximately 329 students.

The Ellendale Group, a state nonprofit organization established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 1702, was originally formed in September 2001 to provide a fostering structure for the provision, development and management of one or more community schools in Franklin County, Ohio, and for any and all lawful purposes for which a corporation may be formed under Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code. The Ellendale Group intended to govern approved contracts for community schools with the following names: the Life Skills Center of Columbus, the Life Skills Center of Southwestern Ohio and the Life Skills Center of Montgomery County (name to be changed once location of school was determined).

Pursuant to the instruction and requirement of the Ohio Department of Education with respect to the three (3) Life Skills Centers in the Columbus area, and the assignments of each community school contract, a separate nonprofit entity had to be formed to govern each School. As a result, the Ellendale Group amended its articles of incorporation in June 2002 in order to change the name of the nonprofit to the Life Skills Center of Southeastern Columbus. This entity was assigned the community school contract which was originally under the name of the Life Skills Center of Columbus. A nonprofit was formed May 2002 in the name of the Life Skills Center of Northern Columbus. This entity was assigned the community school contract which was originally under the name of the Life Skills Center of Montgomery County. Also formed in May 2002 was the nonprofit entity the Life Skills Center of Southwestern Columbus. This entity was assigned the community school contract which was originally under the name of the Life Skills Center of Southwestern Ohio.

On June 22, 2006, the Board changed the name to Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus from Life Skills Center of Northern Columbus as the results of the change in management company which owns the “Life Skills” trade name.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consists of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and a statement of cash flows.

The School uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, and cash flows. Enterprise accounting may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

**B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Enterprise accounting uses a "flow of economic resources" measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows reflects how the School finances and meets its cash flow needs.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. 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. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the School received value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract; however, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.

**D. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School, deferred outflows of resources have been reported for the following two items related the School's net pension liability: (1) the difference between expected and actual experience of the pension systems, and (2) the School's contributions to the pension systems subsequent to the measurement date.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**D. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - (Continued)**

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All cash received by the School is maintained in demand deposit accounts. The School did not have any investments during fiscal year 2015.

**F. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical 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 School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The School does not possess 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. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful life:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>
Equipment	10 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

**G. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program, which includes Economic Disadvantaged Funding and Limited English Proficiency Funding, which are reflected under "state foundation" on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and contributions. Grants, entitlements, and contributions 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 fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2015 school year totaled \$3,278,149.

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**H. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

**I. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component "investment in capital assets," consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**J. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) 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. Prepayments**

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the statement of net position. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

**L. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement of Net Position**

For fiscal year 2015, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27", GASB Statement No. 69 "Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations", and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68".

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 68 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 affected the School's pension plan disclosures, as presented in Note 11, and added required supplementary information which is presented after the notes to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 71 improves the accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in GASB Statement No. 68 concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that Statement by employers and nonemployer contributing entities.

A net position restatement is required in order to implement GASB Statement No 68 and 71. The net position at June 30, 2014 has been restated as follows:

Net position as previously reported	\$ 96,727
Deferred outflows - payments subsequent to measurement date	138,196
Net pension liability	<u>(2,680,701)</u>
 Restated net position (deficit) at June 30, 2014	 <u>\$ (2,445,778)</u>

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the School made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS**

The School maintains deposits at one financial institution located in Ohio. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000, per qualifying account. At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all School deposits was \$163,240 and the School had \$676 in cash on hand. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2015, the School's entire bank balance of \$199,342 covered by the FDIC.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS - (Continued)**

*Custodial Credit Risk:* Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. The School has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee. At June 30, 2015, none of the School's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.

**NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Property and Liability** - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been a significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year. Below are the various coverages for the School:

Commercial general liability:	
Per occurrence .....	\$1,000,000
Aggregate .....	2,000,000
Umbrella liability:	
Per occurrence .....	6,000,000
Aggregate .....	6,000,000
Automobile liability, combined single limit .....	1,000,000
Commercial property liability, personal property (\$1,000 deductible) .....	1,000,000
Excess volunteer liability:	
Per occurrence .....	1,000,000
Aggregate .....	3,000,000

**Director and Officer** - Coverage has been purchased by the School with a \$1,000,000 aggregate limit and no deductible.

**Worker's Compensation** - The School is responsible for paying the State Workers Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage.

**NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES**

At June 30, 2015, the School had intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$62,029. Intergovernmental receivables consist of refunds and federal assistance for which eligibility requirements have been met by June 30, 2015, and cash was not received by year end.

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**NOTE 7 - PAYABLES**

Intergovernmental payables of \$16,085 consist of payroll liabilities due and unpaid to various taxing authorities at fiscal year-end and amounts due to other governments for services provided to the School. Accounts payable consists of obligations totaling \$17,063 at June 30, 2015, incurred during the normal course of conducting operations. Amounts due to be paid to the School Employees Retirement System and State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio are classified as “pension and postemployment obligation payable” and amounted to \$17,387 as of June 30, 2015.

**NOTE 8 - ACCRUED WAGES AND BENEFITS**

Accrued wages and benefits were \$119,418 at June 30, 2015 which represents wages and employee benefits earned and not paid at June 30, 2015 for school employees who earned wages prior to fiscal year-end and certain School teachers paid over a 12 month period.

**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The long-term obligations have been restated as described in Note 3. The School’s long-term obligations during the fiscal year consist of the following:

	Restated Balance 6/30/14	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/15	Amount Due in One Year
Termination agreement	\$ 6,674	\$ -	\$ (6,674)	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	<u>2,680,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(422,184)</u>	<u>2,258,517</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 2,687,375</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (428,858)</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,517</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Board and eSchool Consultants, LLC (“eSchool”) mutually agreed to terminate a contract for management services effective June 30, 2011. As part of the settlement of the agreement, the School agreed to pay termination fees of \$40,008 to eSchool through monthly payments of \$1,667 with no interest. The School and eSchool subsequently renegotiated the agreement. The terms of the renegotiated payment schedule include interest-free monthly payments of \$2,000, due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, beginning April 2013. This settlement was paid off during fiscal year 2015.

See Note 11 for detail on the net pension liability.

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**NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/14	Additions	Deductions	Balance 06/30/15
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 28,086	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,086
Leasehold improvements	-	162,630	-	162,630
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>28,086</u>	<u>162,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,716</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Equipment	(4,120)	(2,809)		(6,929)
Leasehold improvements	-	(16,263)	-	(16,263)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,120)</u>	<u>(19,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,192)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 23,966</u>	<u>\$ 143,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 167,524</u>

**NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

*Net Pension Liability*

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the School’s proportionate share of each pension plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the School’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the School does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

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The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *pension and postemployment benefit obligation payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Plan Description – School non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. 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 Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$52,268 for fiscal year 2015.

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**NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – School licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://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. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. 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 DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member’s defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member’s Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

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Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The School was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$130,791 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$581 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 595,167	\$ 1,663,350	\$ 2,258,517
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.017760%	0.006839%	
Pension Expense	\$ 34,734	\$ 64,522	\$ 99,256

At June 30, 2015, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,066	\$ 16,013	\$ 21,079
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>52,268</u>	<u>130,791</u>	<u>183,059</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 57,334</u>	<u>\$ 146,804</u>	<u>\$ 204,138</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>\$ 96,597</u>	<u>\$ 307,726</u>	<u>\$ 404,323</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 96,597</u>	<u>\$ 307,726</u>	<u>\$ 404,323</u>

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\$183,059 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2016	\$ (22,882)	\$ (72,929)	\$ (95,811)
2017	(22,882)	(72,929)	(95,811)
2018	(22,882)	(72,929)	(95,811)
2019	(22,885)	(72,926)	(95,811)
Total	\$ (91,531)	\$ (291,713)	\$ (383,244)

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

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**NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.00 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.00
Non-US Stocks	22.50	5.50
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	10.00
Real Assets	10.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	15.00	7.50
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

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**NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 849,126	\$ 595,167	\$ 381,565

***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS' investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	3.00
Total	100.00 %	

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**NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

**Sensitivity of the Schools' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,381,267	\$ 1,663,350	\$ 1,056,234

**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

**Health Care Plan Description** - The School contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) 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 as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. 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.

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – (Continued)**

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2015, 0.82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2015, this amount was \$20,450. Statutes provide 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 2015, the School's surcharge obligation was \$1,314.

The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$4,566, \$1,599, and \$5,005, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

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

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$5,207, and \$6,549, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The School receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local 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 School; however, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the School.

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**NOTE 13 – CONTINGENCIES – (Continued)**

**B. Full Time Equivalency**

School District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, traditional school districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the school district, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2015 Foundation funding for the school; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or liability of the School.

**C. Litigation**

The School is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

**NOTE 14 - TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The School has been approved under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that might adversely affect the School's tax exempt status.

**NOTE 15 - SPONSORSHIP FEES**

The School contracts with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center ("NCOESC") for sponsorship beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. NCOESC is to provide oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance for the School. The sponsorship fee is calculated as three percent of annual school foundation revenue and amounted to \$82,674 paid to NCOESC during fiscal year 2015.

**NOTE 16 - OPERATING LEASE**

NCOESC entered into an operating lease agreement on August 5, 2014 with Prime Investments II, LTD. to rent a building located at 1880 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio. The lease is for a five year period. The School entered into a sublease agreement with NCOESC. The School made \$175,064 in rental payments to Prime Investments II, LTD. in fiscal year 2015.

Future lease payments are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	
2016	\$ 197,505
2017	203,747
2018	204,315
2019	210,558
2020	17,594
Total Future Lease Rental Payments	<u>\$ 833,719</u>

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**NOTE 17 - PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, purchased service expenses were for the following services:

Professional and technical services	\$ 294,389
Property services	428,885
Communications	24,042
Utilities	70,605
Contracted trade	212,480
Transportation	<u>424,751</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,455,152</u>

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY:  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.01176000%	0.01176000%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 595,167	\$ 699,329
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 341,739	\$ 245,014
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	174.16%	285.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY:  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00683846%	0.00683846%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,663,350	\$ 1,981,372
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 698,700	\$ 654,869
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	238.06%	302.56%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS:  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 52,268	\$ 47,365	\$ 33,910	\$ 37,352
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(52,268)</u>	<u>(47,365)</u>	<u>(33,910)</u>	<u>(37,352)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 396,571	\$ 341,739	\$ 245,014	\$ 277,710
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2007 was unavailable.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$ 101,362	\$ 74,279	\$ 74,023	\$ 34,780	\$ 32,750
<u>(101,362)</u>	<u>(74,279)</u>	<u>(74,023)</u>	<u>(34,780)</u>	<u>(32,750)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 806,380	\$ 548,589	\$ 752,266	\$ 354,175	\$ 306,648
12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS:  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 130,791	\$ 90,831	\$ 85,133	\$ 59,159
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(130,791)</u>	<u>(90,831)</u>	<u>(85,133)</u>	<u>(59,159)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 934,221	\$ 698,700	\$ 654,869	\$ 455,069
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2007 was unavailable.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$ 67,047	\$ 67,295	\$ 33,414	\$ 17,200	\$ 20,408
<u>(67,047)</u>	<u>(67,295)</u>	<u>(33,414)</u>	<u>(17,200)</u>	<u>(20,408)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>				
\$ 515,746	\$ 517,654	\$ 257,031	\$ 132,308	\$ 156,985
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the schedules should be presented as notes to the schedule.

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

December 27, 2015

To the Board of Directors  
Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus  
Franklin County, Ohio  
1880 E. Dublin Granville Road  
Columbus, OH 43229

**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 Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2015, in which we noted the School restated their June 30, 2014 net position to account for the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*", and GASB Statement No. 71, "*Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*."

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School'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.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Dublin, Ohio



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**FRANKLIN 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  
MARCH 29, 2016**