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**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

West Central Learning Academy II  
Allen County  
522 West North Street  
Lima, Ohio 45801

To the Board of Directors:

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

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the West Central Learning Academy II, Allen County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 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 preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the West Central Learning Academy II, Allen County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in cash financial position for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

**Accounting Basis**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the Academy to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 27, 2016, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

April 27, 2016

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2015**

**Assets:**

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$811,193</u>
Total	<u>811,193</u>

**Net Position:**

Restricted - Other Purposes	1,057
Unrestricted	<u>810,136</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$811,193</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.*

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation Payments	\$359,447
Other Operating Revenues	11,020
Total Operating Revenues	<u>370,467</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	303,479
Fringe Benefits	72,799
Purchased Services	94,100
Materials and Supplies	31,192
Capital Outlay	10,276
Other Operating Expenses	4,696
Total Operating Expenses	<u>516,542</u>
Operating (Loss)	(146,075)
<b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>	
Grants - Federal	124,870
Interest	246
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>125,116</u>
Change in Net Position	(20,959)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	832,152
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$811,193</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.*

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The West Central Learning Academy Community School (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the growing need for a comprehensive educational program delivered to students in the 7 – 12 population primarily through online electronic learning technologies. The mission of the Academy is to enhance and facilitate student learning by combining state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with access to local school resources that complement that instruction and to prepare students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

The comprehensive educational program addresses the special problems of some disabled students, students removed from school for disciplinary reasons, students needing advanced or specialized courses which are not available locally, and others, including some home-schooled students, who are not currently enrolled in any public school and who are not receiving a meaningful, comprehensive, and standards-based educational program.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Elida Local School District (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2002. The Academy accepted students beginning September 3, 2002. For fiscal year 2005, the Academy changed its name to the West Central Learning Academy. For fiscal year 2006, the Lima City Academy established and became the sponsor of the West Central Learning Academy II (WCLA II) as a start-up school. On August 3, 2005, the West Central Learning Academy (WCLA), a conversion school sponsored by Elida Local Academy, officially merged with WCLA II.

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 five-member Board of Directors. Board members are appointed and are responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Academy is financially accountable. The Academy is financially accountable for an organization if the Academy appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board; and (1) the Academy is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Academy is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Academy is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Academy is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the Academy authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes or determines the budget if there is also the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens of the Academy. There are no component units of the West Central Learning Academy II.

The Academy participates in two jointly governed organizations and two insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, Apollo Career Center, Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority and the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 10 and 11 to the basic financial statements.

The Academy's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Academy is financially accountable.

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

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Academy's accounting policies.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position. The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the business-type activities of the Academy at fiscal year-end.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

**Enterprise Accounting** - The Academy uses enterprise accounting to track and report on its financial activities. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Academy's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement which is satisfied by presenting a five-year forecast.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Cash**

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's Treasurer. All cash received by the Treasurer is maintained in a separate bank account in the Academy's name. Monies for the Academy are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

**E. Restricted Assets**

Assets reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**F. Inventory**

The Academy reports disbursements for inventory items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**G. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**H. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Academy's cash basis of accounting.

**I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The Academy recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

**J. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on the balance either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditor, grantor, or laws or regulations or other governments.

The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

At June 30, 2015, the Academy had \$1,057 of restricted net position, none of which was restricted by enabling legislation.

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**3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the Academy to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the Academy prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This financial report omits assets, liabilities, fund equities and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The Academy can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the Academy.

**4. DEPOSITS**

Monies held by the Academy are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Academy treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Academy treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Academy can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;

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**4. DEPOSITS (Continued)**

6. No-loan money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Academy, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Deposits**

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$811,193. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$341,345 of the Academy's bank balance of \$837,379 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Academy's name.

The Academy has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Academy or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

**B. Investments**

The Academy had no investments.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2015, the Academy was insured through Schools Of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority for property, crime, general liability, employee dishonesty, earthquake damage, theft or forgery, water damage, and hazardous substances.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The Academy participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan (the "Plan"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The Academy pays monthly premiums to the Plan for employee medical and dental benefits. The Plan is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon withdrawal from the Plan, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Plan liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal.

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](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. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

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

**Funding Policy** - For fiscal year 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 12 percent for members and 14 percent for employer contributions. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$39,105, \$35,664, and \$33,242 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**B. School Employee Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio ("SERS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](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 at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2015, 13.18 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$3,165, \$2,762 and \$7,992 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for all years.

**7 POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** – The Academy 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 Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$2,743, and \$2,557, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

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**7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**B. School Employee Retirement System**

**Health Care Plan Description** - The Academy 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.

**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.

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$1,242, \$1,074 and \$97, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**8. LEASES**

The Academy disbursed \$6,445 to pay lease costs of a copier for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Future lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$6,588
2017	6,588
Total	<u>\$13,176</u>

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**9. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy.

**B. State Foundation Funding**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the school. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. 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 Academy. ODE and management believe this could result in material contingencies for the Academy.

**C. Litigation**

The Academy was not involved in litigation at the local level during the 2014-2015 school year.

**10. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative**

The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative ("NOACSC") is a jointly governed organization among 47 school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOACSC based on a per pupil charge dependent on the software package utilized.

The NOACSC Assembly consists of a representative from each participating school district. The Board of Directors consists of two Assembly members from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is listed to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Ray Burden, Executive Director, 645 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45804.

**B. Apollo Career Center**

The Apollo Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected board, and it possess its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Apollo Career Center, Greg Bukowski, Treasurer, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806.

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**11. INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS**

**A. Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan**

The Academy participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan ("Plan"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County and the Allen County ESC. The Plan is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides medical and dental benefits to the employees of the participating school districts. Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Directors which advises the Chairman, Allen County Educational Service Center, concerning aspects of the administration of the Plan.

Each school district decides which plans offered by the Board of Directors will be extended to its employees. Participating in the Plan is by written application subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from Dean Wittwer, Chairman, 1920 Slabtown Road, Lima, Ohio 45801.

**B. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA)**

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**12. PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period ended June 30, 2015 purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Administrative Services	\$45,498
Instructional Support	37,864
Support Services Contracts	<u>10,738</u>
Total	<u><u>\$94,100</u></u>

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY**

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

**Assets:**

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$832,152</u>
Total	<u>832,152</u>

**Net Position:**

Restricted - Other Purposes	1,625
Unrestricted	<u>830,527</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$832,152</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.*

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation Payments	\$313,887
Other Operating Revenues	7,708
Total Operating Revenues	<u>321,595</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	295,617
Fringe Benefits	81,549
Purchased Services	129,925
Materials and Supplies	19,380
Capital Outlay	20,237
Other Operating Expenses	11,722
Total Operating Expenses	<u>558,430</u>
Operating (Loss)	(236,835)
<b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>	
Grants - Federal	109,440
Interest	326
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>109,766</u>
Change in Net Position	(127,069)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	959,221
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$832,152</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.*

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The West Central Learning Academy Community School (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the growing need for a comprehensive educational program delivered to students in the 7 – 12 population primarily through online electronic learning technologies. The mission of the Academy is to enhance and facilitate student learning by combining state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with access to local school resources that complement that instruction and to prepare students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

The comprehensive educational program addresses the special problems of some disabled students, students removed from school for disciplinary reasons, students needing advanced or specialized courses which are not available locally, and others, including some home-schooled students, who are not currently enrolled in any public school and who are not receiving a meaningful, comprehensive, and standards-based educational program.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Elida Local School District (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2002. The Academy accepted students beginning September 3, 2002. For fiscal year 2005, the Academy changed its name to the West Central Learning Academy. For fiscal year 2006, the Lima City Academy established and became the sponsor of the West Central Learning Academy II (WCLA II) as a start-up school. On August 3, 2005, the West Central Learning Academy (WCLA), a conversion school sponsored by Elida Local Academy, officially merged with WCLA II.

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 five-member Board of Directors. Board members are appointed and are responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Academy is financially accountable. The Academy is financially accountable for an organization if the Academy appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board; and (1) the Academy is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Academy is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Academy is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Academy is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the Academy authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes or determines the budget if there is also the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens of the Academy. There are no component units of the West Central Learning Academy II.

The Academy participates in two jointly governed organizations and two insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, Apollo Career Center, Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan and the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority. These organizations are presented in Notes 10 and 11 to the basic financial statements.

The Academy's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Academy is financially accountable.

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
(Continued)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Academy's accounting policies.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position. The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the business-type activities of the Academy at fiscal yearend.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

**Enterprise Accounting** - The Academy uses enterprise accounting to track and report on its financial activities. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Academy's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement which is satisfied by presenting a five-year forecast.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
(Continued)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Cash**

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's Treasurer. All cash received by the Treasurer is maintained in a separate bank account in the Academy's name. Monies for the Academy are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

**E. Restricted Assets**

Assets reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**F. Inventory**

The Academy reports disbursements for inventory items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**G. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**H. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Academy's cash basis of accounting.

**I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The Academy recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

**J. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on the balance either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditor, grantor, or laws or regulations or other governments.

The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

At June 30, 2014, the Academy had \$1,625 of restricted net position, none of which was restricted by enabling legislation.

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
(Continued)**

**3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the Academy to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the Academy prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This financial report omits assets, liabilities, fund equities and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The Academy can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the Academy.

**4. DEPOSITS**

Monies held by the Academy are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Academy treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Academy treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Academy can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**4. DEPOSITS (Continued)**

6. No-loan money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Academy, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Deposits**

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$832,152. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$349,047 of the Academy's bank balance of \$844,850 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Academy's name.

The Academy has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Academy or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

**B. Investments**

The Academy had no investments.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2014, the Academy was insured through Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority for property, crime, general liability, employee dishonesty, earthquake damage, theft or forgery, water damage, and hazardous substances.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The Academy participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan (the "Plan"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The Academy pays monthly premiums to the Plan for employee medical and dental benefits. The Plan is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon withdrawal from the Plan, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Plan liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal.

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](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. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

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

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

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$35,664, \$33,242, and \$40,599 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**B. School Employee Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio ("SERS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](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 at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2014, 13.05 percent and .05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$2,762, \$7,992 and \$8,770, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

**7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** - The Academy contributes to the cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the financial report of STRS. Interested parties can view the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free (888) 227-7877.

**Funding Policy** -Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$2,743 \$2,557, and \$3,123 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**B. School Employee Retirement System**

**Plan Description** – The Academy participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug plan is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

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

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$1,074, \$97, and \$380, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The Service Center's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$160, \$447, and \$518, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**8. LEASES**

The Academy disbursed \$6,854 to pay lease costs of a copier for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Future lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$6,445
2016	6,588
2017	6,588
Total	<u>\$19,621</u>

**9. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy.

**B. State Foundation Funding**

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the school. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. As a result of this review resulted in no adjustment for the fiscal year end 2014.

**C. Litigation**

The Academy was not involved in litigation at the local level during the 2013-2014 school year.

**10. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative**

The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative ("NOACSC") is a jointly governed organization among 47 school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOACSC based on a per pupil charge dependent on the software package utilized.

The NOACSC Assembly consists of a representative from each participating school district. The Board of Directors consists of two Assembly members from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is listed to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Ray Burden, Executive Director, 645 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45804.

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**10. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)**

**B. Apollo Career Center**

The Apollo Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected board, and it possess its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Apollo Career Center, Greg Bukowski, Treasurer, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806.

**11. INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS**

**A. Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan**

The Academy participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan ("Plan"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County and the Allen County ESC. The Plan is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides medical and dental benefits to the employees of the participating school districts. Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Directors which advises the Chairman, Allen County Educational Service Center, concerning aspects of the administration of the Plan.

Each school district decides which plans offered by the Board of Directors will be extended to its employees. Participating in the Plan is by written application subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from Dean Wittwer, Chairman, 1920 Slabtown Road, Lima, Ohio 45801.

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The Service Center participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority ("SORSA"), an insurance purchasing pool established under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. SORSA is an unincorporated nonprofit association of its members which enables the participants to provide for a formalized joint insurance purchasing program for maintaining adequate insurance protection and provides risk management programs and other administrative services. The SORSA's business and affairs are conducted by a board consisting of nine superintendents and treasurers, as well as an attorney, accountant, and four representatives from the pool's administrator, Willis Pooling. Willis Pooling is responsible for processing claims and establishes agreements between the SORSA and its members. Financial information can be obtained from Willis Pooling, 655 Metro Place South, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

**12. PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the period ended June 30, 2014 purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Administrative Services	\$71,487
Instructional Support	44,408
Support Services Contracts	<u>14,030</u>
Total	<u><u>\$129,925</u></u>



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

West Central Learning Academy II  
Allen County  
522 West North Street  
Lima, Ohio 45801

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the cash-basis financial statements of the West Central Learning Academy II, Allen County, (the Academy) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 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 April 27, 2016, wherein we noted the Academy uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001.

***Academy's Response to Finding***

The Academy's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Academy's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

April 27, 2016

WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

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

FINDING NUMBER 2015-001

**Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38** provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38.

**Ohio Adm. Code Section 117-2-03(B)** requires all schools to file annual financial reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Academy prepared its financial statements for the fiscal year June 30, 2015 and 2014 in accordance with the cash accounting basis. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38, the Academy may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

The Academy should prepare its financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles to include assets, liabilities, equity and disclosures to provide a complete presentation of its financial statements.

**OFFICIALS RESPONSE:**

The cost to convert from cash reporting to GAAP, plus the increased audit costs prohibits West Central Learning Academy from filing GAAP. We are an e-school, which further supports the decision to file cash. As an e-school we do not have school buses, cafeterias, much equipment or tax levies.

**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II  
ALLEN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2013-001	<b>Ohio Rev. Code Sec. 117.38 &amp; Ohio Admin. Code Sec. 117-02-03 (B)</b> – Failed to file financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).	No	Not Corrected, Repeated as Finding 2015-001



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## Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

West Central Learning Academy II  
Allen County  
522 West North Street  
Lima, Ohio 45801

To the Board of Directors:

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 procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether West Central Learning Academy II (the Academy) has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. In our report dated February 10, 2014, we noted the Board adopted an anti-harassment policy on May 29, 2012. However, this policy did not include all matters required by Ohio Rev. Code 3313.666.
2. We inquired with the Board's management regarding the aforementioned policy. They stated they have not amended the May 29, 2012 policy. The policy still lacks the following required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666.
  - (1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property, on a school bus, or at school-sponsored events and expressly providing for the possibility of suspension of a student found responsible for harassment, intimidation, or bullying by an electronic act;
  - (2) Did not include violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

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 and Academy's sponsor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

April 27, 2016



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**WEST CENTRAL LEARNING ACADEMY II**

**ALLEN 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  
MAY 26, 2016**