

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(AUDITED)**

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2016***

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Clay Avenue Community School  
1030 Clay Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43608

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Clay Avenue Community School, Lucas County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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 Clay Avenue Community School is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

April 10, 2017

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Clay Avenue Community School  
Lucas County  
1030 Clay Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43608

To the Governing Board:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Clay Avenue Community School, Lucas County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clay Avenue Community School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Clay Avenue Community School, Lucas County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

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

***Supplementary Information***

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

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2016, on our consideration of the Clay Avenue Community School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Clay Avenue Community School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 13, 2016

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

The discussion and analysis of the Clay Avenue Community School's (the "School") financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. 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 2016 are as follows:

- In total, net position was a deficit of \$4,693,124 at June 30, 2016.
- The School had operating revenues of \$4,189,411, operating expenses of \$5,212,254 and non-operating revenues of \$1,084,603 for fiscal year 2016.

**Using these 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.

**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 documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2016?" The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answers 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 will take into account 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.

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

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The table below provides a summary of the School's net position for fiscal year 2016 and 2015.

	2016	2015
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current assets	\$ 237,071	\$ 319,516
<b><u>Deferred outflows of resources</u></b>	521,656	307,513
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current liabilities	238,186	312,889
Non-current liabilities	4,748,486	4,290,627
Total liabilities	4,986,672	4,603,516
<b><u>Deferred inflows of resources</u></b>	465,179	778,397
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Unrestricted (deficit)	\$ (4,693,124)	\$ (4,754,884)

During fiscal year 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.

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the School'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

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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 School 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 School'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 School is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2016, the School's net position totaled a deficit of \$4,693,124, compared to a deficit of \$4,754,884 at June 30, 2015.

The School reported an intergovernmental receivable for grants at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$230,022 and \$224,771, respectively. As a result of the full-time equivalency reviews by the Ohio Department of Education at June 30, 2016 and 2015, an intergovernmental payable of \$5,963 and an intergovernmental receivable of \$66,366, respectively, was reported.

Current liabilities represent accounts payable and intergovernmental payables for professional services. The long-term liabilities amount represents the net pension liability (see Note 6 to the basic financial statements for detail).

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The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

**Change in Net Position**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues:</u></b>		
State foundation	\$ 4,189,411	\$ 3,869,526
Total operating revenue	<u>4,189,411</u>	<u>3,869,526</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u></b>		
Purchased services	4,900,336	4,444,101
Operating lease payments	303,789	299,693
Other	<u>8,129</u>	<u>9,083</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,212,254</u>	<u>4,752,877</u>
<b><u>Non-operating Revenues (Expenses):</u></b>		
Federal and State grants	1,084,603	1,025,054
Interest expense	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,901)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,084,603</u>	<u>1,020,153</u>
Change in net position	61,760	136,802
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(4,754,884)</u>	<u>(4,891,686)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (4,693,124)</u>	<u>\$ (4,754,884)</u>

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. The School received more in State foundation revenue due to an increase in student enrollment from 495 students in fiscal year 2015 to 522 students in fiscal year 2016. The School received Federal grant monies through the Child Nutrition Breakfast & Lunch, Title VI-B, Title I, and Title II-A programs during fiscal year 2016. The School contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. for management services (see Note 10.B to the basic financial statements for detail).

***Debt***

The School had no debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2015.

***Capital Assets***

The School had no capital assets over the threshold to report at June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2015.

**Restrictions and Other Limitations**

The future stability of the School is not without challenges. The School does not receive any funds from taxes. The primary source of funding is the State foundation program. An economic slowdown in the State could result in budgetary cuts to education, which would have a negative impact on the School.

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**Current Financial Related Activities**

The School is sponsored by The Ohio Council of Community Schools. The School is reliant upon State foundation monies and Federal Sub-Grants to offer quality, educational services to students.

In order to continually provide learning opportunities to the School's students, the School will apply resources to best meet the needs of its students. It is the intent of the School to apply for other State and Federal funds that are made available to finance its operations.

**Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Dan Lamb, Treasurer, Charter School Specialists, 1030 Clay Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43608.

**BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2016

<b>Assets:</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 1,682
Receivables:	
Accounts . . . . .	5,367
Intergovernmental . . . . .	<u>230,022</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>237,071</u>
 <b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Pension - STRS . . . . .	380,197
Pension - SERS . . . . .	<u>141,459</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources . . . . .	<u>521,656</u>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable. . . . .	232,223
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	<u>5,963</u>
Total current liabilities . . . . .	<u>238,186</u>
Long-term liabilities:	
Net pension liability. . . . .	<u>4,748,486</u>
Total liabilities. . . . .	<u>4,986,672</u>
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Pension - STRS . . . . .	443,642
Pension - SERS . . . . .	<u>21,537</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>465,179</u>
 <b>Net position:</b>	
Unrestricted (deficit) . . . . .	<u>(4,693,124)</u>
Total net position (deficit). . . . .	<u><u>\$ (4,693,124)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
State foundation . . . . .	\$ 4,189,411
Total operating revenues . . . . .	<u>4,189,411</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Purchased services . . . . .	4,900,336
Operating lease payments. . . . .	303,789
Other . . . . .	8,129
Total operating expenses . . . . .	<u>5,212,254</u>
Operating loss . . . . .	<u>(1,022,843)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>	
Federal and State grants. . . . .	<u>1,084,603</u>
Total non-operating revenues . . . . .	<u>1,084,603</u>
Change in net position. . . . .	61,760
<b>Net position (deficit) at beginning of year. . .</b>	<u>(4,754,884)</u>
<b>Net position (deficit) at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u><u>\$ (4,693,124)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Cash flows from operating activities:**

Cash received from State foundation. . . . .	\$ 4,261,740
Cash payments for purchased services . . . . .	(5,055,871)
Cash payments for operating lease . . . . .	(303,789)
Cash payments for other expenses . . . . .	(8,129)
	(1,106,049)
Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	(1,106,049)

**Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:**

Cash received from Federal and State grants. . . . .	1,079,352
	1,079,352
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities. . . . .	1,079,352

Net decrease in cash . . . . . (26,697)

Cash at beginning of year . . . . .	28,379
Cash at end of year. . . . .	\$ 1,682

**Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:**

Operating loss. . . . .	\$ (1,022,843)
Changes in assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows:	
(Increase) in accounts receivable . . . . .	(5,367)
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable . . . . .	66,366
(Increase) in deferred outflows - pensions . . . . .	(214,143)
(Decrease) in accounts payable. . . . .	(80,666)
Increase in intergovernmental payable . . . . .	5,963
Increase in net pension liability . . . . .	457,859
(Decrease) in deferred inflows - pensions . . . . .	(313,218)
	(313,218)
Net cash used in operating activities. . . . .	\$ (1,106,049)

The School reported intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$230,022 and \$224,771 at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively for non-operating grants.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL**

The Clay Avenue Community School (the "School") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School specializes in providing students in grades K-8 with a challenging, effective program of study and strong moral development in a safe and nurturing learning environment. The focus is on students residing in the Toledo Public 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 under contract with The Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor") on March 14, 2007 for a period of five years and ending on June 30, 2012. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed on June 27, 2012 for a period of three years commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2015. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed for an additional five-year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration.

The School operates under the direction of a Governing Board which shall consist of not less than five members. All Governing Board members must be approved by the Sponsor prior to appointment. No employee of the School shall also be a voting member of the Governing Board. The Governing Board is 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 qualification of teachers. The Governing Board controls the School's instructional/support facility staffed by employees of the management company who provide services to 522 students.

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

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

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

The School uses a single enterprise presentation. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows.

**B. Measurement Focus**

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

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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Accounting**

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

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

In addition to assets, the government-wide 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, See Note 6 for deferred outflows of resources related the School's net pension liability.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will 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. For the School, deferred inflows of resources include the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments related to the School's net pension liability.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The contract between the School and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.39 of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the School to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

**F. Cash**

Cash received by the School is reflected as "cash" on the statement of net position. Unless otherwise noted, all monies received by the School are pooled and deposited in a central bank account as demand deposits. The School did not have any investments during fiscal year 2016.

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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**G. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost and updated for additions and deletions during the year. The School has established a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The School does not have any infrastructure. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

The School had no capital assets over the threshold to report at June 30, 2016.

**H. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. 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.

**I. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The School currently participates in the State Foundation, Special Education, Targeted Assistance, K-3 Literacy, Facilities, and Economic Disadvantaged Programs. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as operating revenues. Amounts awarded under these programs for the 2016 school year totaled \$4,189,411.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility includes 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. Federal and State grant revenue received during fiscal year 2016 was \$1,084,603.

**J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables and other accrued liabilities are reported on the statement of net position.

**K. 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.

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

**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.

**M. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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.

**NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

For fiscal year 2016, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application", GASB Statement No. 73 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68", GASB Statement No. 76, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments", and GASB Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants".

GASB Statement No. 72 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurement. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 72 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 73 improves the usefulness of information about pensions included in the general purposes external financial reports of state and local governments for making decisions and assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 73 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 76 identifies - in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment - the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This Statement reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and nonauthoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 76 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 79 establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 79 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. The School does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$1,682 and the bank balance was \$11,580. The entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the non-profit corporation.

**NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2016, consisted of accounts and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements and amounts due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the intergovernmental receivables follows:

<b>Intergovernmental receivables:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Federal breakfast and lunch reimbursement	\$ 47,900
Title VI-B	19,567
Title I	156,183
Title II-A	<u>6,372</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u>\$ 230,022</u>

Under the terms of the operating contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 10.B for detail), the School has recorded accounts payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$230,022 for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2016.

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The School has contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 10.B) to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the School of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the School ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to the systems noted below.

***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.

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The 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.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis 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 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.

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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, 2016, the entire 14 percent was allocated to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B and no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$94,637 for fiscal year 2016.

***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.

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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.

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, 2016, plan members were required to contribute 13 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 2016 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$199,778 for fiscal year 2016.

***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, 2015, 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 814,705	\$ 3,933,781	\$ 4,748,486
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.01427780%	0.01423371%	
Pension expense	\$ 64,076	\$ 160,837	\$ 224,913

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

At June 30, 2016, 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	\$ 12,847	\$ 180,419	\$ 193,266
Changes in proportionate share	33,975	-	33,975
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>94,637</u>	<u>199,778</u>	<u>294,415</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 141,459</u>	<u>\$ 380,197</u>	<u>\$ 521,656</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 21,537	\$ 303,828	\$ 325,365
Changes in proportionate share	<u>-</u>	<u>139,814</u>	<u>139,814</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 21,537</u>	<u>\$ 443,642</u>	<u>\$ 465,179</u>

\$294,415 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, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2017	\$ 2,759	\$ (105,406)	\$ (102,647)
2018	2,759	(105,406)	(102,647)
2019	2,760	(105,406)	(102,646)
2020	<u>17,007</u>	<u>52,995</u>	<u>70,002</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,285</u>	<u>\$ (263,223)</u>	<u>\$ (237,938)</u>

***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.

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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, 2015, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22.00 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

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:

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

**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.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,129,703	\$ 814,705	\$ 549,451

**Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2015, 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.

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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, 2015, 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
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	<u>1.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2015. 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, 2015. 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, 2015.

**Sensitivity of the School's 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%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,464,319	\$ 3,933,781	\$ 2,639,483

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**NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Health Care Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc. on behalf of 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, 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 2016, none of the employer contribution 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 2016, this amount was \$23,000. 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 2016, the School's surcharge obligation was \$6,697.

The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$6,697, \$6,824 and \$489, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of 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.

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Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS 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 years 2016 and 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, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$0, \$0, and \$14,457, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016, 2015, and 2014.

**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2016, the School maintained the following coverage: general liability, automobile liability, excess/umbrella liability, personal property liability, and crime liability through Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co.; workers compensation and employers’ liability through Federal Insurance Co.; and directors and officers liability through National Union Fire Insurance Co.

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>
General liability:	
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General aggregate	3,000,000
Medical expenses	10,000
Personal & advertising injury	1,000,000
Damages to rented premises, per occurrence	100,000
Products - aggregate	3,000,000
Automobile liability:	
Combined single limit - each accident	1,000,000
Excess/umbrella liability:	
Each occurrence	15,000,000
Aggregate	15,000,000
Retention	10,000
Personal property liability:	
Limit	500,000
Deductible	5,000
Crime	1,000,000
Workers compensation and employers’ liability:	
Each accident	1,000,000
Disease - each employee	1,000,000
Disease - policy limit	1,000,000
Directors and officers liability	3,000,000

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**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There was no significant reduction in coverage from prior fiscal year.

**NOTE 9 - PURCHASED SERVICES**

For fiscal year 2016, purchased services expenses were as follows:

Purchased services expenses:

Management fees	\$ 4,717,506
Sponsorship fees	125,378
Legal	24,247
Professional and fiscal services	<u>33,205</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,900,336</u>

**NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS**

**A. Sponsor Contract**

The School entered into a contract with The Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor") commencing on March 14, 2007 for a period of five years and ending on June 30, 2012. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed on June 27, 2012 for a period of three years commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2015. The contract with the Sponsor was renewed for an additional five year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020. The Sponsor shall carry out the responsibilities established by law, including:

- Monitor the School's compliance with applicable laws and the terms of the contract;
- Monitor and evaluate the academic, fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the School;
- Report annually the results of its evaluation to the Department of Education and to the parents of students enrolled in the school;
- Provide technical assistance to the School in complying with applicable laws and this contract;
- Intervene as the Sponsor deems necessary in the School's operation to correct problems in the School's overall performance (including but not limited to exercising its right to place the School on probation under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.073 or to suspend or terminate the School under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.07 or 3314.72);
- Prepare and assist with contingency plans in the event the School experiences financial difficulties or closes before the end of the school year.

The School paid the Sponsor \$125,378 for purchased services during fiscal year 2016.

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**NOTE 10 - CONTRACTS - (Continued)**

**B. Management Contract**

The School entered into a management contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. for management consulting services. Imagine Schools, Inc. is required to provide the following services:

- Personnel & human resources administration
- Program of instruction
- Purchasing & contracts
- Budgeting, financial reporting and audit preparation
- Compliance issues
- Curriculum research and development
- Marketing and publicity
- Equipment and facilities
- Grant preparation and management

For the services listed above, the School is required to pay a fee to Imagine Schools, Inc. The fee is equal to approximately 90 percent of the total per pupil allowance received from the State of Ohio and 100 percent of State and/or Federal grant funds received by the School for the creation and operation of its school. Payments to Imagine Schools, Inc. amounted to \$4,717,506 during fiscal year 2016.

**C. Service Contract**

The School entered into a service contract for a period of twelve months, commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016, with Charter School Specialists, LLC (CSS), to provide fiscal and Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Planning consulting services. The School paid CSS \$30,495 during fiscal year 2016 for these services.

**NOTE 11 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Imagine Schools, Inc. and its affiliates incurred the following expenses (reported on cash-basis) on behalf of the School:

<u>Expenses</u>	
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 2,109,594
Employees' benefits	668,074
Purchased services	1,863,049
Supplies and materials	139,145
Capital outlay	38,636
Other direct costs	9,343
Indirect expenses	<u>511,409</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 5,339,250</u>

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**NOTE 11 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES - (Continued)**

Overhead charges are assigned to the School based on a percentage of revenue. These charges represent the indirect cost of services in the operation of the School. Such services include, but are not limited to, facilities management, equipment, operational support services, management and management consulting, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support and marketing and communications.

**NOTE 12 - OPERATING LEASES**

On June 30, 2009, the School entered into a lease agreement with Schoolhouse Finance, LLC (“SHF”) to lease classroom space for the School. The term of the lease commenced July 1, 2009, and shall continue through June 30, 2024. Thereafter the lease shall automatically extend for two additional five year terms, unless written notice of intent not to extend is delivered by either party at least one hundred eighty days prior to the end of the then current lease term. The School shall pay to SHF \$105,369 in annual base rent payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the fifteenth day of each month of the term. The base rent shall escalate annually on July 1 at a rate equal to the greater of the increase in the overall Consumer Price Index All-Urban Consumers, all items less food and energy, and three percent.

The School entered into a sublease agreement on June 1, 2011, with SHF to lease additional classroom space for the School. The term of the sublease commenced June 1, 2011, and continued through June 30, 2014. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease would automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. For the first month of the term the School paid to SHF base rent in the amount of \$7,200. Thereafter, the School paid monthly base rent in the amount of \$14,400. Base rent was payable in advance in monthly installments on the fifteenth day of each month of the term.

On June 5, 2014, the School entered into an agreement to amend the sublease agreement dated June 1, 2011, with SHF to extend the lease term to lease additional classroom space for the School. The term of the sublease commenced July 1, 2014, for an additional five years ending on June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the sublease shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the lease for any reason. The School has the option to terminate the lease effective as of June 30, of any year during the sublease term. The School shall pay to SHF base rent in the amount of \$14,832. Base rent is payable in advance in monthly installments on the fifteenth day of each month of the term.

The School made \$303,789 in payments to SHF during fiscal year 2016.

**NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The School received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure 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. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2016.

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**NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)**

**B. State Foundation Funding**

The ODE conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. As a result of the fiscal year 2015 and 2016 reviews, the School owes a net amount of \$5,963 to ODE. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the statement of net position.

**C. Litigation**

The School is not involved in any litigation that, in the opinion of management, would have a material effect on the financial statements.

**NOTE 14 - MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The School had a positive \$61,760 change in net position and a deficit net position of \$4,693,124 at June 30, 2016. The deficit net position was a result of reporting the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in accordance with GASB Statements No. 68 and 71, as described in Note 6.

**NOTE 15 - FEDERAL TAX STATUS**

The School was approved under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization on May 19, 2009. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that might adversely affect the School's tax exempt status.

**NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Imagine Schools, Inc. and Schoolhouse Finance, LLC are both subsidiaries of Imagine Schools Non-Profit, Inc.

**NOTE 17 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The School's long-term obligations during the year consist of the following:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>
Net pension liability:				
STRS	\$ 3,612,866	\$ 320,915	\$ -	\$ 3,933,781
SERS	<u>677,761</u>	<u>136,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>814,705</u>
Total net pension liability	<u>\$ 4,290,627</u>	<u>\$ 457,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,748,486</u>

Net Pension Liability: See Note 6 for information on the School's net pension liability.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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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 THREE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.01427780%	0.01332900%	0.01332900%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 814,705	\$ 677,761	\$ 796,379
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 429,833	\$ 389,149	\$ 414,805
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	189.54%	174.17%	191.99%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.16%	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.

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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 THREE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.01423371%	0.01485342%	0.01485342%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,933,781	\$ 3,612,866	\$ 4,303,622
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,502,221	\$ 1,517,608	\$ 1,489,654
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	261.86%	238.06%	288.90%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	72.10%	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.

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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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>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 94,637	\$ 56,652	\$ 53,936	\$ 57,409	\$ 43,847
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(94,637)</u>	<u>(56,652)</u>	<u>(53,936)</u>	<u>(57,409)</u>	<u>(43,847)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 675,979	\$ 429,833	\$ 389,149	\$ 414,805	\$ 326,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

Note: The School began operations in fiscal year 2008; therefore, information prior to fiscal year 2008 is not applicable.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 26,063	\$ 32,236	\$ 10,688	\$ 7,464
<u>(26,063)</u>	<u>(32,236)</u>	<u>(10,688)</u>	<u>(7,464)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 207,343	\$ 238,080	\$ 108,618	\$ 76,008
12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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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>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 199,778	\$ 210,311	\$ 197,289	\$ 193,655	\$ 131,848
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(199,778)</u>	<u>(210,311)</u>	<u>(197,289)</u>	<u>(193,655)</u>	<u>(131,848)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,426,986	\$ 1,502,221	\$ 1,517,608	\$ 1,489,654	\$ 1,014,215
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

Note: The School began operations in fiscal year 2008; therefore, information prior to fiscal year 2008 is not applicable.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 153,688	\$ 108,977	\$ 91,227	\$ 45,314
<u>(153,688)</u>	<u>(108,977)</u>	<u>(91,227)</u>	<u>(45,314)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,182,215	\$ 838,285	\$ 701,746	\$ 348,569
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014 - 2016.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014 - 2016. See the notes to the basic financials 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 years 2014 - 2016.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014 - 2016. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(A) GRANT NUMBER	(B) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
<b>Child Nutrition Cluster:</b>			
(C) (D) School Breakfast Program	10.553	2016	\$ 117,864
(C) (D) National School Lunch Program	10.555	2016	218,574
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			<u>336,438</u>
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	2016	21,365
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<u>357,803</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2015	199,591
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2016	335,479
<b>Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies</b>			<u>535,070</u>
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2015	14,042
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2016	78,009
<b>Total Special Education_Grants to States</b>			<u>92,051</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2016	64,692
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u>691,813</u>
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			<u>\$ 1,049,616</u>

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS:**

- (A) OAKS did not assign pass-through numbers for fiscal year 2016.
- (B) This schedule includes the federal activity of the Clay Avenue Community School under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. This information on this schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Clay Avenue Community School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Clay Avenue Community School.
- (C) Included as part of "Child Nutrition Cluster" when determining major programs.
- (D) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (E) CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Clay Avenue Community School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.



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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***

Clay Avenue Community School  
Lucas County  
1030 Clay Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43608

To the Governing Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Clay Avenue Community School, Lucas County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clay Avenue Community School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2016.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

Governing Board  
Clay Avenue Community School

***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian & Grube, Inc.".

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 13, 2016



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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Clay Avenue School of Arts  
Lucas County  
1030 Clay Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43608

To the Governing Board:

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

We have audited the Clay Avenue Community School's compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Clay Avenue Community School's major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Clay Avenue Community School's major federal program.

***Management's Responsibility***

The Clay Avenue Community School's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on the Clay Avenue Community School's compliance for the Clay Avenue Community School's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Clay Avenue Community School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Governing Board  
Clay Avenue Community School

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the Clay Avenue Community School complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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

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

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

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



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 13, 2016

**CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2016**

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	Yes

<b>2. FINDING RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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None

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

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CLAY AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

LUCAS 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 4, 2017