

Columbus Humanities, Arts &
Technology Academy
Franklin County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2016



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy
1333 Morse Road
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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy, Franklin County, prepared by Rea & Associates, 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 Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 9, 2017

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February 28, 2017

To the Board of Directors
Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy
Franklin County, Ohio
1333 Morse Road
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

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

Emphasis of a Matter

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming the Academy will continue as a going concern. As disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the Academy has previously suffered recurring losses from operations and has a net position deficit of \$7,058,506 that raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. This deficit net position includes the effect of the net pension liability and related accruals totaling \$2,859,662. Note 16 describes management's plan regarding these issues. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and the *Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*, and *Schedule of the Academy's Contributions* on pages 4-8, 31-32, and 33-34, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2017 on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

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*MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016*

The discussion and analysis of the Columbus Humanities Arts & Technology Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Highlights

The Academy finished its twelfth year of operation during fiscal year 2016 serving grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Enrollment varied during the year but finished with 371 students.

Key highlights for fiscal year 2016 are as follows:

- Net Position increased \$2,808,226 as compared to a \$406,527 decrease in the prior fiscal year.
- Total revenue increased from \$3,540,121 in fiscal year 2015 to \$6,404,164 in fiscal year 2016.
- Operating expenses (excluding interest) decreased from \$3,566,720 in fiscal year 2015 to \$3,542,671 in fiscal year 2016.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

Financial Analysis of the Academy as a Whole

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

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(Continued)*

The following table provides a summary of Academy's net position for 2016 compared to 2015:

Table 1
Net Position

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets:		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 236,554	\$ 287,712
Intergovernmental Receivable	131,064	131,270
Total Current Assets	<u>367,618</u>	<u>418,982</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	45,533	66,004
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>45,533</u>	<u>66,004</u>
Total Assets	<u>413,151</u>	<u>484,986</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>394,412</u>	<u>190,987</u>
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable, Trade	90,182	206,061
Accounts Payable, Related Party	134,659	4,908,435
Accrued Expenses	32,453	-
Advances Payable	354,700	344,900
Note Payable - Current	-	149,251
Total Current Liabilities	<u>611,994</u>	<u>5,608,647</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Net Pension Liability	3,043,796	2,610,422
Noncurrent Portion of Long-term Debt	4,000,000	1,847,475
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>7,043,796</u>	<u>4,457,897</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,655,790</u>	<u>10,066,544</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>210,278</u>	<u>476,161</u>
Net Position		
Invested in Capital Assets	45,533	66,004
Unrestricted Net Assets	(7,104,039)	(9,932,736)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (7,058,506)</u>	<u>\$ (9,866,732)</u>

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Total net position increased \$2,808,226. The cause of the increase was due to \$2,743,928 in debt forgiveness granted by the Academy's management company, Accel Schools. In addition, \$4,000,000 worth of related party accounts payable was rolled into a note payable. During 2007, the Academy relocated from the temporary modular site to the current permanent site. With that relocation the Academy was able to obtain a facility that is better designed for educating children and had significantly higher capacity, albeit at a higher annual occupancy cost. Until enrollment grows closer to capacity, the Academy will have difficulty with breaking even. The goal of the facility decision was to enhance the learning environment and provide capacity to grow enrollment into the future. Once the growth occurs, the Academy would begin to generate surpluses on an annual basis sufficient to eliminate accumulated deficits. Based on the analysis that was done at the time the decision was made to open the school, the Board and its management have made the decision to make an investment in the future of the children of this community, not based on a plan that was expected to generate large economic profits, but rather on a plan that is economically sustainable in the long-run and that would generate dividends to the community in the form of enhanced opportunities for children and families. Resources for the necessary program became available by delaying payment on invoices from the Academy's management company for certain rent, management services, other operating expenses and personnel services.

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

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

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

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the 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.

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

The following table reflects the changes in net position for fiscal year 2016 as compared to 2015:

Table 2
Change in Net Position

	2016	2015
Operating Revenues:		
State Aid	\$ 2,973,493	\$ 2,784,245
Charges for Services	10,028	12,434
Miscellaneous	14,644	3,599
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,998,165</u>	<u>2,800,278</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Purchased Services	3,309,840	3,343,621
Depreciation	20,471	20,471
General Supplies	170,442	161,325
Other Operating Expense	41,918	41,303
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,542,671</u>	<u>3,566,720</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(544,506)</u>	<u>(766,442)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses:		
Federal and State Restricted Grants	662,071	739,843
Debt Forgiveness	2,743,928	-
Interest Expense	(53,267)	(379,928)
Net Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	<u>3,352,732</u>	<u>359,915</u>
Change in Net Position	2,808,226	(406,527)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>(9,866,732)</u>	<u>(9,460,205)</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ (7,058,506)</u>	<u>\$ (9,866,732)</u>

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During the year, \$2,743,928, of related party accounts payable and notes payable was forgiven by the management company. Average enrollment in fiscal year 2016 increased from fiscal year 2015 by approximately 25 students. It is Management's goal to increase enrollment to be closer to the facility's capacity of approximately 750 students (see Note 16) at which point the Academy would generate surpluses on an annual basis sufficient to eliminate accumulated deficits.

Budgeting

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

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2016, the Academy had \$45,533 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for its leasehold improvements and other equipment. The following table shows fiscal year 2016 compared to 2015:

Capital Assets at June 30 (Net of Depreciation)

	2016	2015	Change
Leasehold Improvements	\$3,610	\$4,212	(\$602)
Furniture & Equipment	4,030	6,045	(2,015)
Computers and Software	12,893	30,747	(17,854)
Construction in Process	25,000	25,000	0
	\$45,533	\$66,004	(\$20,471)

The decrease in net capital assets represents the depreciation expense for the year. For further information regarding the Academy's capital assets, refer to Note 5 of the basic financial statements.

Debt

At June 30, 2016, the Academy had \$354,700 in advances outstanding, which are due within one year.

Additionally, the School had a long-term Notes Payable to Accel Schools in the amount of \$4,000,000 outstanding at year end.

For further information regarding the Academy's debt, refer to Note 13 to the basic financial statements.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any question concerning this report, please contact the Fiscal Officer of Columbus Humanities Arts & Technology Academy, 1333 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016**

Assets:

Current assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	236,554
Intergovernmental Receivable		131,064
Total current assets		367,618

Noncurrent assets:

Non-Depreciable Capital Assets		25,000
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation		20,533
Total noncurrent assets		45,533

Total Assets		413,151
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Deferred Outflows of Resources		394,412
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Liabilities:

Current liabilities:

Accounts Payable, Trade		90,182
Accounts Payable, Related Party		134,659
Accrued Expense		32,453
Advances Payable		354,700
Total Current Liabilities		611,994

Noncurrent liabilities:

Noncurrent Portion of Long-term Debt		4,000,000
Net Pension Liability (See Note 9)		3,043,796
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		7,043,796

Total Liabilities		7,655,790
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Deferred Inflows of Resources		210,278
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Net Position

Invested in Capital Assets		45,533
Unrestricted		(7,104,039)
Total Net Position		\$ (7,058,506)

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

Operating Revenues:	
State Aid	\$ 2,973,493
Charge for Services	10,028
Miscellaneous	14,644
Total Operating Revenues	2,998,165
 Operating Expenses:	
Purchased Services	3,309,840
Depreciation	20,471
General Supplies	170,442
Other Operating Expenses	41,918
Total Operating Expenses	3,542,671
Operating Loss	(544,506)
 Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Federal and State Restricted Grants	662,071
Debt Forgiveness	2,743,928
Interest Expense	(53,267)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	3,352,732
Change in Net Position	2,808,226
Net Position Beginning of Year	(9,866,732)
Net Position End of Year	\$ (7,058,506)

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

State Aid Receipts	\$ 2,973,493
Charge for Services	10,028
Other Operating Receipts	14,644
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(3,668,133)
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities	(669,968)

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Charter School Capital-Principal Repayment	(1,747,300)
Charter School Capital-Principal Proceeds	1,757,100
Short-term Loan Interest Payments	(47,502)
Note Payable Interest Payments	(5,765)
Federal and State Grant Receipts	662,277
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	618,810

Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(51,158)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	287,712
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending of the Year	\$ 236,554

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities

Operating Loss	\$ (544,506)
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Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities

Depreciation	20,471
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows and Outflows:	
Increase in Accrued Expense	32,453
(Increase) in Deferred Outflows	(203,425)
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable, Trade	(115,879)
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable, Related Party	(26,573)
(Decrease) in Deferred Inflows	(265,883)
Increase in Net Pension Liability	433,374
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	\$ (669,968)

Non-Cash Transactions: During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Academy negotiated with its new management company Accel Schools to reclassify certain related party accounts payable and long term obligations held by the former management company, Mosaica Education into a single note in the amount of \$4,000,000 . Under this agreement, Accel Schools forgave \$2,743,928 worth of related party accounts payable and long term obligations.

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

Columbus Humanities, Arts & Technology Academy (the "Academy") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in grades K-8. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the Sponsor) for a period of four academic years commencing after July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008. At the end of the original contract period, the Academy's contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools was renewed for a five year term ending June 30, 2013 and another five year term is set to expire on June 30, 2018. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.02(E) states in part that the Academy operate under the direction of a Governing Board that consists of not less than five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives or owners or employees of any for-profit firm that operates or manages an academy for the Governing Board. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract that include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provision regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualification of teachers.

The Academy contracts with Accel Schools for management services including management of personnel and human resources, the program of instruction, marketing data management, purchasing, strategic planning, public relation, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

B. Measurement Focus

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

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

D. Budgetary Process

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net position. The Academy had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

F. Prepaid Items

The Academy records payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2015, as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

G. Capital Assets

The Academy's capital assets during fiscal year 2016 consisted primarily of instructional and administrative furniture and equipment, computers and software, and leasehold improvements. All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Capital Assets (Continued)

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Useful Lives</u>
Leasehold Improvements	Remaining life of lease
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Computers and Software	5 years

H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. There was no enabling legislation at June 30, 2016. Invested in capital assets of \$45,533 represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

J. Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent 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 Academy, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 8.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the statement of net position. (See Note 8)

K. 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/deletions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

M. Implementation of Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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 clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting purposes, establishes general principles for measuring fair value, provides additional fair value application guidance, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 72 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 73 establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions that are not within the scope of GASB Statement No. 68 as well as for the assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions. In addition, it establishes requirements for defined contribution pensions that are not within the Scope of Statement 68. It also clarifies the application of certain provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 73 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement no. 76 reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and address 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 Academy.

GASB Statement No. 79 addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. Specifically, it establishes criteria for and 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 Academy.

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Note 3 - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2016, the book balance was \$236,544, and bank balance of the Academy's deposits was \$265,480. \$250,000 of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance, while \$15,480 was not covered by federal depository insurance. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

Note 4 – Receivables

At June 30, 2016, the Academy had receivables in the amount of \$131,064. The receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets				
Construction in Progress	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Leasehold Improvements	8,424	-	-	8,424
Computers and Software	139,496	-	-	139,496
Furniture and Equipment	10,075	-	-	10,075
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>157,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,995</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Leasehold Improvements	(4,212)	(602)	-	(4,814)
Computers and Software	(108,749)	(17,854)	-	(126,603)
Furniture and Equipment	(4,030)	(2,015)	-	(6,045)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(116,991)</u>	<u>(20,471)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(137,462)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 66,004</u>	<u>\$ (20,471)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,533</u>

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Note 6 - Risk Management

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to: torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2016, the Academy contracted with Brown & Brown Insurance for insurance coverage with the Hanover Insurance Company.

General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Medical Expense Limit - Any One Person/Occurrence	15,000
Damage to Rented Premises - Each Occurrence	500,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Automobile Liability:	
Combined Single Limit	1,000,000
Buildings	6,950,000
Business Personal Property	607,800
Excess/Umbrella Liability:	
Each Occurrence	5,000,000
Aggregate Limit	5,000,000

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

Note 7 – Purchased Services

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, purchased service expenses were as follows:

<u>Purchased Services</u>	Amount
Personnel	\$1,751,388
Food Service	230,305
Building	727,308
Student Services	6,760
Sponsor	59,003
Professional Fees	505,603
Other	29,473
Total	<u><u>\$3,309,840</u></u>

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

Ohio Revised Code limits the Academy'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. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *accrued expenses* on the accrual basis of accounting.

B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – The Academy's 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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (Continued)

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2016.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$39,650 for fiscal year 2016.

C. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – Academy 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.

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.

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

C. Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

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

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

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 Academy 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 Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$144,690 for fiscal year 2016.

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

D. 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 Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Academy's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$318,805	\$2,724,991	\$3,043,796
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00558710%	0.00985991%	
Pension Expense	\$17,569	\$130,838	\$148,407

At June 30, 2016, the Academy 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>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$5,234	\$123,602	\$128,836
Change in proportionate share	-	81,236	81,236
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	39,650	144,690	184,340
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$44,884</u>	<u>\$349,528</u>	<u>\$394,412</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$12,484	\$183,991	\$196,475
Changes in proportion and differences	13,803	-	13,803
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$26,287</u>	<u>\$183,991</u>	<u>\$210,278</u>

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

\$184,340 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Academy 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:

	STRS	SERS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2017	\$ (20,129)	\$ (8,853)	\$ (28,982)
2018	(20,129)	(8,853)	(28,982)
2019	(20,130)	(8,878)	(29,008)
2020	81,235	5,531	86,766
Total	\$20,847	(\$21,053)	(\$206)

E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)

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 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
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	<u>15.00</u>	7.50
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date In April 2016, the SERS Board adopted certain assumption changes which impacted their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2016. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.5 percent. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the impact to the Schools District's net pension liability is expected to be significant.

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)

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 Academy'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%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$442,068	\$318,805	\$215,008

F. 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.

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:

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

<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	1.00	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 Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Academy'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 Academy'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:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,785,218	\$2,724,991	\$1,828,411

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Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2016, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund. 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.

The Academy's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$2,250, \$1,379 and \$1,303, respectively. For fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014, 100.00 percent has been contributed.

B. State Teachers Retirement Systems

Plan Description – The School District 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 or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2016, 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 \$878 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016, 2015, and 2014.

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Note 10 - Contingencies

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2016.

B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review

The School Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, the traditional school districts must comply with the minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the school district, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Foundation funding for the Academy; therefore, the financial statements impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable or to a liability of the Academy.

Note 11 – Building Leases

The Academy entered into a lease for the period from July 31, 2015 through June 30, 2035 with Global School Properties, Ohio, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Accel Schools, LLC, a related party, for the use of the Academy's building as a school facility. Rents for 2016 totaled \$605,000. The lease is a triple net lease with annual base rent at \$660,000. There are scheduled inflationary rent adjustments effective July 1 of each year, with the exception of year 2. During fiscal year 2016, the owner invested no additional renovation funds in the property.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments for base rent required under the lease as of June 30, 2016 (does not include additional building investments by the owner / landlord or facility costs pass-throughs):

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Note 11 – Building Leases (Continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Amount
2017	\$ 660,000
2018	679,800
2019	700,194
2020	721,200
2021	742,838
2022-2026	4,062,131
2027-2031	4,709,122
2032-2035	4,301,824
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 16,577,109

Note 12 – Advances Payable

In June 2015, the Academy entered into an agreement with Charter School Capital to borrow against its future foundation payments. The additional amount borrowed during the fiscal year was \$1,757,100. Principal paid during the fiscal year was \$1,747,300. Total interest paid was \$47,502.

	Amount Outstanding 6/30/2015	Additions	Reductions	Amount Outstanding 6/30/2016
Charter School Capital	\$344,900	\$1,757,100	\$(1,747,300)	\$354,700

Note 13 – Long-Term Obligations

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Academy negotiated with its new management company Accel Schools to reclassify certain related party accounts payable and long term obligations held by the former management company, Mosaica Education into a single note in the amount of \$4,000,000 for a term of 30 years with an interest rate of 2.5%. The note is an interest only note with no principal payments due unless the Academy is operating at a surplus. There is a balloon payment due at the end of the term. Interest due on the note totals \$10,000 annually. Under this agreement, Accel forgave \$2,743,928 worth of related party accounts payable and long term obligations, including a note to Mosaica Schools in the amount of \$1,996,726.

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Note 13 – Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

The changes in the Academy's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2016 were as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2016	Due within One Year
Net Pension Liability:					
STRS	\$ 2,311,877	\$ 413,114		\$ 2,724,991	\$ -
SERS	298,545	20,260		318,805	
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>2,610,422</u>	<u>433,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,043,796</u>	<u>-</u>
Mosaica Education Promissory Note	1,996,726	-	(1,996,726)	-	-
Accel Schools Promissory Note	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,607,148</u>	<u>\$ 4,433,374</u>	<u>\$ (1,996,726)</u>	<u>\$ 7,043,796</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note Payable Accel Schools

	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ -	10,000
2018	-	10,000
2019	-	10,000
2020	-	10,000
2021	-	10,000
2022-2026	-	50,000
2027-2031	-	50,000
2032-2036	-	50,000
2037-2041	-	50,000
2042-2045	4,000,000	40,000
Total	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$290,000</u>

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Note 14 – Related Party Transactions/Management Company

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

Per the management agreement with the Academy, Accel Schools is entitled to a management fee that is equivalent to 12.5% of Academy State revenue, plus \$20,000 for managing Federal funds. The management fee for fiscal year 2016 was \$383,977.

Also, per the management agreement there are expenses that will be billed to the academy based on the actual cost incurred on behalf of the Academy by Accel Schools, LLC. These expenses include rent, salaries of Accel Schools employees working at the Academy, and other costs related to providing educational and administration services. The total reimbursable expenses billed by Accel on behalf of the Academy during the fiscal year 2016 were \$1,257,635.

Note 15 – Sponsor

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools Council (the Sponsor). As part of this contract, which expires in June 30, 2018, the Sponsor is entitled to a maximum of 2% of foundation revenues. Total amount due and paid for fiscal year 2016 was \$59,003.

Note 16-Management's Plan

For fiscal year 2016, the Academy had an increase in net position of \$2,808,226, and a net position deficit of \$7,058,506. Projected revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2017 indicate these financial difficulties will not be alleviated. Final full-time equivalent student enrollment at June 30, 2016 and 2015 was 371 and 346 respectively. However, current full-time equivalent student enrollment as of January 2017 has increased to 507 students. Capacity of the facility is approximately 750 students.

Management plans to continue efforts to increase enrollment through active advertising via print, radio, mailings and through referrals of current parents. Higher enrollment will help reduce future deficits and operating losses.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO
LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	2015	2014	2013
Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.558710%	0.005899%	0.005899%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 318,805	\$ 298,545	\$ 350,795
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 168,202	\$ 162,006	\$ 232,832
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	189.54%	184.28%	150.66%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO
LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00985991%	0.00950472%	0.00950472%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,724,991	\$ 2,311,877	\$ 2,753,893
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 1,028,714	\$ 1,057,685	\$ 917,746
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	264.89%	218.58%	300.07%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available

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

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL EMPLOYER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 39,650	\$ 22,169	\$ 22,454	\$ 32,224	\$ 23,671
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>\$ (39,650)</u>	<u>\$ (22,169)</u>	<u>\$ (22,454)</u>	<u>\$ (32,224)</u>	<u>\$ (23,671)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 283,214	\$ 168,202	\$ 162,006	\$ 232,832	\$ 175,993
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 17,912	\$ 30,567	\$ 23,880	\$ 21,016	\$ 25,486
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>\$ (17,912)</u>	<u>\$ (30,567)</u>	<u>\$ (23,880)</u>	<u>\$ (21,016)</u>	<u>\$ (25,486)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 142,498	\$ 225,763	\$ 242,683	\$ 214,012	\$ 259,532
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	9.82%

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO
FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 144,690	\$ 144,020	\$ 137,499	\$ 119,307	\$ 126,221
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>\$ (144,690)</u>	<u>\$ (144,020)</u>	<u>\$ (137,499)</u>	<u>\$ (119,307)</u>	<u>\$ (126,221)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 1,033,500	\$ 1,028,714	\$ 1,057,685	\$ 917,746	\$ 970,931
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 151,056	\$ 132,416	\$ 138,792	\$ 135,098	\$ 101,263
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>\$ (151,056)</u>	<u>\$ (132,416)</u>	<u>\$ (138,792)</u>	<u>\$ (135,098)</u>	<u>\$ (101,263)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Academy's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 1,161,662	\$ 1,018,585	\$ 1,067,631	\$ 1,039,215	\$ 778,946
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

February 28, 2017

To the Board of Directors
Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy
Franklin County, Ohio
1333 Morse Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2017, in which we noted the Academy has suffered recurring losses from operations and has a net position deficit of \$7,058,506, including the net effect of net pension liability and related accruals totaling \$2,859,662, that raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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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 23, 2017**