

**A+ CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

AUDIT REPORT

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the A+ Children's Academy, Franklin County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 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 A+ Children's Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 20, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board
A+ Children's Academy
Columbus, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber
Auditor of State
State of Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the A+ Children's Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 A+ Children's Academy as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 19 to the basic financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Academy. As discussed in Note 18 to the basic financial statements, the school foundation aid received from the State of Ohio will be funded through the direct funding model. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2021, 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.



James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

December 1, 2021

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A+ Children's Academy
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of A+ Children's Academy's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

- Fiscal year 2021 was the ninth year of operations for the Academy and we were able to provide services to 113.46 students, which was a decrease of 3.38 students from the prior year.
- Total net position of the Academy at June 30, 2021 was a deficit of \$1,022,790 resulting primarily from the recognition of net pension and OPEB liabilities, which amounted to \$1,536,690.
- The Academy received \$318,718 from federal and state grants which is an increase of \$16,707 from fiscal year 2020.

Using this Financial Report

This financial report contains the basic financial statements of the Academy, as well as the management's discussion and analysis and the notes to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows. As the Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting, all financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity, therefore the entity-wide and fund presentation information is the same.

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

The view of the Academy as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2021?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for Academy as a whole, the financial position has improved or diminished. The causes of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and is meeting its cash flow needs for operations.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position at June 30, 2021 as compared to June 30, 2020.

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(Unaudited)

Table 1
 Net Position

	2021	2020
<i>Assets</i>		
Current and Other Assets	\$511,693	\$431,464
Capital Assets, Net	39,713	50,352
Total Assets	551,406	481,816
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	401,392	481,851
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Current and Other Liabilities	109,417	100,673
Long-Term Liabilities	1,536,690	1,469,292
Total Liabilities	1,646,107	1,569,965
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	329,481	375,164
<i>Net Position</i>		
Investment in Capital Assets	39,713	44,448
Restricted	283,590	205,439
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,346,093)	(1,231,349)
Total Net Position	(\$1,022,790)	(\$981,462)

Total assets increased \$69,590 due primarily to an increase in intergovernmental receivables and net OPEB asset for the fiscal year. Deferred outflows of resources decreased \$80,459 due to a decrease in the actuarially determined amounts related to the Academy's proportionate share of the state-wide net pension and OPEB liabilities. Total liabilities increased \$76,142 due primarily to the increase in the Academy's proportionate share of the state-wide net pension liability. The Academy did make its final payment on its capital lease liability which partially offset the increase for the net pension liability. Deferred inflows of resources decreased \$45,683 due to a decrease in the actuarially determined amounts related to the Academy's proportionate share of the state-wide net pension and OPEB liabilities.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

Table 2
 Change in Net Position

	2021	2020
<i>Operating Revenues</i>		
Foundation Payments	\$852,822	\$874,393
Special Education	133,316	137,016
Other Operating Revenues	676	665
Total Operating Revenues	986,814	1,012,074

(continued)

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Table 2
Change in Net Position
(Continued)

	2021	2020
<i>Operating Expenses</i>		
Salaries	\$651,212	\$648,195
Fringe Benefits	230,003	306,144
Purchased Services	378,929	380,770
Materials and Supplies	67,244	40,890
Depreciation	10,639	15,201
Other Expenses	8,734	7,837
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,346,761</u>	<u>1,399,037</u>
Operating Loss	(359,947)	(386,963)
<i>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</i>		
State and Federal Grants	318,718	302,011
Contributions and Donations	0	500
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(99)	(402)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>318,619</u>	<u>302,109</u>
Change in Net Position	(41,328)	(84,854)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>(981,462)</u>	<u>(896,608)</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>(\$1,022,790)</u>	<u>(\$981,462)</u>

The majority of the Academy's revenue comes from the state foundation payments, including allocations for special education, which account for 76% of total revenues. The Academy also receives significant federal and state funding, which account for 24% of total revenues.

Revenues decreased between years due to a decrease in enrollment. The Academy experienced a decrease in expenses primarily due to a decrease in fringe benefits resulting from pension and OPEB expense based primarily on actuarially determined calculations. Salaries and benefits made up 65% of total expenses for 2021 as compared to 68% in the prior year.

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2021, the Academy had \$39,713 invested in capital assets. Table 3 shows the fiscal year 2021 balances compared to 2020.

Table 3
Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

	2021	2020
Buildings and improvements	\$30,922	\$31,832
Office furniture and equipment	8,791	18,520
Total	<u>\$39,713</u>	<u>\$50,352</u>

Changes in capital assets from the prior year resulted depreciation expense. See note 5 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more detailed information related to capital assets.

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Debt

At June 30, 2021, the Academy had paid off the outstanding lease obligation. See notes 12 and 13 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more detailed information related to capital leases.

Contacting the Academy

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of the A+ Children's Academy and to show the Academy's accountability for the monies it receives to all vested and interested parties, as well as meeting the annual reporting requirements of the State of Ohio. Any questions about the information contained within this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to: A+ Children's Academy, 114 Obetz Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207, (614) 491-8502 or info@apluschildrensacademy.org.

A+ Children's Academy
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

Assets	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$184,874
Intergovernmental Receivable	<u>259,576</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	444,450
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>	
Net OPEB Asset	67,243
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>39,713</u>
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	<u>106,956</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	551,406
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	351,634
OPEB	<u>49,758</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	401,392
Liabilities	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	47,866
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	53,008
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>8,543</u>
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	109,417
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	
Net Pension Liability	1,392,852
Net OPEB Liability	<u>143,838</u>
<i>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	<u>1,536,690</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	1,646,107
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension	108,265
OPEB	<u>221,216</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	329,481
Net Position	
Investment in Capital Assets	39,713
Restricted For:	
Other Purposes	283,590
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(1,346,093)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>(\$1,022,790)</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

A+ Children's Academy
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Operating Revenues	
Foundation Payments	\$852,822
Special Education	133,316
Other Operating Revenues	<u>676</u>
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	986,814
Operating Expenses	
Salaries	651,212
Fringe Benefits	230,003
Purchased Services	378,929
Materials and Supplies	67,244
Depreciation	10,639
Other Operating Expenses	<u>8,734</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>1,346,761</u>
<i>Operating Loss</i>	(359,947)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Federal and State Grants	318,718
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>(99)</u>
<i>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	<u>318,619</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	(41,328)
<i>Net Position, Beginning of Year</i>	<u>(981,462)</u>
<i>Net Position, End of Year</i>	<u><u>(\$1,022,790)</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

A+ Children's Academy
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash Received from State of Ohio - Foundation	\$983,547
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenues	676
Cash Payments for Personal Services	(789,885)
Cash Payments for Purchased Services	(369,443)
Cash Payments for Materials and Supplies	(53,212)
Cash Payments for Other Expenses	<u>(10,806)</u>

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities (239,123)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities

Cash Received from Federal and State Grants	<u>215,730</u>
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Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities 215,730

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities

Principal Paid on Debt Obligations	(5,904)
Interest Paid on Debt Obligations	<u>(99)</u>

Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities (6,003)

Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents (29,396)

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year 214,270

Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year \$184,874

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities

Operating Loss	(\$359,947)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	10,639
Change in Assets, Liabilities and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources:	
Increase in Intergovernmental Receivable	(2,591)
Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources	80,459
Increase in Accounts Payable	20,366
Decrease in Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	(4,483)
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payable	(1,235)
Increase in Net Pension Liability	104,669
Increase in Net OPEB Asset	(4,046)
Decrease in Net OPEB Liability	(37,271)
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>(45,683)</u>

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities (\$239,123)

See the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

A+ Children's Academy
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Description of the Reporting Entity

A+ Children's Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapters 3314 and 1702, to address the needs of students in grades kindergarten through five. The Academy qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy's mission is to cultivate a passion for learning through an engaging standards-based integrated curriculum that addresses students' social, emotional, academic, and cognitive needs. Academy students will be excited about learning, prepared for learning, and supported in their learning. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Office of School Sponsorship maintained through the Ohio Department of Education for a period of two years commencing July 1, 2020.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five member Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which include but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admissions standards and qualifications of teachers. The Academy's Superintendent serves as a non-voting member of the Board.

The Board hires the Superintendent, who hires all the other staff, and manages the day-to-day operations of the Academy. The Board controls the Academy's one instructional/support facility staffed by 4 administrators, 11 teachers and 2 aides who provide services to 113.46 students (FTE).

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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 enterprise accounting to track and report on its financial activities. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes in net position, financial position and cash flows.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources 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 Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

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Budgetary Process

Community schools are statutorily required to adopt a budget by Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.032(C). However, unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the specific budgetary process and limits set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Each year, the Academy's Board of Directors, with the assistance of the Academy's designated fiscal officer, is required to adopt an annual budget by the thirty-first day of October using the format and guidelines prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Cash

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's treasurer. All cash received is maintained in accounts in the Academy's name. Monies for the Academy are maintained in checking accounts.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars.

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.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Computers and related equipment	3 years
Office furniture	5 years
Building and building improvements	40 years
Parking lot and landscaping	10 years

Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program and State Special Education Program. Revenues from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements are met.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements are met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the 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.

Amounts awarded under grants and entitlements and received from the State Foundation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 totaled \$986,138.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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. The Academy reports deferred outflows of resources in the statement of net position for amounts related to pensions and other postemployment benefits, which will be further discussed in notes 7 and 8.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes 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 Academy, deferred inflows of resources include amounts related to pensions and other postemployment benefits, which will be further discussed in notes 7 and 8.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations. However, claims and judgments that will be paid from available funds are reported as a liability in the financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes represents amounts restricted for federal grant programs. The Academy first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Estimates

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

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the Academy. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the Academy. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating.

Pensions/OPEB

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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 3 - Deposits

At June 30, 2021, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$184,874 and the bank balance was \$197,027. The entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Note 4 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2021 primarily consist of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectable in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

Refund from SERS	\$4,796
Title I Grant	119,076
Expanding Opportunities	1,908
Title II-A Grant	31,211
Title I Non-competitive	41,575
Title IV-A Grant	11,808
IDEA B Grant	2,456
IDEA B Early Childhood Grant	119
IDEA 6B Restoration	739
ESSER	45,888
Total	<u>\$259,576</u>

Note 5 – Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in capital assets during fiscal year 2021 follows:

	Balance at 6/30/20	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/21
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	\$36,380	\$0	\$0	\$36,380
Office Furniture and Equipment	71,433	0	(740)	70,693
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	107,813	0	(740)	107,073
Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	(4,548)	(910)	0	(5,458)
Office Furniture and Equipment	(52,913)	(9,729)	740	(61,902)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(57,461)	(10,639)	740	(67,360)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$50,352	(\$10,639)	\$0	\$39,713

Note 6 – Risk Management

Property and Liability

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For the fiscal year ended 2021, the Academy contracted for the following coverage provided by Philadelphia Insurance Company, which includes deductibles ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000:

General Liability:	
Per Occurrence	\$3,000,000
Personal Injury	3,000,000

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Rented to You	100,000
Medical Expense (Per Person)	5,000
Business Personal Property	100,000
Educators Professional Liability	1,000,000
Employee Benefits	1,000,000
Errors and Omissions	1,000,000
Abusive Conduct Liability	1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from last year.

Worker's Compensation

For fiscal year 2021, the Academy participated in the Sedgwick's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (note 17). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduce premium for the Academy by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to participants that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP. Each year, the Academy pays an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The state-wide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions and OPEB are components of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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 have already occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represents the Academy's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) 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 these estimates annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the Academy's obligation for these liabilities to annually required payments. The Academy cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the Academy does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly

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premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability (asset)* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on the financial statements.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See note 8 for the required OPEB disclosures.

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – Academy nonteaching 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.

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 years 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.

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent. In 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a 0.5 percent cost of living adjustment for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2021.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District 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

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Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. For fiscal year 2021, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Fund.

The Academy's contractually required contributions to SERS were \$22,409 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$1,447 was reported as an intergovernmental payable.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – Academy licensed teachers and other certified 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 website 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 is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 27 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit at any age.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 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, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent goes to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member 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 service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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.

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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 must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to 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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. For fiscal year 2021, the contributions rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates and the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The Academy's contractually required contributions to STRS were \$68,795 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$5,974 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 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>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.00706180%	0.00382606%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.00742690%</u>	<u>0.00381570%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00036510%</u>	<u>0.000010360%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$467,082	\$925,770	\$1,392,852
Pension Expense	\$34,856	\$169,725	\$204,581

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At June 30, 2021, 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>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$905	\$2,077	\$2,982
Changes of assumptions	0	49,696	49,696
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	45,019	45,019
Changes in proportion and differences between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	29,648	133,085	162,733
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>22,409</u>	<u>68,795</u>	<u>91,204</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$52,962</u>	<u>\$298,672</u>	<u>\$351,634</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$5,919	\$5,919
Changes in proportion and differences between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>29,572</u>	<u>72,774</u>	<u>102,346</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$29,572</u>	<u>\$78,693</u>	<u>\$108,265</u>

\$91,204 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, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	(\$22,232)	\$63,311	\$41,079
2023	1,577	11,072	12,649
2024	12,358	56,544	68,902
2025	<u>9,278</u>	<u>20,257</u>	<u>29,535</u>
Total	<u>\$981</u>	<u>\$151,184</u>	<u>\$152,165</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.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by

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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, 2020, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.5 percent to 18.2 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by 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 an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced uncorrelated asset classes.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	6.50
Fixed Income	19.00	2.85
Private Equity	12.00	7.60
Real Assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>5.00</u>	6.65
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></u>	

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members

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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 (7.50 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 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$639,846	\$467,082	\$322,131

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation, are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2020 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	100.00 %	

*10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that 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. 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, 2020. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

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 7.45 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 (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,318,136	\$925,770	\$539,273

Note 8 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See note 7 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after

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June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. 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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2021, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2021, 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 2021, the Academy's surcharge obligation was \$353.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Academy's contribution to SERS was \$353 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$353 was reported as an intergovernmental payable for health care.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered 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 partial 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 to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary 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. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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Net OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the Academy's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.00661830%	0.00382606%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability			
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.00720170%</u>	<u>0.00381570%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u><u>-0.00058340%</u></u>	<u><u>0.00001036%</u></u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
OPEB Liability	\$143,838	\$0	\$143,838
Proportionate Share of the Net			
OPEB Asset	\$0	(\$67,243)	(\$67,243)
OPEB Expense	(\$6,237)	(\$8,659)	(\$14,896)

At June 30, 2021, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,888	\$4,309	\$6,197
Changes of assumptions	24,519	1,111	25,630
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,623	2,356	3,979
Changes in proportionate share and difference between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	9,614	3,985	13,599
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>353</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>353</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$37,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,761</u></u>	<u><u>\$49,758</u></u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$73,151	\$13,394	\$86,545
Changes of assumptions	3,625	63,870	67,495
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	0	0	0
Changes in proportionate share and difference between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>45,314</u>	<u>21,862</u>	<u>67,176</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$122,090</u></u>	<u><u>\$99,126</u></u>	<u><u>\$221,216</u></u>

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\$353 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or an increase in the net OPEB asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2022	(\$16,604)	(\$22,026)	(\$38,630)
2023	(44,015)	(20,428)	(64,443)
2024	(10,408)	(19,868)	(30,276)
2025	(8,802)	(19,526)	(28,328)
2026	(4,617)	(2,269)	(6,886)
Thereafter	0	(3,248)	(3,248)
Total	(\$84,446)	(\$87,365)	(\$171,811)

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2020, are presented below:

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Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
 Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	2.45 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.13 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	2.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.22 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.25 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.00 to 4.75 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015, and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan discussed in note 7.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2020 was 3.22 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and

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the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, and what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.63%) and higher (3.63%) than the current discount rate (2.63%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (1.63%)	Current Discount Rate (2.63%)	1% Increase (3.63%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$176,053	\$143,838	\$118,226
	1% Decrease (6.00 % decreasing to 3.75%)	Trend Rate (7.00 % decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.00 % decreasing to 5.75%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$113,261	\$143,838	\$184,726

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	
Pre-Medicare	5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	6.5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	11.87 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the prior measurement date, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on the June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution, updated.

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The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan discussed in note 7.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020.

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$58,506)	(\$67,243)	(\$74,656)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$74,196)	(\$67,243)	(\$58,773)

Note 9 – Other Employee Benefits

All full time staff, except the superintendent, is entitled to six days of personal leave for the duration of their respective contracts. The superintendent is entitled to ten days of holiday leave and twenty-three days of personal leave for the duration of her contract. Other benefits may be available per each contract and changed or eliminated by the Academy at its sole discretion.

Note 10 - Contingencies

Grants

The Academy 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 is 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, 2021.

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State Foundation Funding

Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalency (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past fiscal year end.

Under Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.08, ODE may also perform an FTE review subsequent to the fiscal year end that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance.

As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2021 have been finalized, and the amount material to the financial statements is reported as an intergovernmental receivable in the financial statements.

In addition, the Academy's contract with its Sponsor requires payment based on revenues received from the State. As discussed above, additional FTE adjustments for fiscal year 2021 have been completed. The impact on the fiscal year 2021 financial statements, related to the additional reconciliation necessary with this contract, is not material to the financial statements.

Litigation

The Academy is not currently party to legal proceedings.

Note 11 – Purchased Services

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors as follows:

Professional and Technical Services	\$152,863
Property Services	149,854
Communications	2,277
Utilities	22,819
Other	15,756
Food Service	35,360
Total Purchased Services	\$378,929

Note 12 - Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Academy's long-term obligations during the fiscal year consist of the following:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/20	Additions	Reductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/21	Amount Due Within One Year
Capital Lease	\$5,904	\$0	(\$5,904)	\$0	\$0
Net Pension Liability	1,288,183	104,669	0	1,392,852	0
Net OPEB Liability	181,109	0	(37,271)	143,838	0
Total	\$1,475,196	\$104,669	(\$43,175)	\$1,536,690	\$0

Obligations related to employee compensation will be paid from the program benefitting from their service.

Note 13 – Capital Lease

In fiscal year 2016, the Academy entered into a capitalized lease for two copiers. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by generally accepted accounting principles as a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee.

Capital assets acquired by lease were initially capitalized in the statement of net position in the amount of \$36,222 which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded on the statement of net position. Principal payments in fiscal year 2021 totaled \$5,904. The lease was paid off during the fiscal year.

Note 14 – Sponsorship – Ohio Department of Education

The Academy was under the Ohio Department of Education as its sponsor and oversight services as required by law. The Academy pays the Sponsor three percent of State Aid. Sponsorship fees are calculated as three percent of state funds received by the Academy from the State of Ohio. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, sponsorship fees totaled \$29,460.

Note 15 – Related Parties

In fiscal year 2021, the Academy was involved in multiple related parties transactions:

The Academy rents property from the T. Ronald and Barbara A. Sams Trust, the owner of the property, at a rate of \$8,500 per month effective July 1, 2020. The Academy paid \$102,000 in rent payments to the Trust.

Distinctive Painting, LLC is owned by Richard Brown, who is the son-in-law of the property owner. The Academy paid \$7,858 to this company during the fiscal year.

Note 16 – Contracted Fiscal Services

The Academy is a party to a fiscal services agreement with Michael Ashmore, who is an independent contractor. The agreement may be terminated by either part, with or without cause, by giving the other party ninety days written notice to terminate. The agreement provides that Michael Ashmore will perform the following functions for the Academy: 1) financial management services, 2) treasurer services, 3) payroll/payables services, and 4) submission of project cash requests for CCIP.

Payments to Michael Ashmore during fiscal year 2021 totaled \$54,341.

Note 17 – Insurance Purchasing Pool

Sedgwick's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan – The Academy participates in the Sedgwick's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the Academy by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to participants that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP. Each year, the Academy pays an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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Note 18 – Subsequent Events

For fiscal year 2022, School District foundation funding received from the State of Ohio will be funded using a direct funding model. Under this new model, community school, STEM school and scholarship funding will be directly funded by the State of Ohio to the respective schools. For fiscal year 2021 and prior, the amounts related to students who were residents of the Academy were funded to the Academy who, in turn, made the payment to the respective school.

Note 19 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June of 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During fiscal year 2021, the Academy received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Additional funding has been made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, passed by Congress on December 21, 2020 and/or the American Rescue Plan Act, passed by Congress on March 11, 2021.

During fiscal year 2021, the Academy recognized Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the amount of \$79,563. Of the amounts received, none was subgranted to other governments or organizations, returned to the granting agency, or spent on-behalf of other governments. Additionally, the Academy did not receive a significant amount of donated personal protective equipment as an on-behalf of grant from another government.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Eight Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>								
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00123114%	0.00240364%	0.00292098%	0.00328170%	0.00390900%	0.00298870%	0.00381570%	0.00382606%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$356,710	\$584,648	\$807,273	\$1,098,474	\$928,582	\$657,157	\$843,819	\$925,770
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$125,800	\$245,608	\$305,314	\$344,850	\$428,121	\$338,193	\$455,043	\$455,321
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	283.6%	238.0%	264.4%	318.5%	216.9%	194.3%	185.4%	203.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.3%	74.7%	72.1%	66.8%	75.3%	77.3%	77.4%	75.5%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>								
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00302903%	0.00513400%	0.00545590%	0.00690820%	0.00744360%	0.00820140%	0.00742690%	0.00706180%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$180,127	\$259,829	\$311,319	\$505,616	\$444,739	\$469,709	\$444,364	\$467,082
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$91,091	\$154,170	\$164,036	\$197,907	\$196,621	\$233,007	\$202,521	\$170,886
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	197.7%	168.5%	189.8%	255.5%	226.2%	201.6%	219.4%	273.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	65.5%	71.7%	69.2%	63.0%	69.5%	71.4%	70.9%	68.6%

The amounts presented are as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end. Information not available prior to 2014. This was also the Academy's first year of operations. See accompanying notes of the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Last Five Fiscal Years

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>					
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.00328170%	0.00390896%	0.00298870%	0.00381570%	0.00382606%
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$209,052	\$152,513	(\$48,026)	(\$63,197)	(\$67,243)
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$344,850	\$428,121	\$338,193	\$455,043	\$455,321
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	60.6%	35.6%	-14.2%	-13.9%	-14.8%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	37.3%	47.1%	176.0%	174.7%	182.1%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>					
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.00690820%	0.00754550%	0.00815910%	0.00720170%	0.00661830%
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$215,075	\$202,501	\$226,356	\$181,109	\$143,838
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$197,907	\$196,621	\$233,007	\$202,521	\$170,886
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	108.7%	103.0%	97.1%	89.4%	84.2%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	11.5%	12.5%	13.6%	15.6%	18.2%

The amounts presented are as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.
Information not available prior to 2017.
See accompanying notes of the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Academy Contributions
Last Nine Fiscal Years

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>									
Contractually required contribution - pension	\$16,354	\$31,929	\$42,744	\$48,279	\$59,937	\$47,347	\$63,706	\$63,745	\$68,795
Contractually required contribution - OPEB	1,258	2,456	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contractually required contribution - total	17,612	34,385	42,744	48,279	59,937	47,347	63,706	63,745	68,795
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	17,612	34,385	42,744	48,279	59,937	47,347	63,706	63,745	68,795
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$125,800	\$245,608	\$305,314	\$344,850	\$428,121	\$338,193	\$455,043	\$455,321	\$491,393
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - pension	13.00%	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - OPEB	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - total	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>									
Contractually required contribution - pension	\$12,607	\$21,368	\$21,620	\$27,707	\$27,527	\$32,621	\$27,340	\$23,924	\$22,409
Contractually required contribution - OPEB (1)	146	216	1,345	0	0	1,165	1,013	0	0
Contractually required contribution - total	12,753	21,584	22,965	27,707	27,527	33,786	28,353	23,924	22,409
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	12,753	21,584	22,965	27,707	27,527	33,786	28,353	23,924	22,409
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$91,091	\$154,170	\$164,036	\$197,907	\$196,621	\$233,007	\$202,521	\$170,886	\$160,064
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - pension	13.84%	13.86%	13.18%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - OPEB	0.16%	0.14%	0.82%	0.00%	0.00%	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - total	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

(1) Excludes surcharge.

See accompanying notes of the required supplementary information.

State Teachers Retirement System

Pension

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2015 through 2017. For fiscal year 2018, the cost of living adjustment (COLA) was reduced to 0 percent effective July 1, 2017. There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- Inflation assumptions were lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent.
- Investment return assumptions were lowered from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent.
- Total salary increases rates were lowered by decreasing merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25 percent due to lower inflation.
- Payroll growth assumptions were lowered to 3.00 percent.
- Updated the health and disability mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016.
- Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

OPEB

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal year 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, STRS has the following changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date:

- The HealthSpan HMO plans were eliminated.
- The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced to 1.9 percent per year of service from 2.1 percent.
- Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for survivors and beneficiaries who were age 65 by 2008 and either receiving a benefit or named as a beneficiary as of January 1, 2008.
- The remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be phased out over a three-year period.

For fiscal year 2019, the following was the most significant change in benefit terms that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were scheduled to be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020, though the STRS Board voted in June 2019 to extend the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement for one year.

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For fiscal year 2020, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944% to 1.984% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

For fiscal year 2021, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal year 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB 74.
- The long-term rate of return was reduced to 7.45 percent.
- Valuation-year per capita health costs were updated.
- The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data.
- The assumed future trend rates were modified.
- Decrement rates including mortality, disability, retirement, and withdrawal were modified.
- The assumed percentage of future disabled retirees assumed to elect health coverage was decreased from 84 percent to 65 percent, and the assumed percentage of terminated vested participants assumed to elect health coverage at retirement was decreased from 47 percent to 30 percent.
- The assumed salary scale was modified.

For fiscal year 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate increased from a 4.13 percent blended discount rate to 7.45 percent.
- The health care trend assumption rate changed from 6 to 11 percent initial, 4.5 percent ultimate to:
 - Medical Medicare – 6 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – 5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – 8 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – -5.23 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate

For fiscal year 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The health care trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medical Medicare – from 6 percent to 5.87 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – from 5 percent to 4.93 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – from 8 percent to 7.73 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – from -5.23 percent to 9.62 initial, 4 percent ultimate

For fiscal year 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

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- The health care trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medical Medicare – from 4.93 percent to -6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – from 5.87 percent to 5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – from 7.73 percent to 6.5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – from 9.62 percent to 11.87 initial, 4 percent ultimate

School Employees Retirement System

Pension

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes in benefit that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- The cost-of-living adjustment was changed from a fixed 3.00 percent to a cost-of-living adjustment that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.5 percent with a floor of 0 percent beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendars 2018, 2019, and 2020.

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following changes were made to the actuarial assumptions as identified. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented below:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00-22.00 percent to 3.50-18.20 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. The above rates represent the base rates used.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disable member was updated to the following:
 - RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

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OPEB

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2017 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

For fiscal year 2017, the following was the most significant change of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00-22.00 percent to 3.50-18.2 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disabled members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

For fiscal year 2018, the following was the most significant change of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was increased from 2.98 percent to 3.63.
- The municipal bond index rate increased from 2.95 percent to 3.56 percent.

For fiscal year 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was changed from 3.63 percent to 3.70 percent.
- The municipal bond index rate increased from 3.56 percent to 3.62 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 3.63 percent to 3.70 percent.
- The medical trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medicare – 2018 – 5.50 to 5.00 percent, 2019 – 5.375 to 4.75 percent
 - Pre-Medicare – 2018 – 7.50 to 5.00 percent, 2019 – 7.25 to 4.75

For fiscal year 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.62 percent to 3.13 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.70 percent to 3.22 percent.
- The medical trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medicare – 2019 – 5.375 to 4.75 percent, 2020 – 5.25 to 4.75 percent
 - Pre-Medicare – 2019 – 7.25 to 4.75, 2020 – 7 to 4.75 percent

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For fiscal year 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.13 percent to 2.45 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.22 percent to 2.63 percent.

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Members of the Board
A+ Children's Academy
Columbus, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber
Auditor of State
State of Ohio

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 A+ Children's Academy, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2021, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Academy, and the school foundation aid received from the State of Ohio will be funded through the direct funding model.

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 Academy'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 Academy'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 Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc." The signature is written in a cursive style.

James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

December 1, 2021

**A+ CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 30, 2021**

The prior audit report, as of June 30, 2020, included no citations or instances of noncompliance. Management letter recommendations have been corrected, repeated, or procedures instituted to prevent occurrences in this audit period.

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



A+ CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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