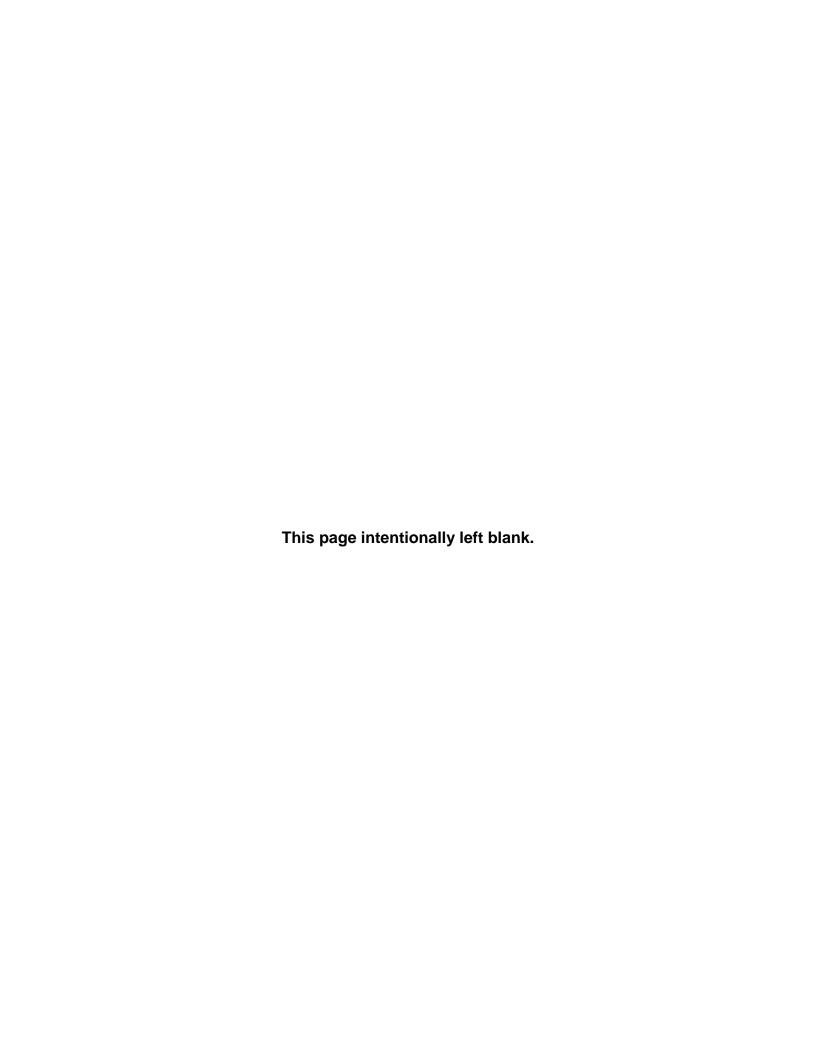




# QUAKER DIGITAL ACADEMY TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JUNE 30, 2020

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Quaker Digital Academy Tuscarawas County 248 Front Avenue SW New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

To the Board of Directors:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Quaker Digital Academy, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the Academy), a component unit of New Philadelphia City School District, Tuscarawas County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Academy, as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 17 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Academy. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and Schedules of Net Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities/Asset and Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit Contributions listed in the Table of Contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 28, 2021, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

January 28, 2021

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Quaker Digital Academy's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. 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 the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for the 2020 fiscal year are as follows:

- Total assets decreased from fiscal year 2019, due mainly to a decrease in cash. Despite an overall decrease in cash payments, cash decreased again in fiscal year 2020 as the Academy continued to repay the long-term intergovernmental payable related to the fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2016 Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) adjustments.
- Long-term liabilities increased in fiscal year 2020 primarily due to the Paycheck Protection Program loan payable and the increase in the net pension liability. These increases were partly offset by a decrease in the long-term portion of intergovernmental payable.
- Net position decreased for fiscal year 2020, due to a decrease in revenues and an increase in expenses. Revenues decreased in fiscal year 2020 mainly due to a decrease in miscellaneous revenue related to the receipt of refunded sponsor fees in the prior fiscal year. Total expenses increased due to the increase in salaries and benefits expense that primarily resulted from increases in pension and OPEB expenses.

#### **Using this Financial Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer the question, "How did the Academy do financially during fiscal year 2020?" The statement of net position includes all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting which is similar to the accounting used by most companies in the private sector. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11-33 of this report.

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Table 1 provides a comparison of the Academy's net position for fiscal year 2020 compared to 2019 as follows:

**Table 1** *Net Position* 

	2020	2019	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$4,151,720	\$4,807,739	(\$656,019)
Net OPEB Asset	222,951	207,888	15,063
Capital Assets, Net	260,945	367,577	(106,632)
Total Assets	4,635,616	5,383,204	(747,588)
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	968,395	1,295,054	(326,659)
OPEB	141,010	128,036	12,974
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,109,405	1,423,090	(313,685)
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	784,280	1,054,236	(269,956)
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Intergovernmental Payable	1,327,900	1,659,875	(331,975)
Loan Payable	377,316	0	377,316
Compensated Absences Payable	9,049	7,199	1,850
Net Pension Liability	3,941,231	3,763,369	177,862
Net OPEB Liability	412,149	448,999	(36,850)
Total Liabilities	6,851,925	6,933,678	(81,753)
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	176,503	225,941	(49,438)
OPEB	385,033	362,064	22,969
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	561,536	588,005	(26,469)
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	260,945	367,577	(106,632)
Restricted	118,215	23,291	94,924
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(2,047,600)	(1,106,257)	(941,343)
Total Net Position	(\$1,668,440)	(\$715,389)	(\$953,051)

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the Academy at June 30, 2020. GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange; however, the Academy is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also

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determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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

Total assets decreased from fiscal year 2019, due mainly to a decrease in cash. Despite an overall decrease in cash payments, cash decreased in fiscal year 2020 as the Academy continued to repay the long-term intergovernmental payable related to the fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2016 Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) adjustments.

Current and other liabilities decreased from fiscal year 2019, primarily due to a decrease in the current portion of intergovernmental payable. This decrease is primarily related to the full repayment of the fiscal year 2018 FTE adjustment.

Long-term liabilities increased in fiscal year 2020 primarily due to the Paycheck Protection Program loan payable and the increase in the net pension liability, partly offset by a decrease in the long-term portion of intergovernmental payable. The net pension liability increase represents the Academy's proportionate share of the unfunded pension benefits of the SERS and STRS plans. As indicated previously, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability.

The net impact was a decrease in net position for fiscal year 2020, due to a decrease in revenues and an increase in expenses from causes discussed subsequently.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2020 compared to fiscal year 2019.

**Table 2**Change in Net Position

	2020	2019	Change
Revenues			
Operating Revenues	\$3,082,753	\$3,576,587	(\$493,834)
Non-Operating Revenues	596,556	470,778	125,778
Total Revenues	3,679,309	4,047,365	(368,056)
Expenses			
Operating Expenses	4,601,185	4,028,287	572,898
Non-Operating Expenses	31,175	50,528	(19,353)
Total Expenses	4,632,360	4,078,815	553,545
Change in Net Position	(953,051)	(31,450)	(921,601)
Net Position Beginning of Year	(715,389)	(683,939)	(31,450)
Net Position End of Year	(\$1,668,440)	(\$715,389)	(\$953,051)

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Due to the increase in salaries and benefits expense, total expenses increased in fiscal year 2020. The large increase in salaries and benefits expenses mainly resulted from increases in pension and OPEB expenses, primarily related to the STRS plan.

The decrease in purchased services expense was primarily due to savings from the renegotiation of curriculum contracts.

The Academy's activity consists of enterprise activity. Community schools receive no support from taxes. The State Foundation Program and the Federal Title Grant Programs are, by far, the primary support for the Academy's students.

Revenues decreased in fiscal year 2020 mainly due to a decrease in miscellaneous revenue related to the receipt of refunded sponsor fees in the prior fiscal year. Foundation payments also decreased, mainly due to a decrease in the full-time equivalency student enrollment.

#### For the Future

The Academy has a service contract for fiscal year 2021 with the New Philadelphia City School District (the Sponsor). In agreement with the past contract, the Academy will purchase the following services from its Sponsor: personnel to administer and oversee the governance of the Academy, hourly staff to provide support services to the Academy, insurance, and consulting.

In addition, the Academy expects student enrollment for fiscal year 2021 to increase, and the Academy anticipates the student enrollment to continue growing in fiscal years after fiscal year 2021 until it reaches its ceiling. This growth will result in payments from the State School Foundation Program increasing substantially.

The Academy's management must plan carefully and prudently to provide the resources to meet student needs over the next several fiscal years.

#### **Contacting the Academy's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Julie Erwin, Treasurer, at Quaker Digital Academy, 248 Front Avenue SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or email at erwinj@npschools.org.

Quaker Digital Academy Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,974,648
Intergovernmental Receivable	145,494
Prepaid Items	31,578
Total Current Assets	4,151,720
Non-Current Assets:	
Net OPEB Asset (See Note 10)	222,951
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	260,945
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Total Non-Current Assets	483,896
Total Assets	4,635,616
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	968,395
OPEB	141,010
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,109,405
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Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	21 446
Accounts Payable	31,446
Accrued Wages and Benefits	107,950
Intergovernmental Payable	381,244
Loan Payable	184,384
Compensated Absences Payable	79,256
Total Current Liabilities	784,280
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Intergovernmental Payable	1,327,900
Loan Payable	377,316
Compensated Absences Payable	9,049
Net Pension Liability (See Note 9)	3,941,231
Net OPEB Liability (See Note 10)	412,149
Total Long-Term Liabilities	6,067,645
Total Liabilities	6,851,925
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension	176,503
OPEB	385,033
Total Defensed Lifering of Decompos	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	561,536
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	260,945
Restricted for Other Purposes	118,215
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(2,047,600)
Total Net Position	(\$1,668,440)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Operating Revenues	
Foundation Payments	\$3,047,183
Tuition	28,664
Miscellaneous	6,906
Total Operating Revenues	3,082,753
Operating Expenses	
Salaries and Benefits	3,346,820
Purchased Services	1,040,203
Supplies and Materials	95,380
Other	41,024
Depreciation	77,758
Total Operating Expenses	4,601,185
Operating Loss	(1,518,432)
Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses	
Grants	559,915
Investment Income	35,641
Contributions and Donations	1,000
Loss on the Disposal of Capital Assets	(31,175)
Total Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses	565,381
Change in Net Position	(953,051)
Net Position Beginning of Year	(715,389)
Net Position End of Year	(\$1,668,440)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Quaker Digital Academy Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Foundation Payments	\$3,113,839
Cash Received for Tuition	28,664
Other Cash Receipts	15,114
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,896,258)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(1,123,787)
Repayment of Long-Term Intergovernmental Payables through Foundation Other Cash Payments	(849,760) (35,482)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(1,747,670)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Grants Received	461,172
Contributions and Donations Received	1,000
Loan Received	561,700
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	1,023,872
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(2,301)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest on Investments	35,641
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(690,458)
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	4,665,106
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	\$3,974,648
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	(\$1,518,432)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	77,758
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:	
Intergovernmental Receivable	68,817
Prepaid Items Net OPEB Asset	(4,513)
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources:	(15,063)
Pension	326,659
OPEB	(12,974)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:	(12,571)
Accounts Payable	13,902
Accrued Wages and Benefits	22,224
Intergovernmental Payable	(837,574)
Compensated Absences Payable	16,983
Net Pension Liability	177,862
Net OPEB Liability	(36,850)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Pension	(49,438)
OPEB	22,969
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$1,747,670)

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

# Note 1 – Description of the Academy and Reporting Entity

The Quaker Digital Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 1702 and 3314 to address the needs of students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. The Academy 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 is considered a component unit of the New Philadelphia City School District (the Sponsor) for reporting purposes, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB Statement No. 38 and GASB Statement No. 61.

The Academy is designed for students who have a desire for, and whose education can be optimized by, a program of online instruction in an independent environment that does not include ancillary components of a more traditional education. Because the focus is on distance learning, the ability of students to learn independently in their own homes using an online educational program is an essential element of the Academy's program.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Sponsor for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2003. The Academy began operations on January 15, 2004. The Sponsor renewed the contract for an additional five years on May 18, 2008, and again on December 17, 2012, and again on January 10, 2018. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member Board of Directors appointed by the Executive Director after consulting with the Sponsor's superintendent. The Board of Directors is responsible for carrying out provisions of the contract which, include, but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The Academy paid the Sponsor \$171,035 in fiscal year 2020 and will receive a refund of \$1,768 in fiscal year 2021 for fiscal year 2020 services. All personnel providing services to the Academy on behalf of the Sponsor under the service contract are considered employees of the Sponsor, and the Sponsor shall be solely responsible for all payroll functions.

All of the Academy's other personnel services, which provided services to over 803 students, were paid through the Academy's payroll during fiscal year 2020.

#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

# 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

#### Measurement Focus

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

#### Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's basic financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

**Revenues** – **Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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.

Expenses On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

#### **Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in the 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 not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy; therefore, no budgetary information is presented in the basic financial statements.

#### **Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. For the Academy, the principal operating revenues are payments from the State Foundation Program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activities of the Academy. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenues received from this program are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

During fiscal year 2020, investments were limited to a repurchase agreement, reported at cost.

# **Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2020, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the statement of net position.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions 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 hundred dollars. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements 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
Land Improvements	40 years
Buildings and Improvements	10-40 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10 years

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the Academy, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB plans. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 9 and 10.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the Academy, deferred inflows of resources include pension and OPEB plans. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the statement of net position (see Notes 9 and 10).

#### Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the financial statements.

# Compensated Absences

The Academy reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the Academy will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the Academy has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the Academy's termination policy.

#### Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (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.

#### Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use through either external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes includes special education, student wellness and success, school safety, and educational improvements.

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

#### **Estimates**

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

# **Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently issued GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. The Academy evaluated implementing these certain GASB pronouncements based on the guidance in GASB 95.

For fiscal year 2020, the Academy implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Implementation Guide No. 2018-1*. These changes were incorporated in the Academy's 2020 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

#### **Note 4 – Deposits and Investments**

#### **Deposits**

At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was (\$8,464) and the bank balance was \$3,701. The deficit carrying balance is covered by the Academy's investment in a repurchase agreement. Protection of the Academy's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

#### **Investments**

As of June 30, 2020, the Academy had the following investment:

	Measurement	
Measurement/Investment	Amount	Maturity
Cost:		
Repurchase Agreement	\$3,983,112	Daily

Interest Rate Risk Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Academy's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring the Academy's investment portfolio to be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments. Repurchase agreements shall not exceed 30 days.

Custodial Credit Risk For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Academy will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The repurchase agreement is exposed to custodial credit risk in that it is uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty. The Academy has no investment policy dealing with the investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

*Credit Risk* The Academy has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirement of State statute.

Concentration of Credit Risk The Academy places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

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#### Note 5 – Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2020, consisted of intergovernmental grants and a refund. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of State programs and the current fiscal year guarantee of Federal funds. All receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

Description	Amounts
Title I-A Improving Basic Programs Grant	\$51,211
Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction Grant	45,429
IDEA-B Special Education Grant	25,684
Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant	14,029
Title I Non-Competitive, Supplemental School Improvement	7,066
Refund of Sponsor Fees	1,768
IDEA Early Childhood Special Education Grant	181
6b Preschool Restoration Grant	83
6B IDEA Restoration Grant	43
Total	\$145,494

# **Note 6 – Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/19	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/20
Capital Assets being depreciated:			<u> </u>	
Furniture and Equipment	\$757,519	\$2,301	(\$113,487)	\$646,333
Vehicles	69,447	0	0	69,447
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	826,966	2,301	(113,487)	715,780
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture and Equipment	(423,717)	(70,813)	82,312	(412,218)
Vehicles	(35,672)	(6,945)	0	(42,617)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(459,389)	(77,758)	82,312	(454,835)
Total Capital Assets, net	\$367,577	(\$75,457)	(\$31,175)	\$260,945

# Note 7 – Risk Management

# Property and Liability Insurance

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2020, the Academy purchased its own insurance for property, liability, and inland marine coverage.

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Type of Coverage	Deductible	Coverage
Building and Contents (Replacement Cost)	\$1,000	\$350,000
Electronic Data Processing	1,000	533,000
Inland Marine	500 - 1,000	61,000
Automobile Liability	250 - 500	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	0	1,000,000
Data and Cyber Security	10,000	1,000,000
Computer Fraud	500	200,000
General Liability:		
Per Occurrence	N/A	1,000,000
Annual Limit	N/A	3,000,000

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

#### **Employee Medical Benefits**

The New Philadelphia City School District (the Sponsor), the sponsor for the Academy, is a member of the Portage Area School Consortium (the Consortium). The Consortium is a regional council of governments established pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, consisting of various school districts in the Portage County, Ohio area. The Consortium is a stand-alone entity, comprised of two stand-alone pools, the Portage Area School Consortium Property and Casualty Pool and the Portage Area Consortium Health and Welfare Insurance Pool. These pools were established by the Consortium on August 5, 1988, to provide property and casualty risk management services and risk sharing to its members. The pools were established as local government risk pools under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code and are not subject to Federal tax filing requirements.

The Sponsor is a member of the Portage Area School Consortium Health and Welfare Insurance Pool (the Consortium), a shared risk pool, through which a cooperative Health Benefit Program was created for the benefit of its members. The Health Benefit Program (the Program) is an employee health benefit plan which covers the participating members' employees. The Consortium acts as a fiscal agent for the cash funds paid into the program by the participating school districts. These funds are pooled together for the purposes of paying health benefit claims of employees and their covered dependents, administrative expenses of the program and premiums for stop-loss insurance coverage. A reserve exists which is to cover any unpaid claims if the Sponsor were to withdraw from the pool. If the reserve would not cover such claims, the Sponsor would be liable for any costs above the reserve.

As of June 30, 2020, the Academy was contracted with the Sponsor to provide health and vision insurance benefits to its employees. The Academy paid \$330,135 to the Sponsor for fiscal year 2020 health insurance benefits.

#### Note 8 – Agreements with the Curriculum Service Providers

The Academy entered into agreements with Rosetta Stone, Calvert, Plato/Edmentum, Odysseyware and Lincoln Learning/NNDS Management Foundation for the providing of curriculum, web-based classes, and textbook materials for the 2019-2020 school year.

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All personnel providing services to the Academy from these service providers are considered employees of the service provider.

Payments are made to the provider based on the number of students enrolled in their programs. For the 2019-2020 school year the Academy paid \$11,500 to Rosetta Stone, \$9,600 to Calvert, \$72,750 to Edmentum, \$90,000 to Odysseyware, and \$56,238 to Lincoln Learning/NNDS Management Foundation.

#### **Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Statewide 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/OPEB are a component 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/OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent 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 include 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 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 health care to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset* or long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 10 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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#### Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – The Academy's non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, 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

<sup>\*</sup> 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 30 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.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary, and the Academy is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2020, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$81,556 for fiscal year 2020. Of this amount \$7,522 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

#### Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – The Academy's licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-

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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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 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. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be 5 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 5 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. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. 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 is deposited into the member's DC account, and the remaining 2 percent is applied 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 at age 50 and after termination of employment.

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

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. 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. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2020 employer and employee contribution rates of 14 percent were equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2020, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$228,873 for fiscal year 2020. Of this amount \$12,493 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, 2019, 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			_
Prior Measurement Date	0.01604220%	0.01293721%	
Current Measurement Date	0.01611770%	0.01346128%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00007550%	0.00052407%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$964,350	\$2,976,881	\$3,941,231
Pension Expense	201,046	564,466	765,512

At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	_		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$24,454	\$24,237	\$48,691
Changes of assumptions	0	349,692	349,692
Changes in proportionate share and difference between			
Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	31,663	227,920	259,583
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	81,556	228,873	310,429
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$137,673	\$830,722	\$968,395
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$12,886	\$12,886
Net difference between projected and actual earnings			
on pension plan investments	12,379	145,494	157,873
Changes in proportionate share and difference between			
Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	5,744	5,744
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$12,379	\$164,124	\$176,503

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\$310,429 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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2021	\$58,299	\$302,566	\$360,865
2022	(20,757)	104,454	83,697
2023	(825)	(4,805)	(5,630)
2024	7,021	35,510	42,531
Total	\$43,738	\$437,725	\$481,463

# Actuarial Assumptions – SERS

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2019, are presented as follows:

Inflation
Future Salary Increases, including inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA
Investment Rate of Return

Actuarial Cost Method

3.00 percent
3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
2.5 percent
7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
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 setback 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

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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.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	10.00	3.00
Total	100.00 %	

**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 would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings 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 Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,351,399	\$964,350	\$639,761

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#### Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation, are presented as follows:

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. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, 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.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016.

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 %	

<sup>\*</sup> Target weights will be phased in over a 24-month period concluding on July 1, 2019.

<sup>\*\* 10</sup> year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and do 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.

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Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2019. 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 previously. 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, 2019; 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, 2019.

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:

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.45%)	(7.45%)	(8.45%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,350,380	\$2,976,881	\$1,814,144

#### **Note 10 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

See Note 9 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

#### Plan Description – 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 health care benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after 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.

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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 2020, 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 2020, this amount was \$19,600. 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 2020, the Academy's surcharge obligation was \$7,886.

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 contractually required contribution to SERS was \$7,886 for fiscal year 2020. Of this amount \$7,886 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

#### Plan Description – 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. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2021. 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. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to postemployment health care.

# OPEB Liabilities (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, 2019, 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 and OPEB expense:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			_
Prior Measurement Date	0.01618440%	0.01293721%	
Current Measurement Date	0.01638900%	0.01346128%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00020460%	0.00052407%	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$412,149	\$0	\$412,149
Net OPEB Asset	0	222,951	222,951
OPEB Expense	27,326	(61,358)	(34,032)

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At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$6,050	\$20,212	\$26,262
Changes of assumptions	30,103	4,686	34,789
Net difference between projected and actual			
earnings on OPEB plan investments	989	0	989
Changes in proportionate share and difference between			
Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	40,060	31,024	71,084
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	7,886	0	7,886
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$85,088	\$55,922	\$141,010
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$90,546	\$11,343	\$101,889
Changes of assumptions	23,095	244,440	267,535
Net difference between projected and actual			
earnings on OPEB plan investments	0	14,003	14,003
Changes in proportionate share and difference between			
Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	1,606	1,606
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$113,641	\$271,392	\$385,033

\$7,886 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 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:		<u> </u>	
2021	(\$11,123)	(\$46,320)	(\$57,443)
2022	(4,339)	(46,320)	(50,659)
2023	(4,049)	(40,708)	(44,757)
2024	(4,096)	(38,740)	(42,836)
2025	(7,895)	(44,524)	(52,419)
Thereafter	(4,937)	1,142	(3,795)
Total	(\$36,439)	(\$215,470)	(\$251,909)

#### 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.

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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, 2019, are presented as follows:

Inflation 3.00 percent
Wage Increases 3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return 7.50 percent net of investment

expense, including inflation

Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Measurement Date 3.13 percent
Prior Measurement Date 3.62 percent

Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan

investment expense, including price inflation:

Measurement Date 3.22 percent
Prior Measurement Date 3.70 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.

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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, see Note 9.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019, was 3.22 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2019, was 3.70 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 3.13 percent, as of June 30, 2019 (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 the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for SERS and what the Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.22 percent) and higher (4.22 percent) than the current discount rate (3.22 percent). Also shown is what the Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower (6.00 percent decreasing to 3.75 percent) and higher (8.00 percent decreasing to 5.75 percent) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease (2.22%)	Discount Rate (3.22%)	1% Increase (4.22%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$500,271	\$412,149	\$342,082
		Current	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
	(6.00% decreasing to 3.75%)	(7.00% decreasing to 4.75%)	(8.00% decreasing to 5.75%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$330,215	\$412,149	\$520,856

#### Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation are presented as follows:

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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 5.87 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate Medicare 4.93 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate

Prescription Drug:

Pre-Medicare 7.73 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate Medicare 9.62 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, 2019, 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 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 percent to 1.984 percent 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 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

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, see Note 9.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2019. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS 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 as of June 20, 2019. 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, 2019.

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rates The following table represents the Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the Academy's proportionate share of 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 Academy's proportionate share of 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.

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Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	1% Decrease (6.45%) \$190,244	Current Discount Rate (7.45%) \$222,951	1% Increase (8.45%) \$250,450
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$252,816	\$222,951	\$186,373

# **Note 11 – Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from the Sponsor negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Administrators, full time permanent certified employees and full time permanent classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 260 days for certified staff and classified staff. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the accrued, unused sick leave credit, up to a maximum of 65 days for certified employees and classified employees. Certified and classified staff can receive an additional 5 days of paid severance for early notice by submitting a letter of resignation prior to a specified date based on employee classification.

# Note 12 – Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Academy's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2020 were as follows:

	Amount			Amount	Amount
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due in
	06/30/19	Additions	Reductions	06/30/20	One Year
Intergovernmental Payable:					
Fiscal Year 2018 FTE Adjustment	\$517,785	\$0	(\$517,785)	\$0	\$0
Fiscal Year 2016 FTE Agreement	1,991,850	0	(331,975)	1,659,875	331,975
Total Intergovernmental Payable	2,509,635	0	(849,760)	1,659,875	331,975
Loan from Direct Borrowing:					
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	0	561,700	0	561,700	184,384
Compensated Absences	71,322	81,106	(64,123)	88,305	79,256
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	918,767	45,583	0	964,350	0
STRS	2,844,602	132,279	0	2,976,881	0
Total Net Pension Liability	3,763,369	177,862	0	3,941,231	0
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	448,999	0	(36,850)	412,149	0
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$6,793,325	\$820,668	(\$950,733)	\$6,663,260	\$595,615

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There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability. For additional information related to the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability, see Notes 9 and 10.

As a result of the fiscal year 2018 FTE review, the Academy owed the State Board of Education \$949,273, which was repaid through monthly Foundation deductions through the end of fiscal year 2020.

On February 20, 2019, the Academy and the State Board of Education reached an agreement to settle the Academy's appeal of the Ohio Department of Education's FTE review determination for fiscal year 2016. The agreement resulted in the Academy owing \$1,991,850 to the State Board of Education, which is being repaid through equal monthly Foundation deductions in fiscal years 2020 through 2025.

During fiscal year 2020, the Academy received a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program, which was established by the CARES Act, in the amount of \$561,700. The loan has an interest rate of 1 percent, and the lender may demand repayment at any time. When in default, the interest rate shall be increased to 18 percent. Per the terms of the loan, the Academy can apply for the entire amount of the loan to be forgiven if certain criteria are met. As of fiscal year end, the Academy was not able to file for loan forgiveness. As of June 30, 2020, \$181,053 of the loan proceeds had been utilized. As of the date of this report, the Academy has filed for loan forgiveness; however, the Academy will continue to report the loan as a liability until it is legally released from the debt.

If the loan is not forgiven, the loan is payable in full immediately upon the lender's demand or in accordance with the following schedule if no demand is made:

Fiscal Year	Loan from Direct Borrowing		
Ending		_	
June 30	Principal	Interest	
2021	\$184,384	\$5,313	
2022	377,316	2,078	
Total	\$561,700	\$7,391	

# **Note 13 – Contingencies**

The Academy received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursements of funds received under these programs generally require compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds; however, in the opinion of management, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2020, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

# Note 14 – Operating Leases

The Academy is obligated under certain leases accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights or lease obligations, and therefore the results of the lease agreements are not reflected in the Academy's basic financial statements. Total costs for such leases were \$109,690 for fiscal year 2020. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancellable lease terms as of June 30, 2020:

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Fiscal Year	Amount
2021	\$102,338
2022	95,708
2023	95,708
2024	75,908
2025	32,787
Total Minimum Payments Required	\$402,449

## Note 15 – Jointly Governed Organization

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. OME-RESA provides financial accounting services, an education management information system, cooperative purchase services and legal services to member districts. OME-RESA has eleven participating counties consisting of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Muskingum, Monroe, Noble, and Tuscarawas counties. OME-RESA operates under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts. The continued existence of OME-RESA is not dependent on the Academy's continued participation and no equity interest exists. OME-RESA has no outstanding debt. During fiscal year 2020, the Academy paid \$45,507 to OME-RESA for various services. To obtain financial information, write to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency, 2230 Sunset Boulevard Suite 2, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

#### **Note 16 – Purchased Services**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, purchased services expenses were as follows:

Instruction	\$67,527
Professional and Technical Services	803,323
Leases	112,156
Utilities	57,197
Total	\$1,040,203

## **Note 17 – 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. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Academy. The investments of the pension and other employee benefit plans in which the Academy participates fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Academy's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either Federal or State, cannot be estimated.

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability School Employees Retirement System of Ohio Last Seven Fiscal Years (1) \*

	2020	2019	2018
Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01611770%	0.01604220%	0.01437910%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$964,350	\$918,767	\$859,119
Academy's Covered Payroll	\$546,948	\$548,948	\$466,786
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	176.31%	167.37%	184.05%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.85%	71.36%	69.50%

<sup>(1)</sup> Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2014 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.

2017	2016	2015	2014
0.01354110%	0.01369530%	0.01314600%	0.01314600%
\$991,084	\$781,467	\$665,312	\$781,750
\$421,257	\$412,620	\$381,999	\$259,624
235.27%	189.39%	174.17%	301.11%
62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Four Fiscal Years (1) \*

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Academy's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.01638900%	0.01618440%	0.01446720%	0.01357630%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$412,149	\$448,999	\$388,262	\$386,975
Academy's Covered Payroll	\$546,948	\$548,948	\$466,786	\$421,257
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	75.35%	81.79%	83.18%	91.86%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

<sup>(1)</sup> Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Seven Fiscal Years (1) \*

	2020	2019	2018
Academy's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01346128%	0.01293721%	0.01299128%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,976,881	\$2,844,602	\$3,086,106
Academy's Covered Payroll	\$1,561,143	\$1,513,507	\$1,425,971
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	190.69%	187.95%	216.42%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	77.40%	77.30%	75.30%

<sup>(1)</sup> Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2014 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.

2017	2016	2015	2014
0.01207494%	0.01119586%	0.01082575%	0.01082575%
\$4,041,846	\$3,094,208	\$2,633,197	\$3,136,647
\$1,287,671	\$1,142,243	\$1,120,938	\$1,161,769
313.89%	270.89%	234.91%	269.99%
66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio Last Four Fiscal Years (1) \*

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Academy's Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability	0.01346128%	0.01293721%	0.01299128%	0.01207494%
Academy's Proportionate Share of the:				
Net OPEB Asset	\$222,951	\$207,888	\$0	\$0
Net OPEB Liability	0	0	506,872	645,771
Academy's Covered Payroll	\$1,561,143	\$1,513,507	\$1,425,971	\$1,287,671
Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	(14.28%)	(13.74%)	35.55%	50.15%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

<sup>(1)</sup> Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.

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Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the Academy's Contributions School Employees Retirement System of Ohio Last Ten Fiscal Years

Not Donaton Linkilita	2020	2019	2018	2017
Net Pension Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$81,556	\$73,838	\$74,108	\$65,350
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(81,556)	(73,838)	(74,108)	(65,350)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Academy Covered Payroll (1)	\$582,543	\$546,948	\$548,948	\$466,786
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%
Net OPEB Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$7,886	\$12,136	\$11,087	\$7,310
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(7,886)	(12,136)	(11,087)	(7,310)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.35%	2.22%	2.02%	1.57%
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	15.35%	15.72%	15.52%	15.57%

<sup>(1)</sup> The Academy's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes surcharge

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
\$58,976	\$54,383	\$52,945	\$35,932	\$27,612	\$26,570
(58,976)	(54,383)	(52,945)	(35,932)	(27,612)	(26,570)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$421,257	\$412,620	\$381,999	\$259,624	\$205,294	\$211,376
14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%
\$6,243	\$9,747	\$6,319	\$5,480	\$4,674	\$6,147
(6,243)	(9,747)	(6,319)	(5,480)	(4,674)	(6,147)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.48%	2.36%	1.65%	2.11%	2.28%	2.91%
15.48%	15.54%	15.51%	15.95%	15.73%	15.48%

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the Academy's Contributions State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio Last Ten Fiscal Years

Net Pension Liability	2020	2019	2018	2017
Tet I chision Elability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$228,873	\$218,560	\$211,891	\$199,636
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(228,873)	(218,560)	(211,891)	(199,636)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Academy Covered Payroll (1)	\$1,634,807	\$1,561,143	\$1,513,507	\$1,425,971
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Net OPEB Asset/Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the				
Contractually Required Contribution	0	0	0	0
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

<sup>(1)</sup> The Academy's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
\$180,274	\$159,914	\$145,722	\$151,030	\$100,134	\$80,060
(180,274)	(159,914)	(145,722)	(151,030)	(100,134)	(80,060)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,287,671	\$1,142,243	\$1,120,938	\$1,161,769	\$770,262	\$615,846
14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
\$0	\$0	\$11,209	\$11,618	\$7,703	\$6,158
0	0	(11,209)	(11,618)	(7,703)	(6,158)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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#### Net Pension Liability

#### Changes in Assumptions – SERS

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, an assumption of 2.5 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc COLA. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used.

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented as follows:

	Beginning in Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior
Wage Inflation	3.00 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments	7.75 percent net of investments
	expense, including inflation	expense, including inflation

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, mortality assumptions use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age setback for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

#### Changes in Assumptions – STRS

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2017 and prior are presented as follows:

	Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to	12.25 percent at age 20 to
	2.50 percent at age 65	2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, 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 the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

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For fiscal year 2017 and prior actuarial valuation, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022 – Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set back two years through age 89 and no setback for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year setback from age 80 through 89, and no setback from age 90 and above.

## Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

## Changes in Assumptions – SERS

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Fiscal Year 2020	3.13 percent
Fiscal Year 2019	3.62 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense,	
including price inflation:	
Fiscal Year 2020	3.22 percent
Fiscal Year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.98 percent

#### **Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)*, and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

For fiscal year 2019, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent.

## **Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2020.

For fiscal year 2019, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

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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 percent to 1.984 percent 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 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.



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

Quaker Digital Academy Tuscarawas County 248 Front Avenue SW New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Quaker Digital Academy, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the Academy), a component unit of New Philadelphia City School District, Tuscarawas County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 28, 2021, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the Academy.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### Purpose of this Report

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

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

January 28, 2021



## **QUAKER DIGITAL ACADEMY**

## **TUSCARAWAS 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.



Certified for Release 2/11/2021

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