# SIX DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMPACT

# **SUMMIT COUNTY**

Regular Audit

For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Six District Educational Compact is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

February 10, 2022

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# Six District Educational Compact Summit County For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Six District Educational Compact Summit County 2386 Hudson-Aurora Road Hudson, OH 44236

To the Executive Committee:

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio (the Compact), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Compact's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 1 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit 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 Compact'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 Compact'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 opinions.

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# **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

# Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the accounting basis. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which differs from generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinions regarding this matter.

# **Emphasis of Matter**

The financial impact of COVID-19 and ensuring emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Compact. We did not modify our opinions regarding this matter.

# **Other Matter**

# **Other Information**

We applied no procedures to management's discussion & analysis as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 29, 2021, on our consideration of the Compact'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 Compact's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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*Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.* December 29, 2021

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the Six District Educational Compact (the "Compact") financial performance provides an overall review of the Compact's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, within the limitations of the Compact's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Compact's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash-basis basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Compact's financial performance.

# **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

- Net cash position increased \$29,257 during fiscal year 2021, which represents a 12.74% increase from fiscal year 2020.
- For fiscal year 2021, the Compact had \$1,988,308 in cash disbursements; these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions of \$2,017,565.
- The Compact's general fund had cash receipts of \$1,746,912 and cash disbursements of \$1,707,885 in fiscal year 2021. The general fund cash balance increased \$39,027 during the year and the ending fund cash balance was \$275,643.

# Using These Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Compact's cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis provides information about the activities of the whole Compact, presenting an aggregate view of the Compact's cash basis finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Compact's most significant funds and in the case of the Compact, all three governmental funds - the general fund, other local grants fund, and vocational education grants fund - are reported as major funds.

#### **Reporting the Compact as a Whole**

#### Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2021?" These statements include *only net position* using the *cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the Compact's net position and changes in that position on a cash basis. This change in net cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Compact as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the Compact has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the Compact's facility conditions, mandated federal and state programs and other factors.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis, the governmental activities includes the Compact's programs and services including instruction, and support services.

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

### **Reporting the Compact's Most Significant Funds**

#### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Compact, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Compact can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. The Compact has no proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Compact's major funds. The Compact uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Compact's most significant funds. The Compact's major governmental funds are the general fund, other local grants fund, and vocational education grants fund. The analysis of the Compact's major governmental funds begins on page 8.

#### **Governmental Funds**

All of the Compact's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the Compact's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various Compact programs. Since the Compact is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net cash position and fund cash balances or changes in net cash position and changes in fund cash balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements. The governmental fund statements can be found on pages 12-13 of this report.

#### Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the governmentwide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 14-23 of this report.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

Recall that the statement of net position - cash basis provides the perspective of the Compact as a whole. The following table provides a summary of the Compact's net cash position for fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

	<b>Net Cash Position</b>				
	Governmental Activities <u>2021</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2020</u>			
Assets					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 258,921	\$ 229,664			
Total assets	258,921	229,664			
Net cash position					
Restricted	33,906	14,360			
Unrestricted	225,015	215,304			
Total net cash position	\$ 258,921	\$ 229,664			

At June 30, 2021, the Compact's net cash position was \$258,921. Of this total, \$33,906 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net cash position of \$225,015 may be used without restriction to meet the Compact's ongoing obligations.

The following table shows the changes in net cash position for fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

Change in Net	Cash Positio	n
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	Governmental Activities 2021	Governmental Activities 2020		
Cash receipts:				
Program cash receipts:				
Charges for services	\$ 1,622,433	\$ 1,510,011		
Operating grants and contributions	395,132	241,379		
Total program cash receipts	2,017,565	1,751,390		
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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

#### Change in Net Cash Position (Continued)

	Governmental Activities 2021	Governmental Activities 2020
Cash disbursements:		
Current:		
Instruction:		
Regular	-	4,754
Vocational	1,404,116	1,194,736
Other	125	1,938
Support services:		
Pupil	94,225	83,033
Instructional staff	315,975	321,811
Central	110	6,671
Pass-through	173,757	174,590
Total cash disbursements	1,988,308	1,787,533
Change in net cash position	29,257	(36,143)
Net cash position at beginning of year	229,664	265,807
Net cash position at end of year	\$ 258,921	\$ 229,664

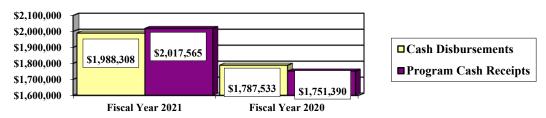
#### **Governmental Activities**

Net cash position increased \$29,257 in fiscal year 2021. Total cash disbursements of \$1,988,308 were offset by program cash receipts of \$2,017,565.

The primary sources of cash receipts are derived from charges for services. These sources represent 80.42% of total cash receipts for 2021. Operating grants and contributions mostly consist of Federal grants.

The largest cash disbursement of the Compact is for instructional activities, primarily vocational instruction. Total instructional cash disbursements totaled \$1,404,241 or 70.62% of total cash disbursements for fiscal year 2021.

#### Governmental Activities - Program Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2021 and 2020.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
	Total Cost of Services 2021		Net Cost of Services 2021		Total Cost of Services 2020		et Cost of Services 2020
Cash disbursements:							
Current:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ -	\$	-	\$	4,754	\$	3,307
Vocational	1,404,116		(2,493)		1,194,736		-
Other	125		125		1,938		(500)
Support services:							
Pupil	94,225		4,797		83,033		(86)
Instructional staff	315,975		(50,491)		321,811		12,146
Central	110		110		6,671		6,671
Pass-through	173,757		18,695		174,590		14,605
Total	\$ 1,988,308	\$	(29,257)	\$	1,787,533	\$	36,143

#### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Compact uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The Compact's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. At June 30, 2021, the Compact's governmental funds reported a combined fund cash balance of \$258,921, which represents an increase of \$29,257 compared to the June 30, 2020 combined fund cash balance. The schedule below indicates the fund cash balances and the total change in fund cash balances as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, for all governmental funds.

#### Fund Cash Balance (Deficit)

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Change
Major Funds:			
General	\$ 275,643	\$ 236,616	\$ 39,027
Other Local Grants	33,906	14,360	19,546
Vocational Education Grants	(50,628)	(21,312)	(29,316)
Total	\$ 258,921	<u>\$ 229,664</u>	\$ 29,257

# **General Fund**

The general fund had cash receipts, primarily charges for services, of \$1,746,912 in 2021. The cash disbursements of the general fund totaled \$1,707,885 in 2021. The general fund's cash disbursements are primarily for vocational instruction costs and instructional staff support costs. The general fund's cash balance increased \$39,027 from 2020 to 2021.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (UNAUDITED)

#### **Other Local Grants Fund**

The other local grants fund accounts for various local grants and contributions that are restricted in use. The other local grants fund had cash receipts of \$27,500 and cash disbursements of \$7,954 in 2021 and the change in fund cash balance was an increase of \$19,546.

#### Vocational Education Grants Fund

The vocational education grants fund had cash receipts consisting of Federal grants in the amount of \$243,153. Cash disbursements totaled \$272,469 in 2021 and the change in fund cash balance was a decrease of \$29,316.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

The Compact does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The Compact had no capital outlay disbursements during fiscal year 2021.

#### **Debt** Administration

The Compact had no long-term debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2021.

#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

Since its inception, the Compact continues to provide Career/College tech prep programming to its six member districts in a manner that is more cost effective than the typical joint vocational school model. The six districts routinely come together to evaluate current programming and search for cost-effective solutions to additional educational demands and mandates. The ability to generate support from local agencies and higher education, including both the University of Akron and Kent State University, to explore and develop innovative programs continues to be a core strategy. The six member districts are committed to the continued effort to control expenses while providing exceptional programming.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Compact's finances and to show the Compact's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Administrative/Fiscal Agent for the Six District Educational Compact, 2386 Hudson-Aurora Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities		
Assets: Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	258,921	
Total assets		258,921	
Net cash position: Restricted for:			
Locally funded programs		33,906 225,015	
Total net cash position.	\$	258,921	

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

				Program C	ash Rece	ipts	Disb Cas and	et (Cash ursements) h Receipts Changes in 'ash Position
	Dis	Cash bursements		harges for Services	-	ating Grants and atributions		ernmental ctivities
Governmental activities:								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Vocational	\$	1,404,116	\$	1,310,206	\$	96,403	\$	2,493
Other		125		-		-		(125)
Support services:		0 <b>1 00 5</b>		11001				
Pupil		94,225		14,991		74,437		(4,797)
Instructional staff		315,975		297,236		69,230		50,491
Central		110		-		-		(110)
Pass-through		173,757		-		155,062		(18,695)
Totals	\$	1,988,308	\$	1,622,433	\$	395,132		29,257
	Chang	ge in net cash po	sition .					29,257
	Net c	ash position at <b>b</b>	oeginniı	ng of year	•			229,664
	Net ca	ash position at e	end of y	ear	•		\$	258,921

#### STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2021

	 General	Other Local Grants	E	ocational ducation Grants	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
<b>Cash assets:</b> Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 275,643	\$ 33,906	\$	(50,628)	\$	258,921
Total assets	\$ 275,643	\$ 33,906	\$	(50,628)	\$	258,921
Fund cash balances: Restricted: Locally funded programs	\$ -	\$ 33,906	\$	-	\$	33,906
Assigned: Student and staff support	96,805 178,838	-		(50,628)	_	96,805 128,210
Total fund cash balances	\$ 275,643	\$ 33,906	\$	(50,628)	\$	258,921

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General	Other Local Grants	Vocational Education Grants	Total Governmental Funds
Cash receipts:				
From local sources:				
Charges for services	1,622,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,622,433
Contributions and donations	-	27,500	-	27,500
Intergovernmental - state	124,479	-	-	124,479
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	243,153	243,153
Total cash receipts	1,746,912	27,500	243,153	2,017,565
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
Vocational	1,404,116	-	-	1,404,116
Other	125	-	-	125
Support services:				
Pupil	10,813	-	83,412	94,225
Instructional staff.	292,831	7,844	15,300	315,975
Central	-	110	-	110
Pass-through.	-	-	173,757	173,757
Total cash disbursements	1,707,885	7,954	272,469	1,988,308
Excess of cash receipts over (under)				
cash disbursements	39,027	19,546	(29,316)	29,257
Fund cash balances (deficit) at beginning of year .	236,616	14,360	(21,312)	229,664
Fund cash balances (deficit) at end of year \$	275,643	\$ 33,906	\$ (50,628)	\$ 258,921

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of Entity

The Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, (the "Compact) is a body politic established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution of the State of Ohio. The Compact began operating as a Regional Council of Governments effective July 1, 1998, as defined by Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Compact is a jointly governed organization consisting of six participating school districts: Cuyahoga Falls City School District, Hudson City School District, Kent City School District, Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, Tallmadge City School District and Woodridge Local School District, to provide for the vocational and special education needs of their students. Students residing in any of these districts may attend any vocational or special education class offered by any of the six individual school districts; the school district of residence pays an instructional fee to the school district that offers the class. All cash receipts are generated from charges for services and operating grants and contributions.

The Compact operates under the direction of a six member executive committee that is comprised of the superintendent from each of the participating school districts. The committee exercises total control over the operation of the Compact, including contracting and designating management. The Compact is not required to budget in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and its Board has also not adopted a budget. The Treasurer of Hudson City School District administers the grants, tuition reimbursement operations and the administrative operations of the Compact. The executive director of the Compact is an employee of Hudson City School District, but her salary is reimbursed to the Hudson City School District by the Compact.

The Compact provides a permanent forum for discussion and study of problems of mutual interest and concern to its member school districts, and develops policies and action recommendations for implementation either by the Compact itself, or by one or more of its member school districts.

# **B.** Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "<u>Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units</u>" and GASB Statement No. 61, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>: <u>Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34</u>". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Compact. For the Compact, this includes general operations and student instruction activities.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Compact is financially accountable. The Compact is financially accountable for an organization if the Compact appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the Compact is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Compact is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the Compact is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the Compact is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Compact in that the Compact approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the Compact has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the Compact (the primary government).

#### C. Basis of Accounting

The Compact chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements (cash basis). The cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

#### **D.** Fund Accounting

The Compact uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts. The Compact classifies each fund as governmental, proprietary or fiduciary. The Compact reports only governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds* - The Compact classifies funds financed primarily from intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants) and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the Compact's major governmental funds:

<u>General fund</u> - The general fund is the operating fund of the Compact and is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Compact for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

<u>Other local grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for local grants and contributions that are restricted by the grantors or donors for specific purposes.

<u>Vocational education grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for federal money passed through the Ohio Department of Education for vocational educational classes.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### E. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

<u>Government-Wide Statement of Activities - Cash Basis</u> - This statement displays information about the Compact as a whole. The government-wide statement of activities - cash basis compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the Compact's governmental activities. These disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Compact. The Compact has no general receipts. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on the cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the Compact.

*<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Compact. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

#### F. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

The Compact designates an Administrative Agent for all funds received in the name of the Compact. The Hudson City School District acts as the Administrative and Fiscal Agent. The Compact's funds are maintained in separate funds with the fiscal agent.

#### G. Cash and Investments

The Compact's fiscal agent is the custodian for the Compact's cash and investments. The fiscal agent maintains a cash and investment pool used for all of the fiscal agent's funds, including those of the Compact. Deposits and investments are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and are valued at the fiscal agent's carrying amount.

#### H. Capital Assets

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

#### I. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payouts for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

# J. Fund Cash Balance

Fund cash balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Compact is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Nonspendable</u> - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

<u>Restricted</u> - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Compact's executive committee (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the executive committee removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

<u>Assigned</u> - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Compact for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Compact's executive committee, which includes giving the Administrative/Fiscal Agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes. The executive committee may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balances to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the general fund.

<u>Unassigned</u> - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Compact applies restricted resources first when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### K. Net Cash Position

Net cash position is reported as restricted when enabling legislation or creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments have imposed limitations on its use. The Compact applies restricted resources first when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net cash position are available.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### L. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability and net OPEB asset, 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.

# NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Hudson City School District, as fiscal agent for the Compact, maintains a depository which includes the funds of the Compact. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Compact's carrying amount of cash on deposit with the fiscal agent at June 30, 2021 was \$258,921. The fiscal agent for the Compact is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the Hudson City School District's investment accounts.

# NOTE 3 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

Plan Description - The Compact's non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multipleemployer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at <u>www.ohsers.org</u> under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Age 65 with 5 years of services credit: or 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; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

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

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

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# **NOTE 3 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Effective January 1, 2018, SERS cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) changed from a fixed 3% annual increase to one based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%. SERS also has the authority to award or suspend the COLA, or to adjust the COLA above or below CPI-W. SERS suspended the COLA increases for 2018, 2019 and 2020 for current retirees, and confirmed their intent to implement a four-year waiting period for the start of a COLA for future retirees. For 2021, the COLA was 0.5%.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Compact is required to contribute 14% 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% for plan members and 14% 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, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0%.

The Compact's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$5,835 for fiscal year 2021.

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

Plan Description - Licensed teachers participate in STRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at <u>www.strsoh.org</u>.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined (CO) Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Effective July 1, 2017, the cost-of-living adjustment was reduced to zero. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 28 years of service, or 33 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 9.53% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47% of the 14% 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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# **NOTE 3 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2% 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 after termination of employment 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. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal year 2021, plan members were required to contribute 14% of their annual covered salary. The Compact was required to contribute 14%; the entire 14% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2021 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Compact's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$14,550 for fiscal year 2021.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

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

Health Care Plan Description - The Compact contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2021, this amount was \$23,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Compact's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$0 for fiscal year 2021.

#### 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 <u>www.strsoh.org</u> or by calling (888) 227-7877.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# **NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

#### **NOTE 5 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

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

#### B. Litigation

The Compact is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

#### **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Compact maintains comprehensive commercial insurance coverage for risks related to property loss or damage and general liability, through Hudson City School District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. There has not been a significant reduction in this coverage from the prior fiscal year.

# NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

#### A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2021, the Compact has applied GASB Statement No. 95, "<u>Postponement of the Effective</u> <u>Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance.</u>" GASB Statement No. 95 provides temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

# NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

Certain provisions contained in the following pronouncements were scheduled to be implemented for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 95, the effective dates of certain provisions contained in these pronouncements are postponed until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

- Statement No. 87, Leases
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*
- Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period
- Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020
- Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

# B. Deficit Fund Cash Balance

The vocational education grants fund had a deficit fund cash balance of \$50,628 at June 30, 2021. The deficit resulted from spending approved grant monies in advance of receiving the full amount of the grant.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the Six District Educational Compact (the "Compact") financial performance provides an overall review of the Compact's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, within the limitations of the Compact's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Compact's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash-basis basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Compact's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

- Net cash position decreased \$36,143 during fiscal year 2020, which represents a 13.6% decrease from fiscal year 2019.
- For fiscal year 2020, the Compact had \$1,787,533 in cash disbursements; these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions of \$1,751,390.
- The Compact's general fund had cash receipts of \$1,513,101 and cash disbursements of \$1,507,986 in fiscal year 2020. The general fund cash balance increased \$5,115 during the year and the ending fund cash balance was \$236,616.

#### Using These Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Compact's cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis provides information about the activities of the whole Compact, presenting an aggregate view of the Compact's cash basis finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Compact's most significant funds and in the case of the Compact, all three governmental funds - the general fund, other local grants fund, and vocational education grants fund - are reported as major funds.

#### **Reporting the Compact as a Whole**

#### Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2020?" These statements include *only net position* using the *cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the Compact's net position and changes in that position on a cash basis. This change in net cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Compact as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the Compact has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the Compact's facility conditions, mandated federal and state programs and other factors.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis, the governmental activities includes the Compact's programs and services including instruction, and support services.

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis can be found on pages 30-31 of this report.

#### **Reporting the Compact's Most Significant Funds**

#### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Compact, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Compact can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. The Compact has no proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Compact's major funds. The Compact uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Compact's most significant funds. The Compact's major governmental funds are the general fund, other local grants fund, and vocational education grants fund. The analysis of the Compact's major governmental funds begins on page 28.

#### **Governmental Funds**

All of the Compact's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the Compact's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various Compact programs. Since the Compact is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net cash position and fund cash balances or changes in net cash position and changes in fund cash balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements. The governmental fund statements can be found on pages 32-33 of this report.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the governmentwide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 34-43 of this report.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

Recall that the statement of net position - cash basis provides the perspective of the Compact as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the Compact's net cash position for fiscal years 2020 and 2019.

	Net Cash Position			
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities		
Assets	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 229,664</u>	<u>\$</u> 265,807		
Total assets	229,664	265,807		
Net cash position				
Restricted	14,360	34,406		
Unrestricted	215,304	231,401		
Total net cash position	\$ 229,664	\$ 265,807		

At June 30, 2020, the Compact's net cash position was \$229,664. Of this total, \$14,360 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net cash position of \$215,304 may be used without restriction to meet the Compact's ongoing obligations.

The following table shows the changes in net cash position for fiscal years 2020 and 2019.

	Change in Net Cash Position					
	Government Activities 2020	al Governmental Activities 2019				
<b>Cash receipts:</b> Program cash receipts: Charges for services Operating grants and contributions	\$ 1,510,0 241,3					
Total program cash receipts	1,751,3	90 <u>1,812,936</u> -Continued				

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

# Change in Net Cash Position (Continued)

	Governmental Activities 2020	Governmental Activities 2019
Cash disbursements:		
Current:		
Instruction:		
Regular	4,754	5,267
Vocational	1,194,736	1,170,637
Other	1,938	2,177
Support services:		
Pupil	83,033	127,184
Instructional staff	321,811	273,072
Central	6,671	1,744
Pass-through	174,590	173,757
Total cash disbursements	1,787,533	1,753,838
Change in net cash position	(36,143)	59,098
Net cash position at beginning of year	265,807	206,709
Net cash position at end of year	\$ 229,664	\$ 265,807

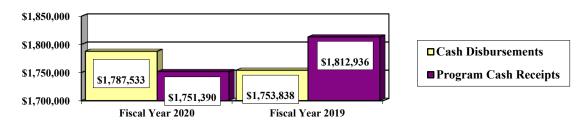
#### **Governmental Activities**

Net cash position decreased \$36,143 in fiscal year 2020. Total cash disbursements of \$1,787,533 were offset by program cash receipts of \$1,751,390.

The primary sources of cash receipts are derived from charges for services. These sources represent 86.2% of total cash receipts for 2020. Operating grants and contributions mostly consist of Federal grants.

The largest cash disbursement of the Compact is for instructional activities. These cash disbursements totaled \$1,201,428 or 67.2% of total cash disbursements for fiscal year 2020.

#### Governmental Activities - Program Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2020 and 2019.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

		<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
	Se	l Cost of ervices 2020	S	t Cost of ervices 2020		otal Cost of Services 2019		et Cost of Services 2019
Cash disbursements:								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	\$	4,754	\$	3,307	\$	5,267	\$	(3,359)
Vocational	1	,194,736		-		1,170,637		-
Other		1,938		(500)		2,177		(2,215)
Support services:								
Pupil		83,033		(86)		127,184		(27,844)
Instructional staff		321,811		12,146		273,072		(19,287)
Central		6,671		6,671		1,744		1,744
Pass-through		174,590		14,605		173,757		(8,137)
Total	<u>\$ 1</u>	,787,533	\$	36,143	\$	1,753,838	\$	(59,098)

#### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Compact uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The Compact's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. At June 30, 2020, the Compact's governmental funds reported a combined fund cash balance of \$229,664, which represents a decrease of \$36,143 compared to the June 30, 2019 combined fund cash balance. The schedule below indicates the fund cash balances and the total change in fund cash balances as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, for all governmental funds.

#### Fund Cash Balance (Deficit)

	June	30, 2020	Jun	e 30, 2019	(	Change
Major Funds:						
General	\$ 2	236,616	\$	231,501	\$	5,115
Other Local Grants		14,360		34,406		(20,046)
Vocational Education Grants		(21,312)		(100)		(21,212)
Total	\$	229,664	\$	265,807	\$	(36,143)

# **General** Fund

The general fund had cash receipts, primarily charges for services, of \$1,513,101 in 2020. The cash disbursements of the general fund totaled \$1,507,986 in 2020. The general fund's cash disbursements are primarily for vocational instruction costs and instructional staff support costs. The general fund's cash balance increased \$5,115 from 2019 to 2020.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

# **Other Local Grants Fund**

The other local grants fund accounts for various local grants and contributions that are restricted in use. The other local grants fund had cash receipts of \$5,925 and cash disbursements of \$25,971 in 2020 and the change in fund cash balance was a decrease of \$20,046.

#### Vocational Education Grants Fund

The vocational education grants fund had cash receipts consisting of Federal grants in the amount of \$232,364. Cash disbursements totaled \$253,576 in 2020 and the change in fund cash balance was a decrease of \$21,212.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

The Compact does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The Compact had no capital outlay disbursements during fiscal year 2020.

#### **Debt** Administration

The Compact had no long-term debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2020.

#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

Since its inception, the Compact continues to provide Career/College tech prep programming to its six member districts in a manner that is more cost effective than the typical joint vocational school model. The six districts routinely come together to evaluate current programming and search for cost-effective solutions to additional educational demands and mandates. The ability to generate support from local agencies and higher education, including both the University of Akron and Kent State University, to explore and develop innovative programs continues to be a core strategy. The six member districts are committed to the continued effort to control expenses while providing exceptional programming.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Compact's finances and to show the Compact's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Administrative/Fiscal Agent for the Six District Educational Compact, 2386 Hudson-Aurora Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities			
Assets: Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	229,664		
Total assets		229,664		
Net cash position:				
Restricted for:				
Locally funded programs		14,360		
Unrestricted		215,304		
Total net cash position.	\$	229,664		

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

				Program C	Net (Cash Disbursements) Cash Receipts and Changes in Net Cash Position			
	Cash Disbursements		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	
Governmental activities:								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	\$	4,754	\$	296	\$	1,151	\$	(3,307)
Vocational		1,194,736		1,194,736		-		-
Other		1,938		499		1,939		500
Support services:				10 - 10				0.6
Pupil		83,033		10,740		72,379		86
Instructional staff		321,811		303,740		5,925		(12,146)
		6,671		-		-		(6,671)
Pass-through		174,590		-		159,985		(14,605)
Totals	\$	1,787,533	\$	1,510,011	\$	241,379		(36,143)
	Chang	ge in net cash po	sition .					(36,143)
Net cash position at beginning of year								265,807
Net cash position at end of year							\$	229,664

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2020

		General		Other Local Grants	E	ocational ducation Grants	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
<b>Cash assets:</b> Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	236,616	\$	14,360	\$	(21,312)	\$	229,664
Total assets	\$	236,616	\$	14,360	\$	(21,312)	\$	229,664
Fund cash balances: Restricted: Locally funded programs	\$		\$	14.360	\$		\$	14.360
Assigned:	φ	-	φ	14,500	Φ	-	φ	,
Student and staff support		82,949 153,667		-		(21,312)		82,949 132,355
Total fund cash balances	\$	236,616	\$	14,360	\$	(21,312)	\$	229,664

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General	Other Local Grants	Vocational Education Grants	Total Governmental Funds
Cash receipts:				
From local sources:				
Charges for services	1,510,011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510,011
Contributions and donations	3,090	5,925	-	9,015
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	232,364	232,364
Total cash receipts	1,513,101	5,925	232,364	1,751,390
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
Regular	4,754	-	-	4,754
Vocational	1,194,736	-	-	1,194,736
Other	1,938	-	-	1,938
Support services:				
Pupil	4,047	-	78,986	83,033
Instructional staff	302,511	19,300	-	321,811
Central	-	6,671	-	6,671
Pass-through.	-	-	174,590	174,590
Total cash disbursements	1,507,986	25,971	253,576	1,787,533
Excess of cash receipts over				
cash disbursements	5,115	(20,046)	(21,212)	(36,143)
Fund cash balances (deficit) at beginning of year .	231,501	34,406	(100)	265,807
Fund cash balances (deficit) at end of year §	236,616	\$ 14,360	\$ (21,312)	\$ 229,664

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Description of Entity

The Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, (the "Compact) is a body politic established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution of the State of Ohio. The Compact began operating as a Regional Council of Governments effective July 1, 1998, as defined by Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Compact is a jointly governed organization consisting of six participating school districts: Cuyahoga Falls City School District, Hudson City School District, Kent City School District, Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, Tallmadge City School District and Woodridge Local School District, to provide for the vocational and special education needs of their students. Students residing in any of these districts may attend any vocational or special education class offered by any of the six individual school districts; the school district of residence pays an instructional fee to the school district that offers the class. All cash receipts are generated from charges for services and operating grants and contributions.

The Compact operates under the direction of a six member executive committee that is comprised of the superintendent from each of the participating school districts. The committee exercises total control over the operation of the Compact, including contracting and designating management. The Compact is not required to budget in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and its Board has also not adopted a budget. The Treasurer of Hudson City School District administers the grants, tuition reimbursement operations and the administrative operations of the Compact. The executive director of the Compact is an employee of Hudson City School District, but her salary is reimbursed to the Hudson City School District by the Compact.

The Compact provides a permanent forum for discussion and study of problems of mutual interest and concern to its member school districts, and develops policies and action recommendations for implementation either by the Compact itself, or by one or more of its member school districts.

## **B.** Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "<u>Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units</u>" and GASB Statement No. 61, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>: <u>Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34</u>". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Compact. For the Compact, this includes general operations and student instruction activities.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Compact is financially accountable. The Compact is financially accountable for an organization if the Compact appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the Compact is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Compact is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the Compact is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the Compact is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Compact in that the Compact approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the Compact has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the Compact (the primary government).

#### C. Basis of Accounting

The Compact chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements (cash basis). The cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

#### D. Fund Accounting

The Compact uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts. The Compact classifies each fund as governmental, proprietary or fiduciary. The Compact reports only governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds* - The Compact classifies funds financed primarily from intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants) and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the Compact's major governmental funds:

<u>General fund</u> - The general fund is the operating fund of the Compact and is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Compact for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

<u>Other local grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for local grants and contributions that are restricted by the grantors or donors for specific purposes.

<u>Vocational education grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for federal money passed through the Ohio Department of Education for vocational educational classes.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### E. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

<u>Government-Wide Statement of Activities - Cash Basis</u> - This statement displays information about the Compact as a whole. The government-wide statement of activities - cash basis compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the Compact's governmental activities. These disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Compact. The Compact has no general receipts. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on the cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the Compact.

*<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Compact. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

### F. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

The Compact designates an Administrative Agent for all funds received in the name of the Compact. The Hudson City School District acts as the Administrative and Fiscal Agent. The Compact's funds are maintained in separate funds with the fiscal agent.

#### G. Cash and Investments

The Compact's fiscal agent is the custodian for the Compact's cash and investments. The fiscal agent maintains a cash and investment pool used for all of the fiscal agent's funds, including those of the Compact. Deposits and investments are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and are valued at the fiscal agent's carrying amount.

#### H. Capital Assets

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

## I. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payouts for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

### J. Fund Cash Balance

Fund cash balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Compact is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Nonspendable</u> - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

<u>Restricted</u> - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Compact's executive committee (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the executive committee removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

<u>Assigned</u> - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Compact for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Compact's executive committee, which includes giving the Administrative/Fiscal Agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes. The executive committee may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balances to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the general fund.

<u>Unassigned</u> - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Compact applies restricted resources first when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

### K. Net Cash Position

Net cash position is reported as restricted when enabling legislation or creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments have imposed limitations on its use. The Compact applies restricted resources first when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net cash position are available.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### L. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability and net OPEB asset, 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.

## NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Hudson City School District, as fiscal agent for the Compact, maintains a depository which includes the funds of the Compact. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Compact's carrying amount of cash on deposit with the fiscal agent at June 30, 2020 was \$229,664. The fiscal agent for the Compact is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the Hudson City School District's investment accounts.

## NOTE 3 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

Plan Description - The Compact's non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multipleemployer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at <u>www.ohsers.org</u> under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017			
Full benefits	Age 65 with 5 years of services credit; or 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; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit			

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

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

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## **NOTE 3 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Effective January 1, 2018, SERS cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) changed from a fixed 3% annual increase to one based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%. SERS also has the authority to award or suspend the COLA, or to adjust the COLA above or below CPI-W. SERS suspended the COLA increases for 2018, 2019 and 2020 for current retirees, and confirmed their intent to implement a four-year waiting period for the state of a COLA for future retirees.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Compact is required to contribute 14% 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% for plan members and 14% 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%.

The Compact's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$6,857 for fiscal year 2020.

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

Plan Description - Licensed teachers participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Effective July 1, 2017, the cost-of-living adjustment was reduced to zero. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 28 years of service, or 33 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47% of the 14% 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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## **NOTE 3 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2% 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 after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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

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

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal year 2020, plan members were required to contribute 14% of their annual covered salary. The Compact was required to contribute 14%; the entire 14% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2020 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Compact's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$14,408 for fiscal year 2020.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

### NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

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

Health Care Plan Description - The Compact contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment 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% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Compact's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$0 for fiscal year 2020.

#### 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 <u>www.strsoh.org</u> or by calling (888) 227-7877.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## **NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS – (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

## **NOTE 5 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

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

## B. Litigation

The Compact is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

#### **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Compact maintains comprehensive commercial insurance coverage for risks related to property loss or damage and general liability, through Hudson City School District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. There has not been a significant reduction in this coverage from the prior fiscal year.

## NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

#### A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2020, the Compact has implemented GASB Statement No. 84 "*Fiduciary Activities*" and GASB Statement No. 90 "*Majority Equity Interests an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*".

GASB Statement No. 84 establishes specific criteria for identifying activities that should be reported as fiduciary activities and clarifies whether and how business-type activities should report their fiduciary activities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

GASB Statement No. 90 improves consistency in the measurement and comparability of the financial statement presentation of majority equity interests in legally separate organizations. This Statement also provides guidance for reporting a component unit if a government acquires a 100 percent equity interest in that component unit. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 90 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE – (Continued)

## B. Deficit Fund Cash Balance

The vocational education grants fund had a deficit fund cash balance of \$21,312 at June 30, 2020. The deficit resulted from spending approved grant monies in advance of receiving the full amount of the grant.

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

Six District Educational Compact Summit County 2386 Hudson-Aurora Road Hudson, OH 44236

To the Executive Committee:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio (the Compact) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Compact's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2021, wherein we noted the Compact uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Compact.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Six District Educational Compact Summit County Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards Page 2

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## Purpose of this Report

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

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*Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.* December 29, 2021



# SIX DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMPACT

# SUMMIT 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 2/22/2022

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