

**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUDIT REPORT**

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

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Towpath Trail High School, Summit County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

February 07, 2022

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of the Board  
Towpath Trail High School  
Akron, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Towpath Trail High School, Summit County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Towpath Trail High School as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 15 to the basic financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the School. As discussed in Note 16 to the basic financial statements, the school foundation aid received from the State of Ohio will be funded through the direct funding model. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

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



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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2021, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

December 17, 2021

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## **TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- In total, Net Position increased by \$96,367, which represents 13 percent increase from 2020. This increase is due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents from operations.
- Total assets increased \$938,013, which represents a 22 percent increase from 2020. This was due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents.
- Liabilities increased \$759,290 which represents a 15 percent increase from 2020. The increase in liabilities is primarily due to an increase in the net pension liability.

### **USING THIS FINANCIAL REPORT**

This report consists of three parts: the required supplementary information, the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position reflect how the School did financially during fiscal year 2020. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors.

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (Unaudited)**

***Statement of Net Position*** - The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how the School did financially during 2021. This statement includes all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's Net Position for fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

(Table 1)  
**Statement of Net Position**

	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 2,375,530	\$ 1,452,720
Non Current Assets	2,800,914	2,785,711
Total Assets	<u>5,176,444</u>	<u>4,238,431</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Pension	1,610,447	1,665,689
OPEB	372,953	396,228
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,983,400</u>	<u>2,061,917</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	303,349	262,967
Long Term Liabilities	5,445,067	4,726,158
Total Liabilities	<u>5,748,416</u>	<u>4,989,125</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Pension	53,502	194,685
OPEB	517,467	372,446
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>570,969</u>	<u>567,131</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,215,919	2,099,396
Unrestricted	<u>(1,375,460)</u>	<u>(1,355,304)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 840,459</u>	<u>\$ 744,092</u>

Total assets increased \$938,013, which represents a 22 percent increase from 2020. This was primarily due to increase in cash and cash equivalents. Liabilities increased \$759,290 which represents an 15 percent increase from 2020. The increase in liabilities is due to an increase in the net pension liability.

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

The School has adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," and GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting the net OPEB asset and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB asset/liability to equal the School's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the School is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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

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

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the School's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB asset/liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a governments financial position. At June 30, 2021, the School's net position totaled \$840,459.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (Unaudited)**

***Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*** - Table 2 shows the changes in Net Position for fiscal years 2021 and 2020 as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

(Table 2)  
**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
State Aid	\$ 5,486,229	\$ 5,139,852
Other Revenue	24,781	26,363
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>		
Grants	693,538	508,900
Interest Income	283	1,030
Total Revenues	<u>6,204,831</u>	<u>5,676,145</u>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Purchased Services: Salaries and Benefits	2,460,121	2,390,540
Purchased Service: Management Fees	991,382	914,043
Pension/OPEB Expense	1,244,596	1,197,472
Instructional Services	227,935	247,524
Sponsorship Fees	160,968	150,824
Legal Fees	27,719	43,339
Auditing and Accounting	38,787	38,529
Other Professional Services	107,440	102,648
Other Purchased Services	328,627	278,982
Materials and Supplies	306,812	266,395
Depreciation	116,934	117,594
Other Operating Expenses	74,636	84,691
<b>Non-Operating Expenses</b>		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	22,507	30,523
Total Expenses	<u>6,108,464</u>	<u>5,863,104</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 96,367</u>	<u>\$ (186,959)</u>

State aid revenue increased \$346,377 as the additional career technical funding at the school increased. Purchased Services - Salaries and Benefits increased as a result of additional staff and bonus programs, and Purchased Services: Management Fees also increased as the agreement in place between the School and its management company provides that specific percentages of the revenues received by the School

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will be paid to Oakmont Education ("Oakmont") (see Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, Note 7). Pension/OPEB expenses increased as result of GASB68/75 entries.

**BUDGET**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the community school's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. The School has developed a one-year spending plan and a five-year projection that is reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors. The five-year projections are also submitted to the Sponsor and the Ohio Department of Education.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of fiscal year 2021 the School had \$2,556,296, invested in Land, Buildings, Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment which represented an decrease of \$39,344 from 2020. Table 3 shows the changes in Capital Assets below:

(Table 3)  
**Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Land	\$ 38,480	\$ 38,480
Construction in Progress	2,800	-
Buildings	2,406,295	2,463,880
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	108,721	93,280
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,556,296</u>	<u>\$ 2,595,640</u>

For more information on capital assets, see Note 5 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**DEBT**

At June 30, 2021, the School had \$340,377 in debt outstanding. See Note 13 for additional details. Table 4 summarizes debt outstanding.

(Table 4)  
**Outstanding Debt, at Year End**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Notes Payable	\$340,377	\$496,244



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

#### **CURRENT FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The Towpath Trail High School received revenue for 452 students in 2021 and continues to enroll students on a daily basis. State law governing community schools allows for the School to have open enrollment across traditional school district boundaries. The School receives its support almost entirely from State Aid. Per pupil revenue from State Aid for the School averaged \$12,138 in fiscal year 2021. The School receives additional revenues from grant subsidies.

#### **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact C. David Massa, Fiscal Officer for the Towpath Trail High School, 275 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44303 or e-mail at [dave@massasolutionsllc.com](mailto:dave@massasolutionsllc.com).

**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2021**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,297,614
Grants Receivables	46,895
Intergovernmental Receivable	10,263
Other Receivables	20,758
Total Current Assets	<u>2,375,530</u>

Non-Current Assets

Net OPEB Asset	244,618
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	41,280
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	2,515,016
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>2,800,914</u>

**Total Assets**

5,176,444

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pension	1,610,447
OPEB	372,953
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,983,400</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	224,162
Accrued Expenses	43,176
Notes Payable	36,011
Total Current Liabilities	<u>303,349</u>

Long-Term Liabilities

Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion	304,366
Net Pension Liability	4,731,362
Net OPEB Liability	409,339
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>5,445,067</u>

**Total Liabilities**

5,748,416

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pension	53,502
OPEB	517,467
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>570,969</u>

**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,215,919
Unrestricted	(1,375,460)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 840,459</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

State Aid	\$ 5,486,229
Other Revenue	24,781

Total Operating Revenues 5,511,010

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Purchased Services: Salaries and Benefits	2,460,121
Purchased Services: Management Fees	991,382
Pension/OPEB Expense	1,244,596
Instructional Services	227,935
Sponsorship Fees	160,968
Legal Fees	27,719
Auditing and Accounting	38,787
Other Professional Services	107,440
Other Purchased Services	328,627
Materials and Supplies	306,812
Depreciation	116,934
Other Operating Expenses	74,636

Total Operating Expenses 6,085,957

Operating Loss (574,947)

**NON-OPERATING REVENUE/ EXPENSE**

Grants	693,538
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(22,507)
Interest Income	283

Total Non-Operating Revenue/Expense 671,314

Change in Net Position 96,367

Net Position, Beginning of Year 744,092

Net Position, End of Year \$ 840,459

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**JUNE 30, 2021**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 5,465,006
Cash Received from Others	24,781
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(5,021,782)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>468,005</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from Grant Programs	<u>669,438</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>669,438</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Payments for Assets Purchased	(77,590)
Cash Payments for Mortgage Principal Payments	(155,867)
Mortgage Interest	<u>(22,507)</u>
Net Cash Used in Capital Financing Activities	<u>(255,964)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from Interest on Investments	<u>283</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>283</u>

**Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents**

881,762

**Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year**

1,415,852

**Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year**

\$ 2,297,614

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET**

**CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Loss	\$ (574,947)
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**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET**

**CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Depreciation	116,934
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources:	
Other Receivables	(6,685)
Intergovernmental Receivable	(10,263)
Net OPEB Asset	(54,547)
Accounts Payable/ Accrued Expense	47,815
State Funding Payable	(15,767)
Net Pension/OPEB Liability	883,110
Deferred Outflows	78,517
Deferred Inflows	3,838
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 468,005</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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## **TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

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

#### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

Towpath Trail High School (the School) is a federal 501(c)(3), state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School contracts with Oakmont Education, LLC (Oakmont) for most of its functions. Oakmont is the entity with which the School's board interacts regarding day-to-day operations (see Note 7 for details). Effective July 1, 2018 the School contracted with Oakmont Education, LLC for a three- year agreement through June 30, 2021. In February 2020, the School and Oakmont agreed to extend the management agreement through June 30, 2025.

The School was originally approved for operation under contract with the Ohio State Board of Education for a period of five years from July 12, 1999 through June 30, 2004. The contract was renewed with the Ohio State Board of Education for a subsequent one-year period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Effective July 1, 2005, House Bill 364 required schools sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education to have new sponsorship in place by June 30, 2005. The School signed a contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools (Sponsor), to operate for a period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010. In June 2010, the School contracted with Saint Aloysius Orphanage (SAO) to be its Sponsor. The term of the contract is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The School Board of Directors approved a renewal with SAO through June 30, 2018, and an additional renewal through June 30, 2023.

The School operates under a self-appointing, nine-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The School began operations in August 1999 and has two instructional/support facilities, which are owned by the school. The facilities are staffed with teaching personnel employed by Oakmont, who provide services to 452 students.

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

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

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***Basis of Presentation*** - The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the net position, change in net position, and cash flow.

The Government Accounting Standards Board identifies the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-end reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

***Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting*** - The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in Net Position. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

***Budgetary Process*** - Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract. In addition, the Board adopted an operating budget at the beginning of fiscal year 2015. However, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents*** - All cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account and a money market account. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

***Intergovernmental Revenues*** - The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program, and the Career Based Intervention (CBI) Program, which are reflected under "State Aid" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and contributions. Grants, entitlements, and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

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**Intergovernmental Revenues (continued)**

Eligibility requirements, include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2021 school year totaled \$6,179,767.

**Capital Assets and Depreciation** - For purposes of recording capital assets, the Board has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.

The capital assets recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Position at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, are \$2,556,296. All capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over three years for "Computers and Software", five years for "Furniture and Equipment", and forty years for "Buildings".

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations** - Obligations incurred but unpaid at June 30 are reported as accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. These liabilities consisted of accounts payable of \$224,162, accrued expense of \$43,176, and \$340,377 notes payable at June 30, 2021.

**Use of Estimates** - In preparing the financial statements, management is sometimes required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Net Position** - Net Position represents the difference between (all assets plus deferred outflows of resources) less (all liabilities, plus deferred inflows of resources). Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net Position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted Net Position is available.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses** - Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the School's primary activities. For the School, these revenues are primarily State, Facility Aid and Casino Aid payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and services that are the primary activities of the School. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.



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

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 8 and 9.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the School, deferred inflows of resources include pension and OPEB. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the statement of net position (see Notes 8 and 9).

**Implementation of New Accounting Principles** – For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the School has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests and amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, and certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*.

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 School.

GASB Statement No. 90 improves consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and improves the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 90 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 93 addresses accounting and financial reporting effects that result from the replacement of interbank offered rates (IBORs) with other reference rates in order to preserve the reliability, relevance, consistency, and comparability of reported information. The implementation of certain provisions (all except for paragraphs 13 and 14, which are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021), of GASB Statement No. 93 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

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**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

***Deposits with Financial Institutions*** - At June 30, 2021, the carrying amount of all School deposits was \$2,297,614 and its bank balance was \$2,297,614. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "*Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*", as of June 30, 2021, \$1,797,614 of the School's bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below. All of the remaining bank balance of \$500,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The investment and deposit of the School's monies is governed by the provisions of the ORC. In accordance with these statutes, the School is authorized to invest in United States and State of Ohio bonds, notes, and other obligations; bank certificates of deposit and STAR Ohio.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. The School has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of state statute. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105 percent of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. State law does not require security for public deposits and investments to be maintained in the School's name. During 2021, the School and public depositories complied with the provisions of these statutes.

**NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

The School has recorded "Other Receivables" and "Grant Receivables" in the amount of \$20,758 and \$46,895 respectively, to account for amounts earned but not received as of June 30, 2021. The School has recorded "Intergovernmental Receivables" of \$10,263.

Additionally, under the terms of the former management agreement, the School has recorded a liability to White Hat Life Skills in the amount of \$29,452 for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid to White Hat Life Skills as of June 30, 2015 and is included in "Accrued Expenses" at June 30, 2021.

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	Balance <u>06/30/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balance <u>06/30/21</u>
<b>Non-Depreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Land	\$ 38,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,480
Construction in Progress	-	2,800	-	2,800
<b>Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u>38,480</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,280</u>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Buildings	2,734,148	11,000	-	2,745,148
Furniture and Equipment	211,045	9,385	-	220,430
Computers and Software	64,428	54,405	-	118,833
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u>3,009,621</u>	<u>74,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,084,411</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Buildings	(270,268)	(68,584)	-	(338,852)
Furniture and Equipment	(119,881)	(31,122)	-	(151,003)
Computers and Software	(62,312)	(17,228)	-	(79,540)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>(452,461)</u>	<u>(116,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(569,395)</u>
<b>Net Total Capital Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,595,640</u>	<u>\$ (39,344)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,556,296</u>

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

***Property and Liability*** - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with Oakmont, the School has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance pursuant to the Management Agreement (See Note 7). There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

***Director and Officer*** - Coverage has been purchased by the School with a \$1,000,000 aggregate limit and a \$2,500 deductible.

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**NOTE 7 - AGREEMENT WITH OAKMONT EDUCATION**

Effective July 1, 2018 the School contracted with Oakmont Education, LLC for a three- year agreement through June 30, 2021. In February 2020, the School and Oakmont agreed to extend the management agreement through June 30, 2025.

Oakmont is responsible and accountable to the Board of Directors for the administration and day-to-day operations of the School. As part of the terms of this agreement, the “Management Fee” percentage of the School is 16 percent, on the Schools “Qualified Gross Revenues” with an additional incentive fee of 1% if the School “Meets Standards” on the State report card in 2021. In addition to the management fee described above, the School will reimburse Oakmont for its payroll and other costs eligible for reimbursement.

The School had purchased service expenses for the year ended June 30, 2021, to Oakmont of \$3,451,503 (of which \$991,382 represented management fees), with Payables to Oakmont at June 30, 2020 aggregating \$156,978. Oakmont is responsible for all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the School, which include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, maintenance, and insurance.

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The School has contracted with Oakmont Education LLC to provide all teaching and administrative personnel. Such personnel are employees of Oakmont Education LLC; however, the School is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that Oakmont makes pension contributions on its behalf. The retirement systems consider Oakmont as the “Employer of Record”, however the School is ultimately responsible for remitting contributions to each of the systems noted below.

**Net Pension Liability** - The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**Net Pension Liability (continued)**

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

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in accrued expenses on the accrual basis of accounting.

**School Employees Retirement System (SERS)**

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**School Employees Retirement System (SERS) – (continued)**

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5% and with a floor of 0.0%.

***Funding Policy*** – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was the entire 14 percent.

The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$97,539 for fiscal year 2021.

**State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)**

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60. Eligibility changes for DB plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years or service credit at any age.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) – (continued)**

**Plan Description (continued)**

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions are 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 that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

**Funding Policy** – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The School was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2021 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$235,786 for fiscal year 2021.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions** – The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. The School’s employer allocation percentage of the net pension liability was based on the employer’s share of employer contributions in the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability Prior Measurement Date	0.0207981%	0.01147605%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability Current Measurement Date	<u>0.0206157%</u>	<u>0.01391856%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u><u>-0.0001824%</u></u>	<u><u>0.00244251%</u></u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,363,565	\$ 3,367,797	\$ 4,731,362
Pension Expense	\$ 399,891	\$ 796,607	\$ 1,196,498



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***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)***

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,648	\$ 7,558	\$ 10,206
Changes of assumptions	-	180,784	180,784
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	86,558	163,777	250,335
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	73,750	762,047	835,797
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>97,539</u>	<u>235,786</u>	<u>333,325</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 260,495</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,349,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,610,447</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 21,535	\$ 21,535
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>10,119</u>	<u>21,848</u>	<u>31,967</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,119</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,383</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 53,502</u></b>

\$333,325 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 67,290	\$ 321,589	\$ 388,879
2023	22,365	285,680	308,045
2024	63,182	289,420	352,602
2025	-	174,094	174,094
Total	<u>\$ 152,837</u>	<u>\$ 1,070,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,620</u>

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

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

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

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)**

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

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent 2.5 percent, on and after April 1, 2018, COLA's for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

The mortality rates were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2015.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)**

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investment was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total net pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,867,919	\$ 1,363,565	\$ 940,404

**Changes since measurement date** The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of SERS, including the fair value of SERS’ investment portfolio. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that may be recognized in subsequent periods cannot be determined with half of the fiscal year remaining. In addition, the impact on SERS’ future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

At its September meeting 2020, the Board unanimously voted to approve a 0.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2021. Previously, COLAs were suspended from 2018 through 2020.

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**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS** - Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0.00 percent

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

***Discount Rate*** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions,

STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2020. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

**Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the Schools's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,795,156	\$ 3,367,797	\$ 2,158,228

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

***Net OPEB Liability/Asset*** - The net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for OPEB. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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Ohio Revised Code limits the School's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the School does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net OPEB liability or net OPEB asset* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *accrued expenses* on the accrual basis of accounting.

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

**Health Care Plan Description** - The School 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](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

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**Funding Policy** - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2021, there was no contribution made to health care. A health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2021, this amount was \$23,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The surcharge is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$353 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, 2020. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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



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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Assets, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/asset Prior Measurement Date	0.0189019%	0.01147605%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/asset Current Measurement Date	<u>0.0188347%</u>	<u>0.01391856%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u><u>-0.0000672%</u></u>	<u><u>0.00244251%</u></u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(asset)	\$ 409,339	\$ (244,618)	\$ 164,721
OPEB Expense	\$ 56,697	\$ (8,599)	\$ 48,098

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**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (continued)**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (continued)**

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,375	\$ 15,673	\$ 21,048
Changes of assumptions	69,778	4,037	73,815
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	4,614	8,575	13,189
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	225,923	38,625	264,548
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>353</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 306,043</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 66,910</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 372,953</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 208,178	\$ 48,724	\$ 256,902
Changes of assumptions	10,309	232,346	242,655
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>9,376</u>	<u>8,534</u>	<u>17,910</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 227,863</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 289,604</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 517,467</u></b>

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

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**Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (continued)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2022	\$ 28,358	\$ (57,219)	\$ (28,861)
2023	28,692	(51,415)	(22,723)
2024	28,639	(49,385)	(20,746)
2025	7,846	(45,279)	(37,433)
2026	(8,285)	(8,144)	(16,429)
Thereafter	(7,423)	(11,252)	(18,675)
Total	\$ 77,827	\$ (222,694)	\$ (144,867)

**Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

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

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**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)**

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

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

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2020 was 3.22 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

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**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)**

***Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates*** - The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.63%) and higher (3.63%) than the current discount rate (2.63%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (1.63%)	Current Discount Rate (2.63%)	1% Increase (3.63%)
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 501,022	\$ 409,339	\$ 336,453

  

	1% Decrease (6.00 % decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.00 % decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.00 % decreasing to 5.75%)
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 322,324	\$ 409,339	\$ 525,702

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of SERS, including the fair value of SERS' investment portfolio. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that may be recognized in subsequent periods cannot be determined with half of the fiscal year remaining. In addition, the impact on SERS' future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

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

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Payroll Increases	3 percent	
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent	Ultimate
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	5.00 percent	4.00 percent
Medicare	(6.69) percent	4.00 percent
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	6.50 percent	
Medicare	11.87 percent	4.00 percent

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

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

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

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**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)**

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

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

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

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



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**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)**

***Sensitivity of the School’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** - The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.45%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.45%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.45%)</u>
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 212,834	\$ 244,618	\$ 271,586

  

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 269,912	\$ 244,618	\$ 213,807

***Benefit Term Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date*** There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected FYE 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

**NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES**

***Grants*** - Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

***Litigation*** - There are currently no matters in litigation with the School as defendant.

***School Foundation*** - School foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education

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**NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES (continued)**

**School Foundation (continued)**

(ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end.

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.08, ODE may also perform a FTE Review subsequent to the fiscal year end that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance. ODE did not perform such a review on the School for fiscal year 2021.

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

In addition, the School's contracts with their Sponsor and Management Company require payment based on revenues received from the State. As discussed above, additional FTE adjustments for fiscal year 2021 have been completed. The impact on the fiscal year 2020 financial statements, related to the additional reconciliation necessary with these contracts, is not material to the financial statements.

**NOTE 11 - SPONSORSHIP FEES**

In June 2015, the School formally renewed their contract with Saint Aloysius Orphanage (SAO) to be its Sponsor. The term of the contract is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. The Sponsor renewed the schools contract for an additional five year period through June 30, 2023. SAO will be paid Three Percent (3%) for the contractual period. The Sponsor provides oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance for the School. Total fees paid to the Sponsor were \$160,968.

**NOTE 12 - TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The School was approved under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax-exempt organization.

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**NOTE 13 – DIRECT BORROWING DEBT AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

A summary of long-term obligations at June 30, 2021, is as follows:

	Principal Outstanding			Principal Outstanding	Amounts Due Within
	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>	<u>one year</u>
Westfield Bank - Loan	\$ 496,244	\$ -	\$ (155,867)	\$ 340,377	\$ 36,011
Net Pension Liability	3,782,248	949,114	-	4,731,362	-
Net OPEB Liability	475,343	-	(66,004)	409,339	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,753,835</u>	<u>\$ 949,114</u>	<u>\$ (221,871)</u>	<u>\$ 5,481,078</u>	<u>\$ 36,011</u>

Net Pension Liability – See Note 8.

Net OPEB Pension Liability – See Note 9.

Westfield Bank (loan) – On February 8, 2017, the School signed a loan agreement with Westfield Bank, in the amount of \$650,000. The loan is for the purposes of building and improvements at the additional educational facility purchased during 2017. Terms of the loan provided for interest only payments during the construction and for monthly payments of \$4,411 for 120 months at an interest rate of 5.22%. The remaining estimated balance of \$268,508 is due on the last payment. At June 30, 2021, the principal balance was \$340,377. Interest and principal payments totaling \$178,374 were made for the year ending June 30, 2021, including additional principal payments of \$125,520 and interest comprising \$22,507.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the loan outstanding at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 36,011	\$ 16,918	\$ 52,929
2023	37,936	14,993	52,929
2024	39,964	12,965	52,929
2025	42,101	10,828	52,929
2026	44,352	8,577	52,929
2027 and thereafter	140,013	11,477	151,490
	<u>\$ 340,377</u>	<u>\$ 75,758</u>	<u>\$ 416,135</u>

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**NOTE 14 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

As of June 30, 2021, Oakmont Education LLC and its affiliates incurred the following expenses on behalf of the School:

	Regular Instruction (1100 Function codes)	Special Instruction (1200 Function codes)	Vocational Instruction (1300 Function codes)	Other Instruction (1400 and 1900 Function Codes)	Support Services (2000 Function Codes)	Non-Instructional (3000 through 7000 Function Codes)	Total
<i>Direct expenses:</i>							
Salaries & wages (100 object codes)	\$ 679,143	\$ 270,270	\$ 206,700	\$ 59,958	\$ 978,593	\$ -	\$ 2,194,664
Employees' benefits (200 object codes)	102,808	28,214	22,432	1,154	122,223	-	276,831
Professional & technical services (410 object codes)	8,082	-	-	-	3,014	-	11,096
Property services (420 object codes)	-	-	-	-	420	-	420
Utilities (450 object codes)	-	-	-	-	421	-	421
Transportation (480 object codes)	-	-	-	-	2,329	-	2,329
Supplies (500 object codes)	17,175	-	407	-	19,777	-	37,359
Other direct costs (All other object codes)	2,052	-	-	-	4,903	-	6,955
<i>Indirect expenses:</i>							
Overhead	-	-	-	-	303,540	112,335	415,875
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 809,260</b>	<b>\$ 298,484</b>	<b>\$ 229,539</b>	<b>\$ 61,112</b>	<b>\$ 1,435,220</b>	<b>\$ 112,335</b>	<b>\$ 2,945,950</b>

Oakmont charges overhead expenses benefiting more than one school (i.e. overhead) on a pro-rated basis based on full time equivalents (FTE) headcount as of June 30, 2021 for each school it manages.

**NOTE 15 – COVID-19**

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

**NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

For fiscal year 2022, community school foundation funding received from the state of Ohio will be funded using a direct funding model. For fiscal year 2021 and prior, the amounts related to students who were residents of a particular school district were funded to the school district who, in turn, made the payment to the respective community school. For fiscal year 2021, the Community School reported \$5,486,229 in revenue related to these programs. This new funding system calculates a unique base cost for each community school. Any change in funding will be subject to a phase in percentage of 16.67 percent for fiscal year 2022 and 33.33 percent for fiscal year 2023.

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0206157%	0.0207981%	0.0139499%	0.0064470%	0.0054452%	0.0051083%	0.004106%	0.004106%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,363,565	\$ 1,244,387	\$ 798,936	\$ 385,194	\$ 398,538	\$ 291,485	\$ 207,802	\$ 244,171
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 683,086	\$ 731,170	\$ 470,926	\$ 201,536	\$ 169,107	\$ 186,601	\$ 121,349	\$ 81,366
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	199.62%	170.19%	169.65%	191.13%	235.67%	156.21%	171.24%	300.09%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.55%	70.85%	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

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Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date which is the prior fiscal period end.

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01391856%	0.01147605%	0.00892580%	0.00795886%	0.00833114%	0.00540301%	0.51670100%	0.51670100%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,367,797	\$ 2,537,861	\$ 1,962,583	\$ 1,890,644	\$ 2,788,684	\$ 1,493,234	\$ 1,256,796	\$ 1,497,087
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,679,664	\$ 1,342,371	\$ 1,013,193	\$ 879,107	\$ 873,457	\$ 706,471	\$ 463,138	\$ 418,246
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	200.50%	189.06%	193.70%	215.06%	319.27%	211.37%	271.37%	357.94%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.50%	77.40%	77.31%	75.29%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 97,539	\$ 95,632	\$ 98,708	\$ 63,575	\$ 28,215	\$ 23,675	\$ 24,594	\$ 16,819	\$ 11,261	\$ 9,841
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(97,539)</u>	<u>(95,632)</u>	<u>(98,708)</u>	<u>(63,575)</u>	<u>(28,215)</u>	<u>(23,675)</u>	<u>(24,594)</u>	<u>(16,819)</u>	<u>(11,261)</u>	<u>(9,841)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Covered Payroll	\$ 696,707	\$ 683,086	\$ 731,170	\$ 470,926	\$ 201,536	\$ 169,107	\$ 186,601	\$ 121,349	\$ 81,366	\$ 73,167
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 235,786	\$ 235,153	\$ 187,932	\$ 141,847	\$ 123,075	\$ 122,284	\$ 98,906	\$ 60,208	\$ 54,372	\$ 55,558
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(235,786)</u>	<u>(235,153)</u>	<u>(187,932)</u>	<u>(141,847)</u>	<u>(123,075)</u>	<u>(122,284)</u>	<u>(98,906)</u>	<u>(60,208)</u>	<u>(54,372)</u>	<u>(55,558)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Covered Payroll	\$ 1,684,186	\$ 1,679,664	\$ 1,342,371	\$ 1,013,193	\$ 879,107	\$ 873,457	\$ 706,471	\$ 463,138	\$ 418,246	\$ 427,369
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
School's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.0188347%	0.0189019%	0.0128940%	0.0058526%	0.0050118%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 409,339	\$ 475,343	\$ 357,714	\$ 157,069	\$ 142,856
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 683,086	\$ 731,170	\$ 470,926	\$ 201,536	\$ 169,107
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	59.92%	65.01%	75.96%	77.94%	84.48%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	18.17%	15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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Required Supplementary Information  
 Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  
 State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio  
 Last Five Fiscal Years (1)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
School's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.01391856%	0.01147605%	0.00892580%	0.00795886%	0.00833114%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	\$ (244,618)	\$ (190,071)	\$ (143,428)	\$ 310,525	\$ 445,552
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,679,664	\$ 1,342,371	\$ 1,013,193	\$ 879,107	\$ 873,457
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.56%	-14.16%	-14.16%	35.32%	51.01%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/Asset	182.13%	174.74%	176.00%	47.11%	37.30%

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

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**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

Required Supplementary Information  
 Schedule of the School Contributions – OPEB  
 School Employees Retirement System of Ohio  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Contractually Required Contribution (1)	\$ 353	\$ -	\$ 3,889	\$ 3,733	\$ 3,805	\$ 364	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,933	\$ 1,438	\$ 402
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(353)	-	(3,889)	(3,733)	(3,805)	(364)	(1,563)	(1,933)	(1,438)	(402)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Covered Payroll	\$ 696,707	\$ 683,086	\$ 731,170	\$ 470,926	\$ 201,536	\$ 169,107	\$ 186,601	\$ 121,349	\$ 81,366	\$ 73,167
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)	0.05%	0.00%	0.53%	0.79%	1.89%	0.22%	0.84%	1.59%	1.77%	0.55%

(1) Includes Surcharge

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Required Supplementary Information  
 Schedule of the School Contributions - OPEB  
 State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,631	\$ 4,182	\$ 4,274
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,631)	(4,182)	(4,274)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Covered Payroll	\$ 1,684,186	\$ 1,679,664	\$ 1,342,371	\$ 1,013,193	\$ 879,107	\$ 873,457	\$ 706,471	\$ 463,138	\$ 418,246	\$ 427,369
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%

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**NET PENSION LIABILITY**

**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

**Changes of benefit terms:** There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017 and 2019-2021.

The following changes were made to the benefit terms in 2018 as identified: The COLA was changed from a fixed 3.00% to a COLA that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.5% with a floor of 0% beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendar years 2018-2020.

**Changes in assumptions:** There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016 and 2018-2021. For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disable member was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement (h) change in discount rate from 7.75% to 7.5%.

**STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

**Changes in benefit terms:** There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2021.

**Changes in assumptions:** There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2017 and 2019-2021. For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) inflation assumption lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (b) investment return assumption lowered from 7.75% to 7.45%, (c) total salary increases rates lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25% due to lower inflation, (d) payroll growth assumption lowered to 3.00%, (e) updated the healthy and disable mortality assumption to the "RP-2014" mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016, (f) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

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**NET OPEB LIABILITY**

**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

**Changes of benefit terms:** There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2018-2020.

**Changes in Assumptions:** Amounts reported for fiscal years 2018-2021 incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Fiscal year 2021	2.45 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.13 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.62 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.92 percent

Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense,  
including price inflation

Fiscal year 2021	2.63 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.22 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.98 percent

Medicare Trend Assumption

Medicare

Fiscal year 2020	5.25 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	5.375 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2018	5.50 percent decreasing to 5.00 percent

Pre - Medicare

Fiscal year 2020	7.00 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	7.25 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2018	7.50 percent decreasing to 5.00 percent

**STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

**Changes in Assumptions:** For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB) and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested

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participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

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

For fiscal year 2020 and 2021, the health care cost trend rates were modified.

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

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

For fiscal year 2020, claims curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944% to 1.984 per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

For fiscal year 2021, Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year end 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

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

To the Members of the Board  
Towpath Trail High School  
Akron, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Towpath Trail High School, Summit County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2021, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the School, and the school foundation aid received from the State of Ohio will be funded through the direct funding model.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School'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 School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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



### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

### ***Purpose of This Report***

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

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

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

December 17, 2021

**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2021**

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The prior audit report, as of June 30, 2020, included no findings or management letter recommendations.

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**TOWPATH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL**

**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 2/17/2022**

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