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LORAIN K-12 DIGITAL ACADEMY
LORAIN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Lorain K-12 Digital Academy
Lorain County
401 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052

To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Lorain K-12 Digital Academy, Lorain County, Ohio (the Academy), a component unit of the Lorain City School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Lorain K-12 Digital Academy, Lorain County, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis* listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 21, 2018, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 21, 2018

Lorain K-12 Digital Academy
Lorain County, Ohio
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017

The discussion and analysis of the Lorain K-12 Digital Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 are as follows:

- Net position totaled \$342,216, which is a decrease of \$105,802 from fiscal year 2016.
- Operating revenues equaled \$563,254, down 26 percent from fiscal year 2016. Operating expenses of \$886,348 showed a decrease of 7 percent from fiscal year 2016.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of the MD&A, the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include statements of net position, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and statements of cash flows.

The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2017?" The statement of net position includes all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most companies in the private sector. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 as follows:

Table 1
Net Position at June 30

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 381,677	\$ 549,128
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	39,461	101,110
Net Position		
Restricted for Other Purposes	263,581	254,433
Unrestricted	78,635	193,585
Total Net Position	\$ 342,216	\$ 448,018

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Total assets decreased \$167,451 from fiscal year 2016 mainly due to a decrease in cash which can be attributed to a decrease in foundation revenue from a decrease in enrollment. Liabilities, consisting of accounts and intergovernmental payables, decreased \$61,649 mainly due to decreased intergovernmental payables at year end. Net position decreased \$105,802 from fiscal year 2016.

The Academy is dependent on grants and foundation money to fund operations.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	2017	2016
Revenues		
Operating Revenues	\$ 563,254	\$ 757,360
Non-Operating Revenues	217,292	263,226
Total Revenues	780,546	1,020,586
Expenses		
Operating Expenses	886,348	957,002
Total Expenses	886,348	957,002
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ (105,802)	\$ 63,584

The Academy's activities consist of enterprise activity. Community schools receive no support from taxes; the State Foundation Program is the primary support for the Academy's students.

Revenue from foundation payments in fiscal year 2017 decreased \$190,754 due to a decrease in enrollment. Decreased enrollment also contributed to the decrease in operating expenses of \$70,654 with purchased services accounting for most of that decrease.

Contacting the Academy's Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Treasurer, at Lorain K-12 Digital Academy, 401 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Lorain K-12 Digital Academy
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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

Assets

Current assets:

Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 171,010
Intergovernmental receivables	210,667
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Total assets

381,677

Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	3,546
Intergovernmental payable	35,915
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Total current liabilities

39,461

Net Position

Restricted for other purposes	263,581
Unrestricted	78,635
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Total net position

\$ 342,216

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Operating revenues	
Foundation payments	\$ 556,919
State Distributed casino revenue	6,267
Other	68
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<i>Total operating revenues</i>	<i>563,254</i>
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Operating expenses	
Purchased services	844,299
Materials and supplies	9,645
Other	32,404
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<i>Total operating expenses</i>	<i>886,348</i>
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<i>Operating income (loss)</i>	<i>(323,094)</i>
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Non-operating revenues (expenses)	
Grants	217,292
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<i>Change in net position</i>	<i>(105,802)</i>
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<i>Net position at beginning of year</i>	<i>448,018</i>
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<i>Net position at the end of the year</i>	<i>\$ 342,216</i>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Cash flows from operating activities:

Cash received from foundation payments	\$	556,919
State distributed casino revenue		6,267
Other revenues		68
Cash payments for goods and services		<u>(947,997)</u>

Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities (384,743)

Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:

Grants received		<u>198,149</u>
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Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital activities 198,149

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (186,594)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 357,604

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year \$ 171,010

Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:

Operating income (loss)	\$	(323,094)
Adjustments:		
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable		(8,983)
Intergovernmental payable		<u>(52,666)</u>

Total adjustments (61,649)

Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities \$ (384,743)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Description of the Academy and Reporting Entity

The Lorain K-12 Digital Academy (the "Academy") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapters 1702 and 3314 to address the needs of students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. The Academy is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy. The Academy is considered a component unit of the Lorain City School District (the "Sponsor") for reporting purposes, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61.

The Academy is an innovative initiative that is a cooperative effort with Lorain City Schools. It is a conversion community school sponsored by the Lorain City School District. Furthermore, the Academy uses the services of the META Solutions and the TRECA Digital Academy to assist with overall programming and operations. The Academy uses the latest technology to reach a diverse student population. This population includes, but is not limited to home schoolers, children with special physical and mental needs, students removed from the classroom for discipline concerns, students who need an alternative to the traditional classroom including religious reasons, and students within the district that desire a specific course not currently offered. Enrollment is limited to students within the attendance area of the Lorain City School District, however this was increased for fiscal year 2018 (See Note 13).

The Academy was approved for sponsorship for the 2008/2009 academic year through an amendment to the original agreement after the merging of the Lorain K-8 Digital Academy, Lorain Elementary Digital Academy and the Lorain Alternative Academy. The Academy was approved for continuing sponsorship under a resolution on August 26, 2009 with the Sponsor for a period of five years ending August 26, 2014. Near the end of fiscal year 2014, the Academy and the Sponsor entered in a Successor Community School Sponsorship Contract. This contract was to extend the original contract through June 30, 2019. One primary modification to the original contract is related to sponsorship fees (See Note 12). Lorain City Schools' intention is to terminate the agreement effective fiscal year 2018 (See Note 13).

The Sponsor has designated five members of the community to represent the Sponsor in the occupants' official capacities as members of the Academy's Board of Directors. The individuals who hold such office with the Sponsor shall be formally instructed by the Sponsor that, as directors of the Academy, they are to represent the Sponsor and its interests. From time to time in its discretion, the Sponsor may substitute other administrative positions for those previously designated for this purpose.

Pursuant to the Sponsor's authority under section 3314.08(G) of the Ohio Revised Code to provide the Academy with services, the Sponsor shall be the fiscal agent of the Academy. The Sponsor shall evaluate the performance of the Academy according to the standards set forth in the Assessment and Accountability Plan. The Sponsor is not legally responsible for the final outcome of the community school.

A service contract exists between the Academy and the Sponsor in which the Sponsor agrees to provide to the Academy professional, technical support and other services upon the Academy's request, but is subject to the availability of such services. The price for services rendered by the Sponsor to the Academy is established as the Sponsor's "cost of providing such services including, without limitation, employee salaries and fringe benefits, equipment costs if any, and administrative overhead." The Lorain

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K-12 Digital Academy houses no direct employees on the Academy's payroll. Rather, all personnel supporting the Academy are employees of other entities and are billed to the Academy via contractual arrangements. The three main entities hosting direct employees supporting the Academy for fiscal year 2017 are META, the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of statements of net position, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and statements of cash flows.

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

Measurement Focus

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred inflows of resources.

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Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

Budgetary Process

The Academy shall operate in compliance with a bi-annual budget which must be reviewed and approved by the Academy's Board of Directors. The Academy must maintain financial records in a similar manner to those records of the Sponsor. The Academy complies with the policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls which are apparent under the standards.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash held by the Academy is reflected as "Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the statements of net position. Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments. The Academy has no investments.

Capital Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value on the date donated. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

The Academy currently has no capital assets.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. At June 30, 2017, there was no net position restricted by enabling legislation. Net position restricted for other purposes are primarily for student instruction.

The Academy 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 primary activities. For the Academy, these revenues are payments from the State Foundation Program and State distributed casino revenue. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activities of the Academy. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

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Intergovernmental Revenues

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

In addition, the Academy participates in the State Education Management Information System (“EMIS”) through the Ohio Department of Education.

The Academy also received revenues from the IDEA-B, Title I, Title I-A and Title II-A federal grant programs and casino revenues distributed from the State.

Estimates

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

Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital arise from outside contributions of capital assets or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. The Academy did not receive any contributions during fiscal year 2017.

Changes in Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*, GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14* and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*.

GASB Statement No. 77 requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government’s own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government’s tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 78 amends the scope of GASB Statement No. 68 to exclude certain multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans provided to employees of state and local governments on the basis that obtaining the measurements and other information required by GASB Statement No. 68 was not feasible. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

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GASB Statement No. 80 amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 82 improves consistency in the application of pension accounting. These changes were incorporated in the Academy's fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

Note 3 - Deposits

State statutes classify monies held by the Academy into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Academy treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts.

Protection of Academy's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Interim monies to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in these divisions are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Academy, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Protection of Academy cash and deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets. By law, financial institutions must collateralize all uninsured public deposits. The face value of the pooled collateral must equal at least 105 percent of uninsured public funds deposited. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institutions.

Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2017, the carrying value of the Academy's deposits was \$171,010 and the bank balances of the deposits totaled \$173,150.

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All of the bank balance was covered by depository insurance. Although the securities serving as collateral were held by the pledging institution in the pledging institution's name, and all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Academy to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Note 4 – Charter School Funding

On October 26, 2006, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that publicly funded, privately operated community (i.e. charter) schools are constitutional.

Note 5 - Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of \$210,667 in federal grants.

Note 6 – Purchased Services

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, purchased services were as follows:

Instructional Services	\$	166,400
Other Professional and Technical Services		234,205
Other Communications Service		402,535
Pupil Transportation		1,159
Property Services		40,000
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	\$	<u>844,299</u>

Note 7 - Risk Management

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the Academy was covered under commercial insurance for property, and liability coverage.

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

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Note 8 - META Solutions

The Academy is a participant in META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association) Solutions. META Solutions is an association of public school districts throughout Ohio. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of META Solutions consists of the superintendent from 11 member districts. During fiscal year 2017, the Academy paid \$95,072 to META Solutions for various services. Financial information can be obtained from the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

Note 9 – Contingencies

Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2017, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

Note 10 - 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 (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 Academy for fiscal year 2017.

As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2017 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of, the Academy.

Note 11 - Fiscal Agent

The Academy utilizes the services of the Lorain City School District Treasurer as their fiscal officer. The Academy does not directly pay the Treasurer; however, it does reimburse Lorain City School District for the services. No fees for services were paid in fiscal year 2017.

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Note 12 – Sponsorship Fees

The Academy and Sponsor entered into a Successor Community School Sponsorship Contract in June 2014. As part of this agreement, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 3314.03(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Academy was obligated to pay the Sponsor \$500,000. This payment was required to be paid in full by June 30, 2014 or paid in five equal installments, payable by June 30, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The Academy made the full payment during June 2014.

In addition, the Academy shall pay the Sponsor by June 30 of every subsequent year of the Successor Contract, from the funding provided to the Academy by the Ohio Department of Education pursuant to Section 3318.08 of the Ohio Revised code, all of the Academy's unencumbered general fund balance, except that if, as of June 30 of such year, the Academy is required by the terms of this Successor Contract (or any sponsorship contract subsequently entered into between the parties) to continue to operate as a community school in the immediately succeeding academic year, the Academy shall retain sufficient funds to cover the Academy's expenditures, as projected by the Sponsor, through September 30 of such year (i.e., the Academy shall retain that amount of funding that will cover the operating costs of the Academy for the months of July, August, and September, as projected by the Sponsor). The amounts paid to the Sponsor or retained by the Academy pursuant to this paragraph may be varied in any given year by agreement of the parties. The Sponsor and the Academy agree that no money is owed to the Sponsor for fiscal year 2017 as it relates to this agreement. The Academy paid a 3 percent sponsor oversight/monitoring fee to Lorain City School District which amounted to \$4,113 for fiscal year 2017.

Note 13 – Subsequent Event

The Ohio Department of Education assumed sponsorship of the Academy effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Under the Assumption Agreement, enrollment has been opened to a 50 mile radius of the Academy. The Assumption Agreement between the Academy and the Ohio Department of Education was approved on September 21, 2017 (retroactive to July 1, 2017).

Pursuant to the Academy's Assumption Agreement with The Ohio Department of Education, (the Sponsor), the Academy entered into a fiscal agreement with Bruce Basalla to act as its Chief Financial Officer. The Sponsor shall evaluate the performance of the Academy according to the standards set forth in the Assessment and Accountability Plan. The Sponsor is not legally responsible for the final outcome of the community school.

The Lorain K-12 Digital Academy houses no direct employees on the Academy's payroll. Rather, all personnel supporting the Academy are employees of other entities and are billed to the Academy via contractual arrangements. The main entities hosting direct employees supporting the Academy for fiscal year 2018 are Connect and the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.

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

Lorain K-12 Digital Academy
Lorain County
401 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Lorain K-12 Digital Academy, Lorain County, Ohio (the Academy), a component unit of the Lorain City School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 21, 2018

**LORAIN K-12 DIGITAL ACADEMY
LORAIN COUNTY**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2017**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2016-001	Five of five students we tested supported that FTEs were being reported for each student based on the number of days the student was enrolled. The Academy did not adjust FTE based on durational time documented for computer-based learning opportunities for each student in EMIS, which could result in the Academy over reporting FTE to ODE.	Partially Corrected and Repeated as Management Letter Comment	None

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
APRIL 10, 2018**