

APOLLO CAREER CENTER

ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2024



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Apollo Career Center, Allen County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

January 07, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Members of the Board of Education:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Apollo Career Center, Allen County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Apollo Career Center's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Apollo Career Center, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Adult Education Fund for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of Apollo Career Center and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Apollo Career Center's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Apollo Career Center's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Apollo Career Center's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of net pension and other postemployment benefit assets and liabilities and pension and other postemployment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Apollo Career Center's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 6, 2024 on our consideration of Apollo Career Center'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of Apollo Career Center's 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 Apollo Career Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 6, 2024

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The discussion and analysis of the Apollo Career Center's (the "Career Center") financial performance provides an overall review of the Career Center's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Career Center's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Career Center's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- Net position increased \$10,879,687.
- Capital assets increased \$2,588,386 during the fiscal year.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the Apollo Career Center as a whole entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole Career Center, presenting both an aggregate view of the Career Center's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Career Center's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Apollo Career Center, the general fund is by far the most significant fund.

Reporting the Career Center as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While the basic financial statements contain the large number of funds used by the Career Center to provide programs and activities, the view of the Career Center as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2024?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. 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 takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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These two statements report the Career Center's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Career Center as a whole, the financial position of the Career Center 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 Career Center's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio which restrict revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, governmental activities include the Career Center's programs and services, including instruction, support services, extracurricular activities, and non-instructional services, i.e., food service operations and other non-instructional services.

Reporting the Career Center's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Career Center's major funds. The Career Center uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions; however, these fund financial statements focus on the Career Center's most significant funds. The Career Center's major governmental funds are the general fund, the adult education fund, the bond retirement fund, and the permanent improvement fund.

Governmental Funds

All of the Career Center's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Career Center's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Reporting the Career Center's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The Career Center may act in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These activities are reported in custodial funds. These activities are excluded from the Career Center's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the Career Center to finance its operations. Custodial funds are reported on the accrual basis and present a statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The Career Center has no custodial funds.

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The Career Center as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the Career Center as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Career Center's net position for fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023:

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Change
Assets			
Current & Other Assets	\$ 45,807,591	\$ 36,594,296	\$ 9,213,295
Net OPEB Asset	1,097,192	1,498,902	(401,710)
Capital Assets	51,100,964	48,512,578	2,588,386
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>98,005,747</u>	<u>86,605,776</u>	<u>11,399,971</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred Charges on Refunding	1,972,941	2,085,682	(112,741)
Pension & OPEB	3,861,087	4,459,658	(598,571)
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>5,834,028</u>	<u>6,545,340</u>	<u>(711,312)</u>
Liabilities			
Current & Other Liabilities	3,239,599	1,532,173	1,707,426
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	925,435	874,005	51,430
Due In More Than One Year:			
Pension & OPEB	16,512,257	17,097,646	(585,389)
Other Amounts	29,096,984	30,144,026	(1,047,042)
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>49,774,275</u>	<u>49,647,850</u>	<u>126,425</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	6,539,027	6,129,086	409,941
Pension & OPEB	3,171,733	3,899,127	(727,394)
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>9,710,760</u>	<u>10,028,213</u>	<u>(317,453)</u>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	21,780,500	20,293,053	1,487,447
Restricted	20,596,884	12,313,722	8,283,162
Unrestricted	1,977,356	868,278	1,109,078
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 44,354,740</u>	<u>\$ 33,475,053</u>	<u>\$ 10,879,687</u>

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Current and other assets increased primarily due to assets related to the construction of a public safety and CDL/truck driving training facility. The Career Center received a significant grant from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission during the fiscal year which remained largely unspent, and it received an allocation from the State of Ohio capital budget that resulted in a significant intergovernmental receivable. Additional items that contributed to the increase in current and other assets include increased investment income due to improved economic conditions, an increase in property taxes due to higher property values, and an increase in state funding due to the continued phase in of the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan, all of which were not fully matched by increased expenditures.

Current and other liabilities increased primarily due to contracts and retainage payable related to the construction project mentioned previously.

There was a change in net pension/OPEB liability/asset and related accruals for the Career Center. These fluctuations are due to changes in the actuarial liabilities/assets and related accruals that are passed through to the Career Center's financial statements. All components of pension and OPEB accruals contribute to the fluctuations in deferred outflows/inflows and NPL/NOL/NOA and are described in more detail in their respective notes.

The net pension liability (NPL) is one of the largest liabilities reported by the Career Center at June 30, 2024, and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27. In a prior period, the Career Center also adopted GASB Statement 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the Career Center'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 deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and the net OPEB asset.

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/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 Career Center'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

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the benefit of the exchange. However, the Career Center is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these assets/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. 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. For STRS, the plan's fiduciary net OPEB position was sufficient to cover the plan's total OPEB liability resulting in a net OPEB asset for fiscal year 2024 that is allocated to each school based on its proportionate share. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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 reported by the retirement boards. 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 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 Career Center'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.

Although the Career Center's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the Career Center's net position, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

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In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2023.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Change
Revenues			
<i>Program Revenues</i>			
Charges for Services	\$ 3,569,096	\$ 3,632,013	\$ (62,917)
Operating Grants	4,987,508	4,568,569	418,939
Capital Grants	2,010,159	-	2,010,159
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>10,566,763</u>	<u>8,200,582</u>	<u>2,366,181</u>
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	7,519,474	7,145,646	373,828
Grants & Entitlements Not Restricted	10,663,001	8,834,270	1,828,731
Grants & Entitlements - OFCC	2,990,483	-	2,990,483
Other	2,116,806	204,129	1,912,677
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>23,289,764</u>	<u>16,184,045</u>	<u>7,105,719</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>33,856,527</u>	<u>24,384,627</u>	<u>9,471,900</u>
Program Expenses			
Instruction:			
Regular	389,738	374,800	14,938
Special	375,223	438,643	(63,420)
Vocational	8,276,505	8,137,494	139,011
Adult/Continuing	4,017,415	4,336,022	(318,607)
Support Services:			
Pupils	998,861	788,507	210,354
Instructional Staff	1,630,012	1,501,381	128,631
Board of Education	85,019	108,182	(23,163)
Administration	738,932	836,711	(97,779)
Fiscal	615,047	595,841	19,206
Business	4,622	4,592	30
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,153,288	1,920,488	232,800
Pupil Transportation	82,214	111,206	(28,992)
Central	565,473	542,031	23,442
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	568,203	604,416	(36,213)
Other Non-Instructional Services	1,215,630	1,028,903	186,727
Extracurricular Activities	96,159	83,836	12,323
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,164,499	1,198,732	(34,233)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>22,976,840</u>	<u>22,611,785</u>	<u>365,055</u>
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</i>	<u>10,879,687</u>	<u>1,772,842</u>	<u>9,106,845</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>33,475,053</u>	<u>31,702,211</u>	<u>1,772,842</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 44,354,740</u>	<u>\$ 33,475,053</u>	<u>\$ 10,879,687</u>

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The increase in capital grants is due to allocation from the State of Ohio capital budget for the construction of a public safety and CDL/truck driving training facility. The increase in grants and entitlements not restricted is primarily due to an increase in state funding related to the continued phase in of the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan. The increase in grants and entitlements – OFCC is due to the significant grant from the Ohio Facilities Construction for the construction project previously mentioned. The increase in other general revenues is primarily due to an increase in investment income due to improved economic conditions.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent. The community, as a whole, through taxes and other general revenue, is by far the primary support for the Career Center students.

Table 3
Fund Balance

Fund	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Fund Balance 6/30/2023	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$19,265,537	\$16,067,462	\$3,198,075
Adult Education	3,729,176	3,146,839	582,337
Bond Retirement	1,968,013	1,915,680	52,333
Permanent Improvement	4,073,601	3,762,031	311,570

Governmental Funds

The Career Center's major funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

In the general fund there was an increase in both revenues and expenditures from the prior fiscal year; however, revenues increased at a higher rate than expenditures increased. The largest revenue increases were in intergovernmental revenue and investment income, both previously discussed.

Revenue and expenditures increased similarly in the adult education fund, and revenues continued to outpace expenditures in the adult education fund, leading to an increase in fund balance.

The bond retirement fund's increase was primarily due to the timing of property tax revenue compared to debt service payments.

Revenues and expenditures increased similarly primarily due to the construction project previously discussed, however, revenues continued to outpace expenditures leading to the increase in fund balance in the permanent improvement fund.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Career Center's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

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Original Budget Compared to Final Budget During the year the Career Center significantly amended its original estimated revenues and other financing sources and its original budgeted appropriations and other financing uses. Both amendments were mainly due to accounting for the local share of construction costs related to the public safety and CDL/truck driving building previously discussed.

Final Budget Compared to Actual Results Actual revenues and other financing sources varied significantly from the budgeted revenues and other financing sources primarily due to increased intergovernmental revenue related to the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan previously discussed. Actual expenditures and other financing uses did not significantly vary from the final budgeted expenditures and other financing sources.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, vehicles, and construction in progress. These capital assets are used to provide services to students and are not available for future spending. Although the Career Center's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities. See note 8 for more information.

Debt

During the current fiscal year the Career Center's debt decreased due to regular principal payments. See note 13 for additional details.

Current Issues

The General Fund has increased the June 30 fund balance each of the past eleven years and the current five-year forecast projects, without any new levies, a stable future. The General Fund millage has remained at 1.7 mills since 1982. Future upgrades and expansions are possible due to the financial stability the Career Center has worked hard to maintain.

The Career Center continues to expand programs in high school and adult education to meet the high demand of skilled workers in the area. In fiscal year 2024, it began a new 28,000 square foot building which will house training for Fire/EMS Technologies, the Police Academy, and CDL/Truck Driving.

Contacting the Career Center's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Career Center's finances and to show the Career Center's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Maria Rellinger, Treasurer of Apollo Career Center, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806-1454.

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Statement of Net Position
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	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 35,107,398
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	544,731
Accounts Receivable	189,053
Intergovernmental Receivable	2,053,359
Property Taxes Receivable	7,733,278
Prepaid Items	179,772
Net OPEB Asset	1,097,192
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	3,939,136
Depreciable Capital Assets (Net)	47,161,828
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>98,005,747</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Charges on Refunding	1,972,941
Pension	3,231,859
OPEB	629,228
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>5,834,028</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	39,713
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,067,854
Contracts Payable	1,650,450
Retainage Payable	198,027
Intergovernmental Payable	189,495
Accrued Interest Payable	94,060
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	925,435
Due In More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	15,509,177
Net OPEB Liability	1,003,080
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	29,096,984
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>49,774,275</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	6,539,027
Pension	1,299,659
OPEB	1,872,074
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>9,710,760</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	21,780,500
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	9,807,385
Debt Service	1,894,118
Adult Education	3,695,812
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	2,950,581
OPEB	1,097,192
Other Purposes	1,151,796
Unrestricted	1,977,356
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 44,354,740</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 389,738	\$ 61,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (328,092)
Special	375,223	-	967,910	-	592,687
Vocational	8,276,505	24,981	266,855	2,010,159	(5,974,510)
Adult/Continuing	4,017,415	2,582,288	1,446,054	-	10,927
Support Services:					
Pupils	998,861	3,447	17,897	-	(977,517)
Instructional Staff	1,630,012	462,613	633,458	-	(533,941)
Board of Education	85,019	-	-	-	(85,019)
Administration	738,932	-	49,438	-	(689,494)
Fiscal	615,047	-	-	-	(615,047)
Business	4,622	-	-	-	(4,622)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,153,288	-	138,433	-	(2,014,855)
Pupil Transportation	82,214	-	-	-	(82,214)
Central	565,473	-	-	-	(565,473)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	568,203	243,779	301,287	-	(23,137)
Other Non-Instructional Services	1,215,630	134,233	1,166,176	-	84,779
Extracurricular Activities	96,159	56,109	-	-	(40,050)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,164,499	-	-	-	(1,164,499)
Totals	<u>\$ 22,976,840</u>	<u>\$ 3,569,096</u>	<u>\$ 4,987,508</u>	<u>\$ 2,010,159</u>	<u>(12,410,077)</u>

General Revenues

Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	4,535,754
Debt Service	1,782,483
Capital Outlay	799,166
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	402,071
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	10,663,001
Grants and Entitlements - OFCC	2,990,483
Investment Earnings	1,790,377
Miscellaneous	326,429
Total General Revenues	<u>23,289,764</u>
Change in Net Position	10,879,687
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>33,475,053</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 44,354,740</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General	Adult Education Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19,890,041	\$ 3,727,211	\$ 1,708,259	\$ 3,405,321	\$ 6,376,566	\$ 35,107,398
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	-	-	-	-	544,731	544,731
Accounts Receivable	18,369	167,060	-	-	3,624	189,053
Interfund Receivable	35,876	-	-	-	-	35,876
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	-	-	2,010,159	43,200	2,053,359
Property Taxes Receivable	4,586,387	-	1,842,030	884,367	420,494	7,733,278
Prepaid Items	133,103	35,781	-	-	10,888	179,772
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 24,663,776</u>	<u>\$ 3,930,052</u>	<u>\$ 3,550,289</u>	<u>\$ 6,299,847</u>	<u>\$ 7,399,503</u>	<u>\$ 45,843,467</u>
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,399	\$ 11,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220	\$ 39,713
Accrued Wages and Benefits	908,436	112,846	-	-	46,572	1,067,854
Contracts Payable	191,808	-	-	1,458,642	-	1,650,450
Retainage Payable	198,027	-	-	-	-	198,027
Intergovernmental Payable	159,095	19,073	-	-	11,327	189,495
Interfund Payable	-	-	-	-	35,876	35,876
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,484,765</u>	<u>143,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,458,642</u>	<u>94,995</u>	<u>3,181,415</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	3,860,574	-	1,562,111	759,064	357,278	6,539,027
Unavailable Revenue	52,900	57,863	20,165	8,540	4,481	143,949
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,913,474</u>	<u>57,863</u>	<u>1,582,276</u>	<u>767,604</u>	<u>361,759</u>	<u>6,682,976</u>
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable	133,103	35,781	-	-	10,888	179,772
Restricted	2,074,353	3,693,395	1,968,013	3,475,342	6,681,041	17,892,144
Committed	300,000	-	-	598,259	283,338	1,181,597
Assigned	160,884	-	-	-	-	160,884
Unassigned	16,597,197	-	-	-	(32,518)	16,564,679
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>19,265,537</u>	<u>3,729,176</u>	<u>1,968,013</u>	<u>4,073,601</u>	<u>6,942,749</u>	<u>35,979,076</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 24,663,776</u>	<u>\$ 3,930,052</u>	<u>\$ 3,550,289</u>	<u>\$ 6,299,847</u>	<u>\$ 7,399,503</u>	<u>\$ 45,843,467</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$ 35,979,076
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		51,100,964
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:		
Accounts Receivable	57,863	
Delinquent Property Taxes	<u>86,086</u>	143,949
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the funds.		(94,060)
Unamortized loss on refunding represents deferred outflows, which do not use current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		1,972,941
The net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liability/asset and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds.		
Net OPEB Asset	1,097,192	
Deferred Outflows - Pension	3,231,859	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	629,228	
Net Pension Liability	(15,509,177)	
Net OPEB Liability	(1,003,080)	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(1,299,659)	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(1,872,074)</u>	(14,725,711)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General Obligation Bonds	(26,815,000)	
Unamortized Bond Premium	(2,629,928)	
Compensated Absences	<u>(577,491)</u>	(30,022,419)
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		<u><u>\$ 44,354,740</u></u>

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Adult Education Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 4,527,221	\$ -	\$ 1,781,897	\$ 798,884	\$ 401,778	\$ 7,509,780
Intergovernmental	11,341,356	1,229,942	214,447	2,085,267	5,581,093	20,452,105
Investment Income	1,790,377	59,518	-	-	64,272	1,914,167
Tuition and Fees	28,179	3,181,841	-	-	-	3,210,020
Extracurricular Activities	220	-	-	-	55,889	56,109
Rentals	1,030	-	-	-	-	1,030
Charges for Services	57,418	9,996	-	-	243,779	311,193
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	78,883	78,883
Miscellaneous	79,605	100,729	6,431	4,626	9,815	201,206
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>17,825,406</u>	<u>4,582,026</u>	<u>2,002,775</u>	<u>2,888,777</u>	<u>6,435,509</u>	<u>33,734,493</u>
Expenditures						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	351,777	-	-	9,210	-	360,987
Special	388,186	-	-	-	-	388,186
Vocational	7,341,616	-	-	424,870	273,900	8,040,386
Adult Education	-	3,248,862	-	-	391,813	3,640,675
Support Services:						
Pupils	1,020,809	4,320	-	-	13,042	1,038,171
Instructional Staff	645,112	578,279	-	-	444,864	1,668,255
Board of Education	82,085	-	-	-	-	82,085
Administration	731,929	-	-	-	49,397	781,326
Fiscal	576,979	-	35,592	15,343	7,875	635,789
Business	30	-	-	-	-	30
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,849,903	-	-	74,380	437,515	2,361,798
Pupil Transportation	103,989	-	-	41,914	-	145,903
Central	550,552	-	-	-	-	550,552
Operation of Non-Instructional/Shared Services:						
Food Service Operations	22,930	-	-	1,329	484,698	508,957
Other Non-Instructional Services	-	168,228	-	-	1,046,029	1,214,257
Extracurricular Activities	52,247	-	-	-	43,912	96,159
Capital Outlay	950,140	-	-	2,010,161	398,002	3,358,303
Debt Service						
Principal Retirement	-	-	710,000	-	-	710,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	1,204,850	-	-	1,204,850
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>14,668,284</u>	<u>3,999,689</u>	<u>1,950,442</u>	<u>2,577,207</u>	<u>3,591,047</u>	<u>26,786,669</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>3,157,122</u>	<u>582,337</u>	<u>52,333</u>	<u>311,570</u>	<u>2,844,462</u>	<u>6,947,824</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	35,466	-	-	-	116,842	152,308
Loss on Sale of Assets Held for Resale	-	-	-	-	(4,003)	(4,003)
Transfers In	5,487	-	-	-	-	5,487
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	(5,487)	(5,487)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>40,953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,352</u>	<u>148,305</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>3,198,075</u>	<u>582,337</u>	<u>52,333</u>	<u>311,570</u>	<u>2,951,814</u>	<u>7,096,129</u>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>16,067,462</u>	<u>3,146,839</u>	<u>1,915,680</u>	<u>3,762,031</u>	<u>3,990,935</u>	<u>28,882,947</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 19,265,537</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,176</u>	<u>\$ 1,968,013</u>	<u>\$ 4,073,601</u>	<u>\$ 6,942,749</u>	<u>\$ 35,979,076</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 7,096,129
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.	
Capital Asset Additions	\$ 4,662,451
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(2,050,808)</u>
	2,611,643
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.	(23,257)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
Accounts Receivable	(12,709)
Delinquent Property Taxes	<u>9,695</u>
	(3,014)
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	
General Obligation Bonds	710,000
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, and bond premium and the gain/loss on refunding are amortized over the term of the bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when bonds are issued.	
Accrued Interest Payable	2,813
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	150,279
Amortization of Refunding Loss	<u>(112,741)</u>
	40,351
Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows of resources.	
Pension	1,473,658
OPEB	<u>42,560</u>
	1,516,218
Except for amount reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability/asset are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.	
Pension	(1,360,266)
OPEB	<u>156,550</u>
	(1,203,716)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Compensated Absences	<u>135,333</u>
<i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$ 10,879,687</u></u>

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 14,989,195	\$ 17,821,502	\$ 20,126,170	\$ 2,304,668
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>14,964,645</u>	<u>18,546,952</u>	<u>17,991,383</u>	<u>555,569</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	24,550	(725,450)	2,134,787	2,860,237
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	17,072,541	17,072,541	17,072,541	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>96,758</u>	<u>96,758</u>	<u>96,758</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 17,193,849</u>	<u>\$ 16,443,849</u>	<u>\$ 19,304,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,860,237</u>

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Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
Adult Education Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 4,022,153	\$ 4,387,020	\$ 4,641,053	\$ 254,033
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>4,003,326</u>	<u>4,368,193</u>	<u>4,039,793</u>	<u>328,400</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	18,827	18,827	601,260	582,433
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	3,071,230	3,071,230	3,071,230	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>22,909</u>	<u>22,909</u>	<u>22,909</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 3,112,966</u>	<u>\$ 3,112,966</u>	<u>\$ 3,695,399</u>	<u>\$ 582,433</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 - Description of the Career Center and Reporting Entity

Apollo Career Center (the “Career Center”) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district’s elected boards. The Board possessed its own budgeting and taxing authority. The Career Center exposes students to job training skills leading to employment upon graduation from high school.

The reporting entity is composed of the stand-alone government, components units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Career Center consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Career Center. For Apollo Career Center, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the Career Center.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Career Center is financially accountable. The Career Center is financially accountable for an organization if the Career Center appoints a voting majority of the organization’s Governing Board and (1) the Career Center is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Career Center is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the Career Center is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Career Center in that the Career Center approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes, and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Career Center.

Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the Career Center’s operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the Career Center. The Career Center’s blended component unit is described below:

Apollo Educational Foundation

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation created in 1989 and is under the control of the Apollo Career Center Board of Education. The Foundation has a fifteen member Board of Trustees that includes the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Career Center. Although the Foundation is legally separate from the Career Center, it should be reported as if it were part of the primary government because its sole purpose is for the purpose of promoting, improving, enriching, and supplementing the programs and activities of vocational education beyond what is possible with public funds.

The Career Center participates in a jointly governed organization and three insurance pools.

A. Jointly Governed Organization

The Career Center is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC), which is a computer consortium. NOACSC is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Allen, Hancock, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, and Van Wert Counties, and the Cities of St. Mary’s and Wapakoneta. 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 educational entities. The governing board of NOACSC consists of two representatives from each county elected by majority vote of all charter member educational entities within each county. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, 4277 East Road Elida, Ohio 45807.

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B. Insurance Pools

Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council The Career Center participates in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (SOEPC), and insurance purchasing pool established under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. SOEPC is an incorporated nonprofit association of its members which enables the participants to provide for a formalized joint insurance purchasing program for maintaining adequate insurance protection and provides risk management programs and other administrative services. SOEPC's business and affairs are conducted by a board consisting of seven school administrators, who are elected by the membership each year. SOEPC also hires attorneys, auditors and actuaries to assist in running the day to day program. Gallagher is responsible for the insurance program administration while JWF Specialty Company is responsible for processing claims between SOEPC and its members. Financial information can be obtained from Mr. Ken Swink, SOEPC Purchasing Council Director at 303 Corporate Center Dr # 208, Vandalia, OH 45377.

Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium The Career Center participates in the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium (Consortium), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County and the Allen County Educational Service Center. The Consortium is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 401(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides medical and dental benefits to the employees of the participants. Each participant's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Directors which advises the Trustee, Allen County Educational Service Center, concerning aspects of the administration of the Consortium.

Each participant decides which plans offered by the Board of Directors will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Consortium is by written application subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium, 1920 Slabtown Road, Lima, Ohio 45801.

Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan The Career Center participates in a group retrospective rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123-17-73 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The Ohio SchoolComp Group Retrospective Rating Plan was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO). The Executive Directors of the OSBA and OASBO, or their designees, serve as coordinators of the group retrospective rating program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the program to cover the costs of the administering the program.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The Career Center's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Career Center as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Career Center at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Career Center's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the program and grants, contributions, and interest that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Career Center, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Career Center.

Fund Financial Statements During the fiscal year, the Career Center segregates transactions related to certain Career Center functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Career Center at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

The Career Center uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund Accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Career Center Functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Career Center are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which all governmental functions of the Career Center are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The Career Center's major governmental funds are as follows:

General Fund The General fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Career Center for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Adult Education Fund The Adult Education fund is used to account for tuition charges and grants restricted for adult education.

Bond Retirement Fund The Bond Retirement fund is used to account for property taxes restricted for the payment of principal, interest, and related costs on general obligation debt.

Permanent Improvement Fund The Permanent Improvement fund is used to account for property taxes and grants restricted for transactions related to the acquiring, constructing, or improving Career Center land, buildings or other property.

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The other governmental funds of the Career Center account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed, or assigned to a particular purpose.

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and change in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Career Center under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the Career Center's own programs. The Career Center has no fiduciary funds.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred inflows of resources and all liabilities of resources and deferred outflows associated with the operation of the Career Center are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred inflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred outflows of resources are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reflects the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the fund financial statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, the custodial fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fiduciary net position. The statement of changes in fiduciary net position presents increases (i.e., revenues/additions) and decreases (i.e., expenses/disbursements) in net position.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues: Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Career Center, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

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Non-exchange transactions, in which the Career Center receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. 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 Career Center must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Career Center on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, grants, interest, tuition, student fees and charges for services.

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 assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Career Center, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for deferred charges on refunding, for pension and OPEB. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

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 assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the Career Center, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, OPEB and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the Career Center, unavailable revenue may include delinquent property taxes, grants and entitlements and miscellaneous revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 11 and 12).

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

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E. Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the alternative tax budget (five-year forecast), the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The alternative tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources requested by the Career Center prior to fiscal year end.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the fiscal year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriations resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Career Center is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Career Center records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Investments of the Career Center's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Career Center are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments. Investments reported at fair value are based on quoted market price, current share price, or amortized cost. The Career Center's commercial paper and mutual funds are measured at amortized cost as they are highly liquid debt instruments with a remaining maturity of less than one year at the time purchase.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants. The Career Center measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

There were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day.

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Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2024 was \$1,790,377, which included \$651,456 assigned from other Career Center funds.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column on the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported on the fund financial statements.

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 Career Center maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The Career Center does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets, except for land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Useful Lives
Land Improvements	20-40 Years
Buildings and Improvements	10-100 Years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	8-15 Years

J. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Receivables/Payables". Interfund balances are eliminated on the statement of net position.

K. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the Career Center will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The Career Center records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

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Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the Career Center's past experience of making termination payments. Accumulated unused sick leave is paid to employees who retire at various rates depending on department policy and length of service.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditure to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid.

L. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds.

However, claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Net pension/OPEB asset/liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

N. Unamortized Premiums

On government-wide financial statements, premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the bonds-outstanding method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of bonds payable. On the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums are recognized in the period when the debt is issued.

Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited in the Bond Retirement Fund. Ohio law does allow premiums on refunding debt to be used as part of the payment to a bond escrow agent.

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O. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements on the statement of net position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. At fiscal year end, there was no net position restricted by enabling legislation.

The Career Center's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

P. Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Career Center classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

Committed The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Career Center's Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Career Center's Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Career Center for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by the Career Center's Board of Education. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Board of Education or a Career Center official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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

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

Q. Estimates

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

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the fiscal year.

S. Implementation of New Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Career Center has implemented certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022* and GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*.

GASB Statement No. 99 enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99 that relate to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Career Center.

GASB Statement No. 100 enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide a more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessment accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Career Center.

Note 3 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the Career Center is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances.

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP basis) and actual for the General Fund and the Adult Education Fund are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures/expenses are recorded when paid in cash (budget) rather than when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditure (budget) rather than as a component of restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
4. Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements are as follows:

	General	Adult Education
GAAP Basis	\$ 3,198,075	\$ 582,337
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(540,251)	59,027
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	412,698	(8,289)
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere **	(8,544)	-
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(927,191)	(31,815)
Budget Basis	<u>\$ 2,134,787</u>	<u>\$ 601,260</u>

**As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the health and flower trust funds, rotary/consumer supplies fund and the termination benefits fund.

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the Career Center are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Career Center treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Career Center 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 has identified as not required for use within the current five-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.

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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, including passbook accounts.

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, 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 obligation or security 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, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed 30 days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed 180 days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed 270 days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Career Center 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 qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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Deposits - At year-end, \$2,266,882 of the Career Center's bank balance of \$4,398,953 was exposed to custodial credit risk. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department in the Career Center's name and all statutory requirements for the investment of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the Career Center to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The Career Center has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by:

- Eligible securities pledged to the Career Center and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or
- Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS required the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

Funds Held in Segregated Accounts

The funds for the Apollo Educational Foundation fund are maintained separately from the Career Center's deposits. The carrying amount of the deposits is reported as "Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts." These investments are included in the Investments Table below.

Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the Career Center had the following investments:

S&P Global Ratings	Investment Type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturities			Percent of Total
			12 Months or Less	13 to 36 Months	More Than 36 Months	
	Net Asset Value (NAV):					
AAAm	STAR Ohio	\$ 8,305,123	\$ 8,305,123	\$ -	\$ -	26.22%
	Amortized Cost:					
N/A	Money Market Mutual Fund	549,979	549,979	-	-	1.74%
A-1	Commercial Paper	775,739	775,739	-	-	2.45%
	Fair Value:					
AA	Federal Securities	8,891,978	2,587,897	6,153,948	150,133	28.07%
N/A	Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	11,172,223	1,720,533	5,050,109	4,401,581	35.27%
AA	US Treasury Note	1,978,491	98,377	498,639	1,381,475	6.25%
	Total Investments	<u>\$31,673,533</u>	<u>\$14,037,648</u>	<u>\$11,702,696</u>	<u>\$ 5,933,189</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The Career Center categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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The above table identifies the Career Center's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024. The Career Center's fair value investments are Level 2 since valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored which could require the need to acquire further market data.

Interest Rate Risk Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The investment policy restricts the Treasurer from investing in any securities other than those identified in the Ohio Revised Code and specifies that all investments must mature within five years from the date of investment unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Career Center. The Treasurer is also restricted from purchasing investments that cannot be held until the maturity date.

Credit Risk The Career Center has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of June 30, 2024, is 47 days.

Custodial Credit Risk For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Career Center will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

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

Note 5 – Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024 consisted of accounts, interfund, intergovernmental, and property taxes. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. All receivables, except property taxes, are expected to be collected within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

Note 6 – Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the Career Center fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the Career Center in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Career Center. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

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Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The Career Center receives taxes from Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Hancock, Putnam and Van Wert Counties. The County Auditor periodically advances to the Career Center its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2024, are available to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2024, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources.

On the accrual basis of accounting, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis of accounting the revenue has been reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2024 taxes were collected are:

	2023 Second Half Collections		2024 First Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$ 2,508,354,190	89.68%	\$ 2,792,894,120	90.06%
Public Utility Personal Property	288,576,610	10.32%	308,284,230	9.94%
Total	<u>\$ 2,796,930,800</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 3,101,178,350</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Full Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	<u>\$ 3.14</u>		<u>\$ 3.03</u>	

Note 7 – Interfund Transactions

At June 30, 2024, the general fund had an interfund receivable to cover costs in funds where revenues were not received by June 30. This interfund balance will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received and are expected to be repaid within one year. Interfund loans between governmental activities are eliminated on the statement of net position.

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General	\$ 35,876	\$ -
Non-Major Governmental Funds:		
Aspire Grant	-	35,876
Total	<u>\$ 35,876</u>	<u>\$ 35,876</u>

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The Career Center transferred the balance of the renovation house project fund, \$5,487, to the general fund upon cessation of the renovation projects.

Note 8 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions and Transfers	Balance 6/30/2024
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital Assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 341,208	\$ 102,853	\$ -	\$ 444,061
Construction in Progress	42,000	3,495,075	(42,000)	3,495,075
<i>Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated</i>	<u>383,208</u>	<u>3,597,928</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>3,939,136</u>
<i>Capital Assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land Improvements	5,675,456	-	-	5,675,456
Building and Improvements	53,825,263	246,658	-	54,071,921
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	9,256,429	673,150	(136,769)	9,792,810
Vehicles	1,434,310	186,715	-	1,621,025
<i>Total Capital Assets, being depreciated</i>	<u>70,191,458</u>	<u>1,106,523</u>	<u>(136,769)</u>	<u>71,161,212</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	(2,321,457)	(268,546)	-	(2,590,003)
Building and Improvements	(13,652,018)	(1,062,973)	-	(14,714,991)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(5,105,247)	(611,514)	113,512	(5,603,249)
Vehicles	(983,366)	(107,775)	-	(1,091,141)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<u>(22,062,088)</u>	<u>(2,050,808)</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>(23,999,384)</u>
<i>Total Capital Assets being depreciated, net</i>	<u>48,129,370</u>	<u>(944,285)</u>	<u>(23,257)</u>	<u>47,161,828</u>
 <i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net</i>	 <u>\$ 48,512,578</u>	 <u>\$ 2,653,643</u>	 <u>\$ (65,257)</u>	 <u>\$ 51,100,964</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 33,130
Special	1,651
Vocational	911,712
Adult/Continuing Education	663,657
Support Services:	
Instructional Staff	27,522
Board of Education	2,934
Administration	13,710
Fiscal	2,446
Business	4,592
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	162,772
Pupil Transportation	53,241
Central	69,279
Food Service Operations	102,789
Other Non-Instructional Services	1,373
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 2,050,808</u>

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Note 9 – Other Commitments

The Career Center had an outstanding commitment of \$5,956,191 related to a contract of \$9,259,458 for the construction of a public safety and CDL/truck driving training facility.

The Career Center utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed or assigned classifications of fund balance. At fiscal year end, the Career Center's commitments for encumbrances were as listed below:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 510,809
Permanent Improvement	1,125,689
Nonmajor Governmental	2,723,636
Total	<u>\$ 4,382,407</u>

Note 10 – Risk Management

The Career Center 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 2024, the Career Center contracted for the following insurance coverage.

A. Property and Liability

The Career Center participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Liability, Fleet, and Property Program, an insurance purchasing pool. Each participant enters into an individual agreement with the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council for insurance coverage and pays annual premiums to the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council based on the types and limits of coverage and deductibles selected by the participant. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage during the last three years, and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the fiscal year.

B. Employee Medical and Dental Benefits

The Career Center participates in the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium (Consortium), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of ten school districts and the Allen County Educational Service Center. The Career Center pays monthly premiums to the Consortium for employee medical and dental benefits. The Consortium is responsible for the management and operations of the program and the payment of claims. Upon withdrawal from the Consortium, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Consortium liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of the withdrawal.

C. Workers Compensation

For calendar years 2020 through 2024, the Career Center participated in the Ohio SchoolComp Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan, a voluntary, performance-based incentive program offered jointly by the Ohio Schools Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO). The intent of the program is to reward participants that can keep their claims costs low. Districts continue to pay their individual premium directly to the Ohio BWC. Districts then have future premium adjustments (refunds or assessments) at the end of each of the three evaluation periods. For the 2024 program, the evaluation periods will be December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027. Refunds or assessments will be calculated by the Ohio BWC, based on the pro-rata share of the districts individual premium compared to the overall program premium.

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Participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan is limited to school districts that meet selection criteria. Each fiscal year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to Sedgwick Managed Care Ohio to cover the costs of administering the program.

Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

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

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

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

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

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 12 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, may 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 30 years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. 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. The COLA is indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The Retirement Board approved a 2.5 percent COLA for calendar year 2023.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Career Center 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, 2024, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2024, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The Career Center’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$359,455 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$10,807 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients’ base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2023, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 1 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3307.67(E) the STRS Ohio Retirement Board may adjust the COLA upon a determination by the board’s actuary that a change will not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system. Eligibility charges will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 34 years of service credit at any age.

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate is deposited into the member’s DC account and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50 and after termination of employment.

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The 2024 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For 2024, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The Career Center's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,114,203 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$122,336 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. The Career Center's proportion 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.0608136%	0.05641490%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.0622642%	0.05788759%	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.0014506%</u>	<u>-0.00147269%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$ 3,360,263	\$ 12,148,914	\$ 15,509,177
Pension Expense	\$ 303,633	\$ 1,056,633	\$ 1,360,266

Other than contributions made subsequent to the measurement date and differences between projected and actual earnings on investments; deferred inflows/outflows of resources are recognized in pension expense beginning in the current period, using a straight line method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining services lives of all employees that are provided with pensions, determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. Net deferred inflows/outflows of resources pertaining to the differences between projected and actual investment earnings are similarly recognized over a closed five-year period.

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At June 30, 2024, the Career Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 144,431	\$ 442,922	\$ 587,353
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-	-
Changes of Assumptions	23,804	1,000,530	1,024,334
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Career Center Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	146,514	146,514
Career Center Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	359,455	1,114,203	1,473,658
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 527,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,704,169</u>	<u>\$ 3,231,859</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 26,958	\$ 26,958
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	47,232	36,411	83,643
Changes of Assumptions	-	753,111	753,111
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Career Center Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	103,245	332,702	435,947
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 150,477</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,182</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,659</u>

\$1,473,658 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Career Center contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (40,455)	\$ (134,976)	\$ (175,431)
2026	(147,392)	(424,341)	(571,733)
2027	203,101	1,135,987	1,339,088
2028	2,504	(135,886)	(133,382)
Total	<u>\$ 17,758</u>	<u>\$ 440,784</u>	<u>\$ 458,542</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.

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Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2023, and 2022 are presented below:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of System expenses
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.0 percent, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward two years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward five years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward three years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. As of June 30, 2023:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate The total pension liability for 2023 was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent. The discount rate did not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 21-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarially determined contribution rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14.00 percent. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long term assumed investment rate of return, 7.00 percent. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability. The annual money weighted rate of return, calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, for fiscal year 2023 was 6.90 percent.

Sensitivity of the Career Center'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 Career Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Career Center's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,959,579	\$ 3,360,263	\$ 2,013,147

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023, and 2022, actuarial valuation, are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary Increases	From 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent, based on service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.00 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation, were based on the results of the latest available actuarial experience study, which is for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return**
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	100.00 %	

*Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

**10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Career Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Career Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 18,682,340	\$ 12,148,914	\$ 6,623,422

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Assumption and Benefit Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date The discount rate remained at 7.00 percent for June 30, 2023, valuation. Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021.

Note 12 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 11 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Health Care Plan Description - The Career Center 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. The following types of credit purchased after January 29, 1981, do not count toward health care coverage eligibility: military, federal, out-of-state, municipal, private school, exempted, and early retirement incentive credit. 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

The Health Care program is financed through a combination of employer contributions, recipient premiums, investment returns, and any funds received on behalf of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. The System's goal is to maintain a health care reserve account with a 20-year solvency period in order to ensure that fluctuations in the cost of health care do not cause an interruption in the program. However, during any period in which the 20-year solvency period is not achieved, the System shall manage the Health Care Fund on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2024, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$25,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.00 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.50

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percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the Career Center's surcharge obligation was \$42,560, which is reported as an intergovernmental payable. The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Career Center's contractually required contribution to SERS was equal to its surcharge obligation for fiscal year 2024.

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. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Career Center's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the Career Center's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset):			
Current Measurement Date	0.0608870%	0.05641490%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.0613549%	0.05788759%	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.0004679%</u>	<u>-0.00147269%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,003,080	\$ (1,097,192)	
OPEB Expense	\$ (112,001)	\$ (44,549)	\$ (156,550)

Other than contributions made subsequent to the measurement date and differences between projected and actual earnings on investments; deferred inflows/outflows of resources are recognized in OPEB expense beginning in the current period, using a straight-line method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining services lives of all employees that are provided with pensions, determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. Net deferred inflows/outflows of resources pertaining to the differences between projected and actual investment earnings are similarly recognized over a closed five-year period.

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At June 30, 2024, the Career Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 2,088	\$ 1,711	\$ 3,799
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	7,772	1,956	9,728
Changes of Assumptions	339,170	161,633	500,803
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Career Center Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	48,281	24,057	72,338
Career Center Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	42,560	-	42,560
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 439,871	\$ 189,357	\$ 629,228
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 517,324	\$ 167,352	\$ 684,676
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	-	-
Changes of Assumptions	284,887	723,910	1,008,797
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Career Center Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	165,814	12,787	178,601
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 968,025	\$ 904,049	\$ 1,872,074

\$42,560 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Career Center contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction/addition to the net OPEB liability/asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (185,009)	\$ (309,652)	\$ (494,661)
2026	(148,588)	(152,716)	(301,304)
2027	(87,639)	(55,615)	(143,254)
2028	(60,766)	(75,693)	(136,459)
2029	(52,811)	(69,227)	(122,038)
Thereafter	(35,901)	(51,789)	(87,690)
Total	\$ (570,714)	\$ (714,692)	\$ (1,285,406)

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

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of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2023, are presented below:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including Inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expense
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted	2048
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.86 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.69 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	
Measurement Date	4.27 percent
Prior Measurement Date	4.08 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Medicare	5.125 to 4.40 percent
Pre-Medicare	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Measurement Date	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Prior Measurement Date	7.00 to 4.40 percent

Mortality rates among healthy retirees were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality rates for contingent survivors were based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Mortality rates for actives is based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table. Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

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The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

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 2016 through 2020 and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. 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 long-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2020, five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023, was 4.27 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2023, was 4.08 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the plan at the contribution rate of 1.50 percent of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2048 by SERS' actuaries. The Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent interest rate for both the June 30, 2022, and the June 30, 2023, total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is 3.86 percent at June 30, 2023, and 3.69 percent at June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the Career Center'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 and what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower

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(3.27 percent) and higher (5.27 percent) than the current discount rate (4.27 percent). Also shown is what the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower (5.75 percent decreasing to 3.40 percent) and higher (7.75 percent decreasing to 5.40 percent) than the current rate (6.75 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent).

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,282,223	\$ 1,003,080	\$ 782,964
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 736,928	\$ 1,003,080	\$ 1,355,767

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023, and 2022, actuarial valuation are presented below:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Projected Salary Increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.00 percent
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	7.50 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	-10.94 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-68.78 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	9.00 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	1.33 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-5.47 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate

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

Healthy retirees post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

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Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation is based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return**
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	100.00 %	

*Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

**10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 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 (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)	\$ (928,629)	\$ (1,097,192)	\$ (1,243,992)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)	\$ (1,250,804)	\$ (1,097,192)	\$ (912,169)

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Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00 percent for the June 30, 2023, valuation.

Benefit Term Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experiences as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024.

Note 13 – Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Career Center’s long-term obligations during fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

	Outstanding Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deductions	Outstanding Balance 6/30/2024	Amount Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
<i>General Obligations Bonds:</i>					
Various Purpose School Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2017					
Serial Bonds	\$ 17,845,000	\$ -	\$ (710,000)	\$ 17,135,000	\$ 780,000
Term Bonds	9,680,000	-	-	9,680,000	-
Premium	2,780,207	-	(150,279)	2,629,928	-
Total General Obligation Bonds	30,305,207	-	(860,279)	29,444,928	780,000
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>					
Net Pension Liability	16,236,217	-	(727,040)	15,509,177	-
Net OPEB Liability	861,429	141,651	-	1,003,080	-
Compensated Absences	712,823	28,673	(164,005)	577,491	145,435
Total General Long-Term Obligations	\$ 48,115,676	\$ 170,324	\$(1,751,324)	\$ 46,534,676	\$ 925,435

Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund, the Food Service Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), and the Adult Education Fund. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability; however, employer pension and OPEB contributions are primarily made from the general fund and adult education fund. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability see Notes 11 and 12.

Various Purpose School Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2017

On December 27, 2017, the Career Center issued \$29,000,000 in refunding bonds. The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund \$29,105,000 of the Career Center’s outstanding 2014 Ohio Schools Facilities Commission General Obligation Bonds. This refunding bonds were issued with a premium of \$3,606,758, which is reported as an increase to bonds payable. The amounts are being amortized as interest expenses over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The refunding resulted in a difference between the net carrying amount of the debt and the acquisition price of \$2,705,747. The amounts are being amortized as interest expense over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The issuance resulted in a difference (savings) between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt of \$3,521,485. The issuance resulted in an economic gain of \$3,682,998.

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The serial bonds totaling \$19,320,000 were issued with varying interest rates of 3.00 percent to 5.00 percent and will mature December 1, 2036. The term bonds totaling \$9,680,000 were issued with interest rates of 4.00 percent to 5.00 percent and will mature December 1, 2041.

The serial bonds maturing by December 1, 2036, are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on any date on or after December 1, 2027. The term bonds maturing December 1, 2039 and December 1, 2041 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption on December 1 of the years shown in the following schedules:

The following is a summary of the Career Center's future annual debt service requirements for governmental long-term obligations:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 780,000	\$ 1,167,600
2026	850,000	1,126,850
2027	925,000	1,082,475
2028	1,000,000	1,034,350
2029	1,105,000	981,725
2030-2034	6,985,000	3,957,425
2035-2039	9,720,000	2,255,425
2040-2042	5,450,000	316,750
	<u>\$ 26,815,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,922,600</u>

Note 14 – Other Employee Benefits

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn 5 to 20 days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. The Superintendent and Treasurer are entitled up to 30 days of vacation per year. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Teachers may accumulate sick leave up to a maximum of 245 days. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 60 days. Administrators and classified employees may accumulate sick leave up to a maximum of 245 days and upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 60 days.

B. Health Care Benefits

The Career Center offers employee medical and dental benefits through the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium. The employee pays 15 percent of the cost of the monthly premium. The premium varies with each employee depending on the terms of the union contract. The Career Center provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all contract employees through Dearborn National Life Insurance Company.

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Note 15 – Fund Balance

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Career Center is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

	General	Adult Education	Bond Retirement	Permanent Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable for:						
Prepays	\$ 133,103	\$ 35,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,888	\$ 179,772
Total Nonspendable	133,103	35,781	-	-	10,888	179,772
Restricted for:						
Capital Projects	2,074,353	-	-	3,475,342	2,592,481	8,142,176
Debt Service	-	-	1,968,013	-	-	1,968,013
Adult Education	-	3,693,395	-	-	-	3,693,395
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	-	-	-	-	2,938,975	2,938,975
Other Purposes	-	-	-	-	1,149,585	1,149,585
Total Restricted	2,074,353	3,693,395	1,968,013	3,475,342	6,681,041	17,892,144
Committed for:						
Termination Benefits	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
Capital Projects	-	-	-	598,259	-	598,259
Student Activities	-	-	-	-	283,338	283,338
Total Committed	300,000	-	-	598,259	283,338	1,181,597
Assigned for:						
Instruction	37,321	-	-	-	-	37,321
Support Services	84,035	-	-	-	-	84,035
Extracurricular	2,585	-	-	-	-	2,585
Capital Outlay	20,920	-	-	-	-	20,920
Other Purposes	16,023	-	-	-	-	16,023
Total Assigned	160,884	-	-	-	-	160,884
Unassigned	16,597,197	-	-	-	(32,518)	16,564,679
Total Fund Balance	\$ 19,265,537	\$ 3,729,176	\$ 1,968,013	\$ 4,073,601	\$ 6,942,749	\$ 35,979,076

The Adult Basic Education and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education funds had deficit balances of \$686 and \$31,832, respectively, at the end of the fiscal year. The General Fund is liable for any deficits in the non-major governmental funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

Note 16 – Set-Asides

The Career Center is required by State statute to annually set-aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. This amount must be carried forward and used for the same purpose in future years.

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The following cash basis information identifies the change in the fund balance reserve for capital improvements during fiscal year 2024.

	Capital Improvement Reserve
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current Year Set Aside Requirement	227,860
Current Year Offsets	(1,779,604)
Total	<u>\$ (1,551,744)</u>
Balance Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2025	<u>\$ -</u>
Set Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 17 – Contingencies

A. Grants

The Career Center 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, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Career Center at June 30, 2024.

B. Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the Career Center as defendant.

Required Supplementary Information

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Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Ten Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i>					
Career Center's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0608136%	0.0622642%	0.0649781%	0.0613487%	0.0625209%
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,360,263	\$ 3,367,732	\$ 2,397,503	\$ 4,057,732	\$ 3,740,735
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,448,807	\$ 2,414,950	\$ 2,192,250	\$ 2,152,871	\$ 2,165,874
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	137.22%	139.45%	109.36%	188.48%	172.71%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	76.06%	75.82%	82.86%	68.55%	70.85%
<i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i>					
Career Center's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.05641490%	0.05788759%	0.05601006%	0.05636146%	0.05661187%
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,148,914	\$ 12,868,485	\$ 7,161,390	\$ 13,637,468	\$ 12,519,375
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,744,007	\$ 7,408,564	\$ 6,848,386	\$ 6,806,871	\$ 6,709,643
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	156.88%	173.70%	104.57%	200.35%	186.59%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.02%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%	77.40%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.0648244%	0.0704551%	0.0697404%	0.0687764%	0.0671220%
\$ 3,712,613	\$ 4,209,537	\$ 5,104,353	\$ 3,924,448	\$ 3,397,006
\$ 2,188,148	\$ 2,247,607	\$ 2,157,293	\$ 2,027,700	\$ 1,860,527
169.67%	187.29%	236.61%	193.54%	182.58%
71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%
0.05531905%	0.05247787%	0.05243724%	0.05733057%	0.05795130%
\$ 12,163,417	\$ 12,466,231	\$ 17,552,325	\$ 15,844,493	\$ 14,095,762
\$ 6,257,436	\$ 5,828,686	\$ 5,696,779	\$ 5,916,821	\$ 5,907,100
194.38%	213.88%	308.11%	267.79%	238.62%
77.31%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

See notes to the required supplementary information

Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Career Center's Contributions - Pension
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i>					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 359,455	\$ 342,833	\$ 338,093	\$ 306,915	\$ 301,402
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(359,455)</u>	<u>(342,833)</u>	<u>(338,093)</u>	<u>(306,915)</u>	<u>(301,402)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,567,536	\$ 2,448,807	\$ 2,414,950	\$ 2,192,250	\$ 2,152,871
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
<i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i>					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,114,203	\$ 1,084,161	\$ 1,037,199	\$ 958,774	\$ 952,962
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,114,203)</u>	<u>(1,084,161)</u>	<u>(1,037,199)</u>	<u>(958,774)</u>	<u>(952,962)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,958,593	\$ 7,744,007	\$ 7,408,564	\$ 6,848,386	\$ 6,806,871
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$ 292,393	\$ 295,400	\$ 314,665	\$ 302,021	\$ 267,251
<u>(292,393)</u>	<u>(295,400)</u>	<u>(314,665)</u>	<u>(302,021)</u>	<u>(267,251)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 2,165,874	\$ 2,188,148	\$ 2,247,607	\$ 2,157,293	\$ 2,027,700
13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%
\$ 939,350	\$ 876,041	\$ 816,016	\$ 797,549	\$ 828,355
<u>(939,350)</u>	<u>(876,041)</u>	<u>(816,016)</u>	<u>(797,549)</u>	<u>(828,355)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 6,709,643	\$ 6,257,436	\$ 5,828,686	\$ 5,696,779	\$ 5,916,821
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Last Eight Years (1)

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i>				
Career Center's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.0608870%	0.0613549%	0.0641300%	0.0608450%
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,003,080	\$ 861,429	\$ 1,213,703	\$ 1,322,357
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,448,807	\$ 2,414,950	\$ 2,192,250	\$ 2,152,871
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	40.96%	35.67%	55.36%	61.42%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	30.02%	30.34%	24.08%	18.17%
<i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i>				
Career Center's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	0.05641490%	0.05788759%	0.05601000%	0.05636100%
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	\$ (1,097,192)	\$ (1,498,902)	\$ (1,180,925)	\$ (990,543)
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,744,007	\$ 7,408,564	\$ 6,848,386	\$ 6,806,871
Career Center's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.17%	-20.23%	-17.24%	-14.55%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	168.52%	230.73%	174.73%	182.10%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

	2020		2019		2018		2017
	0.0606440%		0.0631880%		0.0675973%		0.0668061%
\$	1,525,067	\$	1,753,006	\$	1,814,134	\$	1,904,221
\$	2,165,874	\$	2,188,148	\$	2,247,607	\$	2,157,293
	70.41%		80.11%		80.71%		88.27%
	15.57%		13.57%		12.46%		11.49%
	0.05661200%		0.05531905%		0.05247787%		0.05243724%
\$	(937,631)	\$	(888,921)	\$	2,047,493	\$	2,804,357
\$	6,709,643	\$	6,257,436	\$	5,828,686	\$	5,696,779
	-13.97%		-14.21%		35.13%		49.23%
	174.70%		176.00%		47.10%		37.30%

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Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Career Center's Contributions - OPEB
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i>					
Contractually Required Contribution (1)	\$ 42,560	\$ 35,390	\$ 28,249	\$ 27,939	\$ 25,766
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(42,560)	(35,390)	(28,249)	(27,939)	(25,766)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,567,536	\$ 2,448,807	\$ 2,414,950	\$ 2,192,250	\$ 2,152,871
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)	1.66%	1.45%	1.17%	0.78%	1.27%
<i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i>					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Career Center's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,958,593	\$ 7,744,007	\$ 7,408,564	\$ 6,848,386	\$ 6,806,871
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(1) Includes surcharge

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$ 33,524	\$ 33,636	\$ 18,801	\$ 17,208	\$ 30,897
<u>(33,524)</u>	<u>(33,636)</u>	<u>(18,801)</u>	<u>(17,208)</u>	<u>(30,897)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 2,165,874	\$ 2,188,148	\$ 2,247,607	\$ 2,157,293	\$ 2,027,700
1.55%	1.54%	0.84%	0.80%	1.52%
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 6,709,643	\$ 6,257,436	\$ 5,828,686	\$ 5,696,779	\$ 5,916,821
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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Apollo Career Center
Allen County, Ohio
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - NET PENSION LIABILITY

There were no changes in assumptions or benefit terms for the fiscal years reported unless otherwise stated below:

Changes in Assumptions - SERS

Amounts reported in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented as follows:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2021-2017</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2016 and Prior</u>
Wage Inflation	2.40%	3.00%	3.25%
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.50% to 18.20%	4.00% to 22.00%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00% net of system expenses	7.50% net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.75% net of investment expenses, including inflation

Beginning in 2022, amounts reported use mortality rates based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP2020 projection scale generationally.

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, on each anniversary of the initial retirement, the allowance of all retirees and survivors may be increased by the annual rate of increase in the CPI-W measured as of the June preceding the beginning of the applicable calendar year. The annual rate of increase shall not be less than 0 percent nor greater than 2.5 percent.

Amounts report for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

Changes in Benefit Terms - SERS

For fiscal year 2022, COLA were increased from 2.00 percent to 2.50 percent.

For fiscal year 2021, COLA were reduced from 2.50 percent to 2.00 percent.

For fiscal year 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment was changed from a fixed 3.00 percent to a cost-of-living adjustment that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.50 percent with a floor of zero percent beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Changes in Assumptions – STRS

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal years 2018-2021 and fiscal year 2017 and prior are presented as follows:

	<u>Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2021-2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2017 and Prior</u>
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases	From 2.50% to 12.50% based on age	From 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65	From 12.25% at age 20 to 2.75% at age 70
Investment Rate of Return, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%	7.45%	7.75%
Payroll Increases	3.00%	3.00%	3.50%

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees were based on the RP2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

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

Changes in Benefit Terms - STRS

For fiscal year 2023, the Board approved a one-time 3 percent COLA effective on the anniversary of a benefit recipient's retirement date for those eligible during fiscal year 2023 and eliminated the age 60 requirement to receive unreduced retirement that was scheduled to go into effect August 1, 2026.

For fiscal year 2018, the COLA was reduced to zero.

Fiscal year 2017 and prior, COLA was 2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013 or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 - NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)

Changes in Assumptions – SERS

Amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by SERS in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2021 and prior are presented below:

	<u>Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2021-2017</u>
Inflation	2.40%	3.00%
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.50% to 18.20%
Investment Rate of Return, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%	7.50%

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

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>							
<u>Assumption</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.86%	3.69%	1.92%	2.45%	3.13%	3.62%	3.56%	2.92%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	4.27%	4.08%	2.27%	2.63%	3.22%	3.70%	3.63%	2.98%

Changes in Assumptions – STRS

For fiscal year 2023, the projected salary increases were changed from age based (2.5 percent to 12.50 percent) to service based (2.5 percent to 8.5 percent).

For fiscal year 2022, the discount rate was decreased from 7.45 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.00.

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 2018, the blended discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS

Effective January 1, 2024, Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes.

For fiscal year 2023, health care trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience

For fiscal year 2022, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, premium based on June 30, 2021, enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022, from 2.055 percent to 2.1 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D Subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in calendar year 2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely

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

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

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 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 2019. This was subsequently extended, see above paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**APOLLO CAREER CENTER
ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER / ADDITIONAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION	TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	\$ 25,279
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program - CN COVID PRO MANF	10.555	COVID-19, 2023	7,354
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program - FOOD PRO SUPPLY	10.555	COVID-19, 2024	15,347
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	198,666
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2024	34,222
Total National School Lunch Program			255,589
Total Child Nutrition Cluster and U.S. Department of Agriculture			280,868
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Office of Budget and Management</i>			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - School Safety Round #3	21.027	COVID-19	78,435
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			78,435
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Higher Education</i>			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States - Aspire Instructional	84.002A	84.002A, 2024	263,803
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
<i>Partnership Spent On-Behalf of Members Grants (Total Member Share) as Partnership Lead</i>			
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Carl D. Perkins Secondary	84.048A	84.048A, 2024	253,253
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Adult	84.048A	84.048A, 2024	281,736
Total Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States			534,989
<i>Direct</i>			
Student Financial Assistance Cluster			
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	N/A	1,868
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	N/A	659,249
Total Federal Pell Grant Program			661,117
Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loan)	84.268	N/A	46,759
Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loan)	84.268	N/A	468,735
Total Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loan)			515,494
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			1,176,611
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund - Innovative Workforce Incentive Program Grant 2	84.425D	COVID-19, 84.425D, 2023	3,215
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund - Homeless Targeted Support Grant	84.425W	COVID-19, 84.425W, 2024	15,707
<i>Direct</i>			
COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) - Institutional Aid Portion	84.425F	COVID-19, 84.425F, P425F203431	7,553
Total Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)			26,475
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,001,878
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 2,361,181

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**APOLLO CAREER CENTER
ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Apollo Career Center under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Apollo Career Center, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position of Apollo Career Center. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 2 – DE MINIMIS COST RATE

CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. Apollo Career Center has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3 – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

Apollo Career Center commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, Apollo Career Center assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE 4 – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

Apollo Career Center reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. Apollo Career Center allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

NOTE 5 – PARTNERSHIP FUNDS

Apollo Career Center was awarded federal program allocations under a partnership agreement with four other member Career Center's. For fiscal year 2024, Apollo Career Center's allocations spent as the partnership lead for the Apollo Consortium for member Career Center's was as follows:

Grant/Program Name	ALN	Member	Amount Spent as Partnership Lead	
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Adult	84.048A	Four County Career Center	\$	20,000
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Adult	84.048A	Penta Career Center	\$	20,000
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Adult	84.048A	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center	\$	20,000
Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States - Adult	84.048A	Vantage Career Center	\$	20,000

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With
*Government Auditing Standards***

Apollo Career Center
Allen County
3325 Shawnee Road
Lima, Ohio 45806

To the Members of the Board of Education:

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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Apollo Career Center, Allen County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Apollo Career Center's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Apollo Career Center's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Apollo Career Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Apollo Career Center'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 Apollo Career Center'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Apollo Career Center
Allen County

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Apollo Career Center'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 financial statements. 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 Apollo Career Center's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Apollo Career Center's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 6, 2024

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Apollo Career Center
Allen County
3325 Shawnee Road
Lima, Ohio 45806

To the Members of the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Apollo Career Center's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Apollo Career Center's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Apollo Career Center's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Apollo Career Center complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Apollo Career Center and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Apollo Career Center's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Apollo Career Center's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Apollo Career Center's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Apollo Career Center's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Apollo Career Center's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Apollo Career Center's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Apollo Career Center's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Apollo Career Center
Allen County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 6, 2024

**APOLLO CAREER CENTER
ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2024**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	None Reported
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	None Reported
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program(s) (listed):</i>	Student Financial Assistance Cluster
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	No

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



APOLLO CAREER CENTER

ALLEN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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