# HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY LORAIN

LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

**SINGLE AUDIT** 

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Horizon Science Academy Lorain, Lorain County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

March 01, 2022



## HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY LORAIN LORAIN COUNTY SINGLE AUDIT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County 760 Tower Boulevard Lorain, Ohio 44052

To the Board of Trustees:

## Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Horizon Science Academy Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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#### **Opinion**

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

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 13 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and ensuring emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Academy. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

## Required Supplementary Information

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

## Other Information

Our audit was conducted to provide an opinion on the Academy's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The Schedule 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. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the Schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this Schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 30, 2021, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 the Academy'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 the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. December 30, 2021

The discussion and analysis of Horizon Science Academy Lorain's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

## **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

- Total assets were \$5,688,123.
- Total liabilities were \$7,647,060.
- Total net position increased by \$2,911,956.

## **Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of three parts: the MD&A, the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

## Reporting the Academy as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Academy is, "As a whole, what is the Academy's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position, which appear first in the Academy's financial statements, report information on the Academy as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private- sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's net position – the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, as reported in the Statement of Net Position – as one way to measure the Academy's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Academy's net position – as reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position – are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the Academy's operating results. However, the Academy's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the Academy, to assess the overall health of the Academy.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position report the activities of the Academy, which encompass all the Academy's services, including instruction, supporting services, community services, and food services. Unrestricted state aid and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Table 1 provides a comparison of net position as of June 30, 2021 with net position as of June 30, 2020.

Table 1
Net Position

Net Po	Sition	
	2021	2020
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and Other Assets	\$3,392,631	\$1,446,348
Capital Assets, Net	1,834,252	1,121,731
Net OPEB Asset	461,240	427,482
<b>Total Assets</b>	5,688,123	2,995,561
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	1,728,081	1,965,968
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	702,814	785,601
Non-Current Liabilities	6,944,246	7,440,511
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	7,647,060	8,226,112
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	1,046,010	924,239
Net Position		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,834,252	1,121,731
Unrestricted	(3,111,118)	(5,310,553)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	(\$1,276,866)	(\$4,188,822)

Total current assets increased by \$1,946,283. This increase is due to increases in cash and cash equivalents of \$726,151 and a large receivable of \$1,118,998. Capital assets increased by \$712,521 due to current year additions exceeding depreciation. Total liabilities decreased \$579,052.

The net pension liability is reported pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." The net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability/asset is reported pursuant to 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 Academy'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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current and other assets increased primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents resulting from the receipt of a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan from the Small Business Administration and a large grant receivable.

Deferred outflows decreased primarily in deferred outflows related to pension. This decrease was primarily due to changes in assumptions by STRS and changes in the Academy's proportionate share reported by STRS. See Note 6 for more detail.

Current liabilities decreased primarily due to a decrease in the current portion of notes payable due in fiscal year 2021.

Long-term liabilities decreased primarily due a reduction of the District's net OPEB liability and forgiveness of the PPP loan. This decrease was partially offset by an increase of the net pension liability. The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are outside of the control of the Academy. The Academy contributes its statutorily required contributions to the pension systems; however, it's the pension systems that collect, hold and distribute pensions and OPEB to Academy employees, not the Academy.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

Table 2

Horizon Science Academy Lorain

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position

<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	2021	2020	
Foundation payments	\$5,672,533	\$6,104,255	
Food Services	0	492	
Classroom fees	1,978	2,302	
Extracurricular activities	2,060	18,714	
Other revenue	25,201	45,269	
Total operating revenues	5,701,772	6,171,032	
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Salaries	3,928,401	3,679,282	
Fringe benefits	1,286,441	1,577,617	
Purchased services	2,457,646	2,240,878	
Materials and supplies	252,769	208,328	
Depreciation	429,209	255,365	
Miscellaneous	197,289	210,558	
Total operating expenses	8,551,755	8,172,028	
Operating income/(loss)	(2,849,983)	(2,000,996)	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Restricted grants in aid - federal	1,729,901	1,189,953	
PPP Loan	916,000	0	
State and other grants	3,116,038	418,726	
Total non-operating revenues	5,761,939	1,608,679	
Change in net position	2,911,956	(392,317)	
Net position, beginning of year	(4,188,822)	(3,796,505)	
Net position, end of year	(\$1,276,866)	(\$4,188,822)	

Foundation support is the primary support of the Academy, comprising 99% of operating revenue and 50% of total revenues. Foundation support decreased \$431,722 primarily due to a decrease in enrollment. The Academy also received a significant portion of state grants, which represent 27% of total revenue. State grants increased in the amount of \$2,697,312. Salaries and Fringe Benefits represent a large portion of operating expenses, or 62%. Purchased services also represent a large portion of operating expenses, or 28%. Salaries and Fringe Benefits decreased \$42,059. Purchased services increased \$216,768. Net position increased \$2,911,956 resulting from revenues in excess of expenses.

Overall, expenses increased \$379,727 or 3%. This increase is primarily the result of an increase in purchased services in the amount of \$216,768.

On an accrual basis, the Academy reported \$1,001,205 and \$1,340,145 in pension expense for fiscal year 2021 and 2020, respectively. In addition, the Academy reported (\$18,727) and (\$84,002) in OPEB expense for fiscal year 2021 and 2020, respectively. The decrease in the net pension expense and the increase in OPEB expense from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021 was (\$273,665). This increase is primarily the result of the benefit changes by the retirement systems. Fluctuations in the pension and OPEB expense makes it difficult to compare financial information between years. Pension and OPEB expense are components of program expenses reported on the statement of activities. The Academy's total expenses for 2021 are comparable to 2020 without factoring in GASB 68/75.

#### **Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2021 the Academy had \$2,852,140 invested in furniture, equipment, and vehicles, (\$1,834,253 net of accumulated depreciation). Table 3 shows the balances at July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021:

Table 3

Capital Assets					
	Balance			Ending	
	July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2021	
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:					
Improvements	\$814,865	\$555,775	(\$22,418)	\$1,348,222	
Equipment Instructional	637,160	585,958	(278,295)	944,823	
Equipment Office	569,860	0	(29,513)	540,347	
School Vehicle	18,748	0	0	18,748	
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	2,040,633	1,141,733	(330,226)	2,852,140	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation					
Improvements	(343,415)	(155,677)	22,418	(476,674)	
Equipment-Instructional	(526,368)	(260,343)	278,295	(508,416)	
Equipment-Office	(45,959)	(11,314)	29,513	(27,760)	
School Vehicle	(3,162)	(1,875)	0	(5,037)	
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	(918,904)	(429,209)	330,226	(1,017,887)	
Net Capital Assets	\$1,121,729	\$712,524	\$0	\$1,834,253	

For more information on capital assets see Note 4 to the basic financial statements.

#### **Debt**

At the end of fiscal year 2021 the Academy had no debt outstanding. For more information on outstanding debt see Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

## Contacting the Academy's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Ramazan Celep, Treasurer, Horizon Science Academy Lorain, 760 Tower Blvd., Lorain, OH 44052.

## **Horizon Science Academy Lorain**

## Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	<b>**</b> 4.66.600
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,166,608
Intergovernmental receivable	1,193,593
Prepaid items Total current assets	32,430
Noncurrent Assets:	\$3,392,631
Net OPEB asset	461,240
Depreciable capital assets, net	1,834,252
Total Noncurrent Assets	2,295,492
Total Assets	5,688,123
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Pensions:	
Pension - STRS	1,440,454
Pension - SERS	101,470
OPEB - STRS	104,988
OPEB - SERS	81,169
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,728,081
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LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	230,571
Accrued wages and benefits payable	469,085
Intergovernmental payable	3,158
Total current liabilities	702,814
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Net pension liability	6,788,066
Net OPEB liability	156,180
Total noncurrent liabilities	6,944,246
Total Liabilities	7,647,060
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Pensions:	
Pension - STRS	40,605
Pension - SERS	234,127
OPEB - STRS	529,973
OPEB - SERS	241,305
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,046,010
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NET POSITION:  Net investment in capital assets	1,834,252
Unrestricted	
	(3,111,118)
Total Net Position	(\$1,276,866)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

## **Horizon Science Academy Lorain**

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Foundation payments	\$5,672,533
Classroom fees	1,978
Extracurricular activites	2,060
Other revenue	25,201
Total operating revenues	5,701,772
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Salaries	3,928,401
Fringe benefits	1,286,441
Purchased services	2,457,646
Materials and supplies	252,769
Depreciation	429,209
Miscellaneous	197,289
Total operating expenses	8,551,755
Operating loss	(2,849,983)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:	
Restricted grants in aid - federal	1,729,901
Forgiveness of PPP Loan	916,000
State and other grants	3,116,038
Total non-operating revenues	5,761,939
Change in net position	2,911,956
Net position, beginning of year	(4,188,822)
Net position, end of year	(\$1,276,866)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

## **Horizon Science Academy Lorain**

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from State of Ohio	\$5,603,829
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,615,174)
Cash payments to employees for services and benefits	(4,679,664)
Other cash payments	(197,289)
Net cash used for operating activities	(1,859,059)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Federal grants received	1,729,901
State and other grants received	1,997,040
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	3,726,941
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIE	<u>ES:</u>
Payment for capital acquisitions	(1,141,733)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	(1,141,733)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	726,151
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,440,457
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$2,166,608
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating loss	(\$2,849,983)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET	
<b>CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Depreciation	429,209
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	96,127
(Increase)/decrease in intergovernmental receivable	(68,704)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued wages and benefits payable	108,078
Increase/(decrease) in intergovernmental payable	(15,612)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	121,771
(Increase)/decrease in deferred outflows of resources	237,887
Increase/(decrease) in net pension liability	297,902
(Increase)/decrease in the net OPEB asset	(33,758)
Increase/(decrease) in net OPEB liabilities	(181,976)
Total adjustments	990,924
Net cash used for operating activities	(\$1,859,059)
Non Cash Transaction - PPP Forgiveness	\$ 916,000

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Horizon Science Academy Lorain, (the Academy), is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in grades K through eleven in Lorain. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations.

The Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy. The Academy qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Academy's tax-exempt status.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (the Sponsor) for a period of one year commencing April 6, 2009. During fiscal year 2011, the contract was extended until June 30, 2015 and re-extended until June 30, 2025.

The Academy operates under the direction of a self-appointed five-member Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which includes, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. In fiscal year 2021, the Academy employed 85 personnel for up to 782 students during the year.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### A. Basis of Presentation

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Academy uses enterprise accounting to report its financial activities. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

#### B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Academy are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Positions present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## **B.** Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The full accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. 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. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

#### C. Budgetary Process

Community schools are statutorily required to adopt a budget by Ohio Revised Code 3314.032(C). However, unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the specific budgetary process and limits set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the School and its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does not require the School to follow the provisions Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705; therefore, no budgetary information is presented in the basic financial statements.

The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis. Chapter 5705.391(A) of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually, and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

#### D. Cash

To improve cash management, all cash received by the Academy is pooled in a central bank account. Total cash amount at the end of the fiscal year is presented as "Cash and cash equivalents" in the Statement of Net Position. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, any investment with an original maturity date less than 90 days is considered a cash equivalent and any investment with a maturity date greater than 90 days is considered an investment. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2021.

### E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars. 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. Improvements are capitalized. The Academy does not capitalize interest.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the life of the lease.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## E. Capital Assets and Depreciation (Continued)

	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	40 years
Improvements	5 to 10 years
Heavy Duty Office or Classroom Furniture	5 to 10 years
Computers and Other Electronic Equipment	3 to 5 years
Vehicles	3 to 10 years

#### F. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, Special Education Program, and Federal CCIP Program. Revenues received from the State Foundation Program are recognized as operating revenues whereas revenues from the Federal CCIP Program, Special Education Program and other State Grants are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

## **G.** Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the Academy. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the Academy. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

## H. Compensated Absences

The Academy's policy indicates that all full-time employees are entitled to eight days of sick/personal leave in a school year. Also, Full time employees who have worked for the Academy for a total of 200 or more days during the contract year will be allowed nine days of paid sick or personal leave. Full time employees who have worked for the Academy 210 or more days during the contract year will be allowed ten days of paid sick or personal leave. All leave earned by employees must be used within the current school year and cannot be transferred to the next school year, and therefore, are not recorded as a liability. The Academy compensates its employees \$150 per day for each unused sick/personal day at the end of the year.

#### I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available. At the end of the fiscal ended June 30, 2021, the Academy did not have any restricted net position.

#### J. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### K. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Academy, see Note 6 and 7 for deferred outflows of resources related to the Academy's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the Academy, see Notes 6 and 7 for deferred inflows of resources related to the Academy's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. This deferred inflow of resources is only reported on the statement of net position.

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

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

## M. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflected the costs applicable to future accounting periods and were recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements. These items were reported as assets on the statement of net position using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts was recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

## 3. DEPOSITS

As of June 30, 2021, the Academy's Fifth Third bank balance of \$2,171,168, \$250,000 is covered by FDIC and the remaining amount is subject to custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned.

## 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

Capital Assets					
	Balance			Ending	
	July 1, 2020	Additions	<b>Deletions</b>	June 30, 2021	
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:					
Improvements	\$814,865	\$555,775	(\$22,418)	\$1,348,222	
Equipment Instructional	637,160	585,958	(278,295)	944,823	
Equipment Office	569,860	0	(29,513)	540,347	
School Vehicle	18,748	0	0	18,748	
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	2,040,633	1,141,733	(330,226)	2,852,140	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation					
Improvements	(343,415)	(155,677)	22,418	(476,674)	
Equipment-Instructional	(526,368)	(260,343)	278,295	(508,416)	
Equipment-Office	(45,959)	(11,314)	29,513	(27,760)	
School Vehicle	(3,162)	(1,875)	0	(5,037)	
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	(918,904)	(429,209)	330,226	(1,017,887)	
Net Capital Assets	\$1,121,729	\$712,524	\$0	\$1,834,253	

## 5. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The Academy's long-term obligations during the year consist of the following:

	- ·				Amounts
	Balance			Balance	Due In
	June 30, 2020	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2021	One Year
Notes Payable - PPP	\$916,000	\$0	(\$916,000)	\$0	\$0
Net Pension Liability					
STRS	5,707,810	642,336	0	6,350,146	0
SERS	782,354	0	(344,434)	437,920	0
Net OPEB Liability					0
STRS	0	0	0	0	0
SERS	338,156	0	(181,976)	156,180	0
<b>Total LT Obligations</b>	\$7,744,320	\$642,336	(\$1,442,410)	\$6,944,246	\$0

The balance of PPP loan was forgiven.

See Notes 6 and 7 for information on the Academy's net pension and OPEB liabilities.

## 6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

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

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also 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 remainder of this note includes the required pension and OPEB disclosures.

## **School Employees Retirement System**

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

Eligible to Eligible to

Retire on or before Retire on or after

August 1, 2017 \* 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 62 with 10 years of service credit; or

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

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

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10% for plan members and 14% for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0%.

The Academy's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$64,247 for fiscal year 2021.

## **State Teachers Retirement System**

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

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.

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

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. Effective August 1, 2017 – July 1, 2019, any member could retire with reduced benefits who had (1) five years of service credit and age 60; (2) 27 years of service credit and age 55; or (3) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. Effective August 1, 2019 – July 1, 2021, any member may retire with reduced benefits who has (1) five years of service credit and age 60; (2) 28 years of service credit and age 55; or (3) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. Eligibility changes will continue to be phased through August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60. Eligibility changes for 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 at any age.

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

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

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

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

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

The Academy's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$470,569 for fiscal year 2021.

## Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Academy's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension			
liability - prior measurement date	0.0130759%	0.02581040%	
Proportion of the net pension			
liability - current measurement date	0.0066209%	0.02624413%	
Change in proportionate share	-0.0064550%	0.00043373%	
Proportionate share of the net			
pension liability	\$437,920	\$6,350,146	\$6,788,066
Pension expense	(6,627)	1,007,832	\$1,001,205

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in the School's proportion of the collective net pension liability. The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight line method over a five year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

At June 30, 2021, the Academy 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	\$	851	\$ 14,248	\$ 15,099
Differences between projected and actual investmer		27,799	308,808	\$ 336,607
Changes of assumptions		-	340,880	340,880
Difference between employer contributions				
and proportionate share of contributions/				
change in proportionate share		8,573	305,949	314,522
Contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date	_	64,247	 470,569	 534,816
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	101,470	\$ 1,440,454	\$ 1,541,924

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred inflows of resources			
Differences between expected and			
actual experience	\$ -	\$ 40,605	\$ 40,605
Difference between employer contributions			
and proportionate share of contributions/			
change in proportionate share	234,127		234,127
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 234,127	\$ 40,605	\$ 274,732

\$534,816 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Academy's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	 SERS	 STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2022	\$ (138,707)	\$ 330,273	\$ 191,566
2023	(78,488)	219,952	141,464
2024	11,587	221,025	232,612
2025	 8,704	158,030	166,734
Total	\$ (196,904)	\$ 929,280	\$ 732,376

## **Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2130.

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, 2020, are presented below:

Wage inflation 3 percent

Future salary increases, including inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA 2.5 percent

Investment rate of return 7.5 percent net of investment expense, including inflation

Actuarial cost method Entry age normal

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

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

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

Asset Class	Target <u>Allocation</u>	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US equity	22.50	5.75
International equity	22.50	6.50
Fixed income	19.00	2.85
Private equity	12.00	7.60
Real assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-asset strategies	5.00	6.65
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.5 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.5 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate.

	Current			
	1%	Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
		(6.5%)	(7.5%)	(8.5%)
District's proportionate share				
of the net pension liability	\$	599,897	\$437,920	\$302,018

#### Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Projected salary increases	2.5 percent at age 65 to 12.5 percent at age 20
Investment rate of return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses,
	including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.45 percent
Payroll increases	3 percent
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0 percent effective July 1, 2017

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

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

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed income	21.00	3.00
Real estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	100.00 %	
Total	100:00 /0	

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

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2020. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

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

	Current			
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase	
	(6.45%)	(7.45%)	(8.45%)	
District's proportionate share				
of the net pension liability	\$9,041,502	\$6,350,146	\$4,069,445	

#### 7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

## **School Employees Retirement System**

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2021, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2021, this amount was \$23,000. Statute provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2021, the Academy's surcharge obligation was \$5,836.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Academy's contractually required health care contribution to SERS was \$5,836 for fiscal year 2021.

## **State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2021. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting <a href="https://www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a> or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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

## Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

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

	SERS	STRS	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OBEB liability			
or (asset) - prior measurement date	0.0134467%	0.02581038%	
Proportion of the net OBEB liability			
or (asset) - current measurement date	0.0071862%	0.02624413%	
Change in proportionate share	-0.0062605%	0.00043375%	
Proportionate share of the net			
pension liability (asset)	\$156,180	(\$461,240)	(\$305,060)
OPEB expense	(4,135)	(14,592)	(\$18,727)

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in the School's proportion of the collective net pension liability. The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight line method over a five year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

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

		SERS		STRS		Total
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>						
Differences between expected and						
actual experience	\$	2,051	\$	29,374	\$	31,425
Net difference between projected and						
actual earnings on pension plan investments		1,760		16,165		17,925
Changes of assumptions		26,623		7,614		34,237
Difference between employer contributions						
and proportionate share of contributions/						
change in proportionate share		44,899		51,835		96,734
Contributions subsequent to the						
measurement date		5,836				5,836
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	81,169	\$	104,988	\$	186,157
		SERS		STRS		Total
Deferred inflows of resources						
Differences between expected and						
actual experience	\$	79,428	\$	91,872	\$	171,300
Changes of assumptions		3,934		438,101		442,035
Difference between employer contributions						
and proportionate share of contributions/						
change in proportionate share	_	157,943	_		_	157,943
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$	241,305	\$	529,973	\$	771,278

\$5,836 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Academy's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	 SERS	 STRS	 Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2022	\$ (27,645)	\$ (106,272)	\$ (133,917)
2023	(27,518)	(95,331)	(122,849)
2024	(27,538)	(91,493)	(119,031)
2025	(31,583)	(89,304)	(120,887)
2026	(34,500)	(20,217)	(54,717)
Thereafter	(2,830)	(22,188)	 (25,018)
Total	\$ (151,614)	\$ (424,805)	\$ (576,419)

## **Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

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

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

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

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

Wage Inflation 3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation 3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return 7.50 percent net of investments
expense, including inflation

Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Measurement Date2.45 percentPrior Measurement Date3.13 percentYear FNP is projected to be depleted2034

Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense,

including price inflation

Measurement Date 2.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date 3.22 percent

Medical Trend Assumption

Medicare5.25 to 4.75 percentPre-Medicare7.00 to 4.75 percent

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

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

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

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

	Target	Long Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US equity	22.50	5.75
International equity	22.50	6.50
Fixed income	19.00	2.85
Private equity	12.00	7.60
Real assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-asset strategies	5.00	6.65
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2020 was 3.22 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2034. However, since SERS' actuaries indicate the fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted at a future measurement date, the single equivalent interest rate is determined as 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 by the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e., municipal bond rate).

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

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>(1.63%)</u>	(2.63%)	(3.63%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$191,160	\$156,180	\$128,370
of the net OFEB hability	\$191,100	\$130,160	\$120,370
		Current	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
	(6.00 % decreaing	(7.00 % decreaing	(8.00 % decreaing
	to 3.75%	to 4.75%	to 5.75%
Academy's proportionate share			
of the net OPEB liability	\$122,980	\$156,180	\$200,577

## **Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

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

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to	
	2.50 percent at age 65	
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment	
	expenses, including inflation	
Payroll Increases	3 percent	
Discount rate of return	7.45 percent	

Health Care Cost Trends:

Medical

Pre-Medicare 5.00 percent initial, 4.00 percent ultimate Medicare -6.69 percent initial, 4.00 percent ultimate

Prescription Drug

Pre-Medicare 6.50 percent initial, 4.00 percent ultimate Medicare 11.87 percent initial, 4.00 percent ultimate

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

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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

#### 7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

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

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

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

Sensitivity of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	Current									
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase							
	(6.45%)	<u>(7.45%)</u>	<u>(8.45%)</u>							
District's proportionate share										
of the net OPEB asset	(\$401,309)	(\$461,240)	(\$512,090)							
		Current								
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase							
District's proportionate share										
of the net OPEB asset	(\$508,933)	(\$461,240)	(\$403,143)							

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### A. Property and Liability

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2021, the Academy contracted with Hanover Insurance Company for property and general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate and no deductible. There has been no reduction in coverage from the prior year. There have been no settlements exceeding coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

#### **B.** Workers Compensation

The Academy pays the State Workers Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State. 100% of this premium was paid for fiscal year 2021.

#### 9. EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS

The Academy has contracted with a private carrier to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. The Academy pays 60% of the monthly premium and the employee is responsible for the remaining 40%. The Academy has also contracted with private carriers to provide dental coverage. The Academy pays 60% of the monthly premium and the employee is responsible for the remaining 40%.

#### 10. PURCHASED SERVICES

Purchased service expenses during fiscal year 2021 were as follows:

<b>Purchased Services</b>	
Type	Amount
Professional Services	\$1,386,506
Rent and Property Services	893,833
Admin Travel	560
Advertising and Communications	23,044
Contracted Food Services	153,628
Other Services	75
Total	\$2,457,646

#### 11. OPERATING LEASES

The Academy entered into a lease agreement for a building facility located at 760 Tower Blvd. Lorain, OH 44052 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016 with NOG-Ohio LLC. According to the agreement, the monthly rent payment is \$22,000, which increases by 3% at the beginning of each new fiscal year. At the beginning of fiscal year 2014, the monthly lease rate increased by \$15,101, in addition to the regular annual escalation, due to the expansion of space for new classrooms. Also, at the beginning of fiscal year 2016, the monthly lease rate increased by \$9,196, in addition to the regular annual escalation, due to the improving of the building. This extra payment will be end of lease term of June 30, 2021. On April 22, 2016, the Academy signed new a contract with NOG-Ohio LLC. According to the agreement, the monthly rent payment increased to \$26,482 and this payment is going to increase 3% at the beginning of each new fiscal year. During fiscal year 2021, payments made to NOG-Ohio LLC totaled \$566,240.

#### 12. CONTINGENCIES

#### A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Academy. In fiscal year 2021, the Academy received grants from State and Federal agencies total of \$3,726,941.

#### **B.** School Foundation

School foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end.

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.08, ODE may also perform a FTE Review subsequent to the fiscal year end that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance. ODE performed such a review on the Academy for fiscal year 2021.

As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2021 are finalized, with no liability or receivable recorded.

#### 13. COVID-19

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

#### 14. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

On April 6, 2009, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation assumed responsibility for sponsorship of the Academy. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. In 2010, the original contract was extended until June 30, 2015. During fiscal year 2020, the contract was extended until June 30, 2025. According to the contract, the Academy pays 3% of its foundation and certain other state revenues to the Sponsor. In fiscal year 2021, the Academy's compensation to the Sponsor was \$191,862.

#### 15. MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT

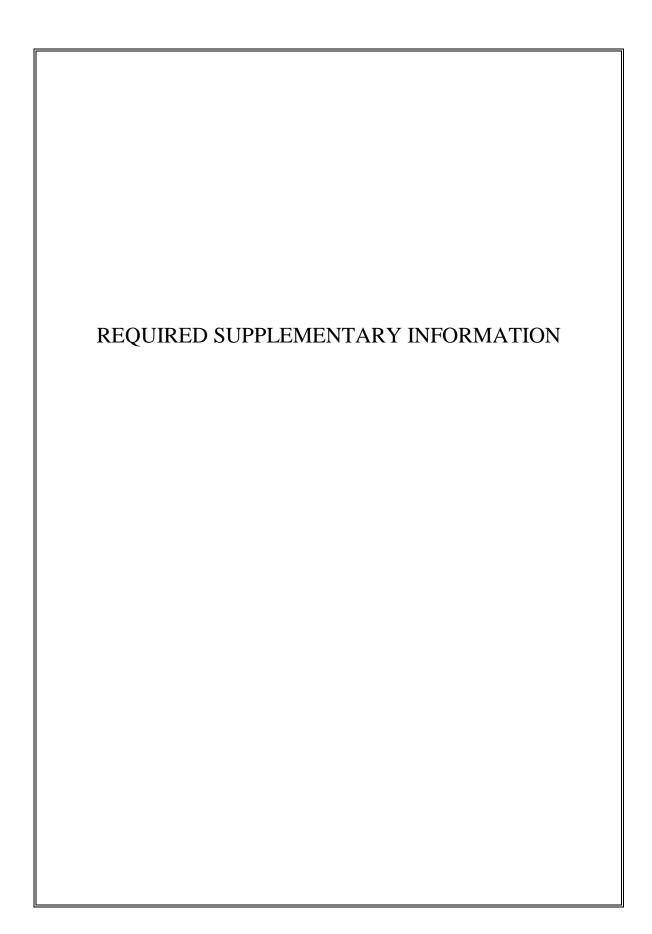
The Academy contracted with Concepts Schools, Inc. to serve as the Academy's management company. The contract is renewed automatically every year in one-year terms unless the Academy or the management company decides otherwise. The management contract was amended in the fiscal year 2017. According to the amended terms, the management fee to the Academy is calculated on an annual basis. The fee will be ten percent (10%) of the Academy's total annual revenues. In the fiscal year 2021, the Covid Pandemic has affected Schools, and the Management Company, Concept Schools decided to not take the fee from the PPP fund to help Schools in the difficult time. After all, the payments totaled \$1,042,733 for the fiscal year 2021. During the School year, the School paid \$123,938 less, and this amount was recorded as Accounts Payable for the upcoming fiscal year. This amount was paid in full in FY2022.

#### 16. RELATED PARTIES

The Board members for the Academy are also Board members for other Horizon Science Academy Schools that are managed by the same management company, Concept Schools, Inc.

#### 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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



SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

#### LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

	 2021		2020	_	2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	_	2015		2014
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00662090% 0.013075909		0.01307590%		0.01227550%	0.01069360%	0.00917040%	0.00829760%		0.00848800%		0.00848800%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 437,920	\$	782,354	\$	703,041	\$ 638,919	\$ 671,189	\$ 473,469	\$	429,573	\$	504,754
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 486,821	\$	493,030	\$	402,037	\$ 340,821	\$ 316,357	\$ 249,803	\$	246,659	\$	160,296
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	89.96%		158.68%		174.87%	187.46%	212.16%	189.54%		174.16%		314.89%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	68.55%		70.85%		71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%		71.70%		65.52%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

#### LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

	 2021		2020	 2019	2018		2017		2016		2015		 2014
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.026244%	0.02581040%		0.02506031%		0.02307861%		0.02305463%		0.02130482%		0.01905986%	0.01905986%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 6,350,146	\$	5,707,810	\$ 5,510,199	\$	5,482,373	\$	7,717,080	\$	5,888,029	\$	4,636,018	\$ 5,522,394
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,167,257	\$	3,055,171	\$ 2,866,757	\$	2,543,800	\$	2,432,407	\$	2,222,800	\$	1,947,392	\$ 1,621,877
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	200.49%		186.82%	192.21%		215.52%		317.26%		264.89%		238.06%	340.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.48%		77.40%	77.31%		75.30%		66.80%		72.10%		74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

#### LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2021	2020			2019	 2018	2017		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 64,247	\$	68,155	\$	66,559	\$ 54,275	\$	47,715	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (64,247)		(68,155)		(66,559)	 (54,275)		(47,715)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ 	\$		
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 458,907	\$	486,821	\$	493,030	\$ 402,037	\$	340,821	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%		14.00%		13.50%	13.50%		14.00%	

 2016	 2015	 2014	2013		 2012		
\$ 44,290	\$ 32,924	\$ 34,187	\$	22,185	\$ 23,621		
 (44,290)	(32,924)	 (34,187)		(22,185)	 (23,621)		
\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 		
\$ 316,357	\$ 249,803	\$ 246,659	\$	160,296	\$ 175,621		
14.00%	13.18%	13.86%		13.84%	13.45%		

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

#### LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2021	 2020	2019			2018	2017		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 470,569	\$ 443,416	\$	427,724	\$	401,346	\$	356,132	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (470,569)	(443,416)		(427,724)		(401,346)		(356,132)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$	_	\$		
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,361,207	\$ 3,167,257	\$	3,055,171	\$	2,866,757	\$	2,543,800	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%		14.00%		14.00%		14.00%	

 2016	 2015	 2014	 2013	 2012
\$ 340,537	\$ 311,192	\$ 253,161	\$ 210,844	\$ 130,032
 (340,537)	 (311,192)	 (253,161)	 (210,844)	 (130,032)
\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 
\$ 2,432,407	\$ 2,222,800	\$ 1,947,392	\$ 1,621,877	\$ 1,000,246
14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

#### LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	2021		2020		2019		2018		 2017
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability	(	0.007186%		0.01344670%		0.01245030%		0.01089600%	0.00883114%
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$	156,180	\$	338,156	\$	345,405	\$	292,420	\$ 251,720
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$	486,821	\$	493,030	\$	402,037	\$	340,821	\$ 316,357
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		32.08%		68.59%		85.91%		85.80%	79.57%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		18.17%		15.57%		13.57%		12.46%	11.49%

Note: Information prior to 2017 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

#### LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	2021		2020		2019		2018			2017
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.04756594%		(	0.02581040%	(	0.02506031%	0	.02307861%	(	0.02305463%
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$	(461,240)	\$	(427,482)	\$	(402,694)	\$	900,442	\$	1,232,968
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$	3,167,257	\$	3,055,171	\$	2,866,757	\$	2,543,800	\$	2,432,407
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		14.56%		13.99%		14.05%		35.40%		50.69%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)		182.10%		174.70%		176.00%		47.10%		37.30%

Note: Information prior to 2017 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the Academy's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

#### LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2021	2020			2019	 2018	2017		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,836	\$	6,110	\$	10,890	\$ 8,722	\$	6,144	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (5,836)		(6,110)		(10,890)	 (8,722)		(6,144)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ 	\$		
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 458,907	\$	486,821	\$	493,030	\$ 402,037	\$	340,821	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.27%		1.26%		2.21%	2.17%		1.80%	

2016		 2015		2014		2013	2012	
\$	2,486	\$ 6,813	\$	4,619	\$	6,261	\$	6,662
	(2,486)	 (6,813)		(4,619)		(6,261)		(6,662)
\$		\$ 	\$		\$		\$	
\$	316,357	\$ 249,803	\$	246,659	\$	160,296	\$	175,621
	0.79%	2.73%		1.87%		3.91%		3.79%

#### SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

#### LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2021	 2020	 2019	2018	 2017
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 -	<u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ 	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,361,207	\$ 3,167,257	\$ 3,055,171	\$ 2,866,757	\$ 2,543,800
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

 2016	 2015 2014		2014	 2013	2012		
\$ -	\$ -	\$	20,812	\$ 15,060	\$	9,288	
 	 		(20,812)	 (15,060)		(9,288)	
\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$		
\$ 2,432,407	\$ 2,222,800	\$	1,947,392	\$ 1,621,877	\$	1,000,246	
0.00%	0.00%		1.00%	1.00%		1.00%	

# Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County, Ohio

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For Fiscal Year Ended June 30.2021

#### Note 1 - Net Pension Liability

#### Changes in Assumptions - SERS

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, an assumption of 2.5 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc COLA. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3.0 percent was used.

For fiscal year 2017, the SERS Board adopted the following assumption changes:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00 percent to 3.50 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

#### Changes in Assumptions - STRS

For fiscal year 2018, the Retirement Board approved several changes to the actuarial assumptions in 2017. The long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent, the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent, the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00 percent, and total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25 percent due to lower inflation. The healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016. Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

#### Changes in Benefit Terms - SERS

With the authority granted to the Board under SB 8, the Board enacted a three-year COLA delay for future benefit recipients commencing on or after April 1, 2018.

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.

#### Changes in Benefit Terms - STRS

For fiscal year 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was reduced to zero.

# Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County, Ohio

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For Fiscal Year Ended June 30.2021

#### Note 2 - Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)

#### Changes in Assumptions - SERS

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

#### Municipal Bond Index Rate:

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

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

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

#### Pre-Medicare

Fiscal year 2021	7.00 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2020	7.00 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	7.25 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2018	7.50 percent initially, decreasing to 4.00 percent

#### Medicare

5.25 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
5.25 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
5.375 percent initially, decreasing to 4.75 percent
5.50 percent initially, decreasing to 5.00 percent

#### Changes in Assumptions – STRS

For fiscal year 2021, valuation year per capita health care costs were updated. Health care cost trend rates ranged from -5.20 percent to 9.60 percent initially for fiscal year 2020 and changed for fiscal year 2021 to a range of -6.69 percent to 11.87 percent, initially.

For fiscal year 2019, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated. Health care cost trend rates ranged from 6.00 percent to 11 percent initially and a 4.50 percent ultimate rate for fiscal year 2018 and changed for fiscal year 2019 to a range of -5.20 percent to 9.60 percent, initially and a 4.00 ultimate rate.

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.

# Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County, Ohio

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For Fiscal Year Ended June 30.2021

#### Changes in Benefit Terms - SERS

There have been no changes to the benefit provisions.

#### Changes in Benefit Terms - STRS

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.

#### **Horizon Science Academy Lorain**

#### Lorain County, Ohio Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity	Provided Through to	Total Federal
Program Title	(ALN)	Number	Subrecipients	Expenditures
United States Department of Agriculture				
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2021		\$124,590
National School Lunch Program - COVID-19	10.555	COVID-19 2021		15,980
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2021		71,835
School Breakfast Program - COVID-19	10.553	COVID-19 2021		6,503
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>				218,908
<b>Total United States Department of Agriculture</b>				218,908
United States Department of Education				
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:				
Title I:				
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	2021		654,427
Title I Expanding Opportunities for Each Child				,
Non-Competitive Grant	84.010	2021		13,908
Total Title I				668,335
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	2021		190,914
Special Education - Special Projects	84.173	2021		1,061
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)				191,975
Language Instruction for English Learners	84.365	2021	\$14,500	30,753
Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367	2021		69,837
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	2021		34,299
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) - COVID-19	84.425D	COVID-19 2021		378,068
<b>Total United States Department of Education</b>			\$14,500	1,373,267
United States Department of the Treasury				
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:				
Coronavirus Relief Fund - COVID-19	21.019	COVID-19 2021		33,557
Broadband Ohio Connectivity Grant - COVID-19	21.019	COVID-19 2021		133,170
<b>Total United States Department of the Treasury</b>				166,727
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$14,500	\$1,758,902

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### **Horizon Science Academy Lorain**

Lorain County, Ohio

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

#### NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Schedule includes the federal award activity of the Horizon Science Academy Lorain (Academy) under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and is prepared in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US 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 the Academy, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Academy.

#### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

#### NOTE C - INDIRECT COST RATE

The Academy has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

#### **NOTE E – SUBRECIPIENTS**

The Academy passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Education to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the Academy reports expenditures of federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a subrecipient, the Academy has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

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

Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County 760 Tower Boulevard Lorain, Ohio 44052

To the Board of Trustees:

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 Horizon Science Academy Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2021. We noted the impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Academy.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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

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

However, we noted a certain matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Academy's management in a separate letter dated December 30, 2021.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

Charles Having Association

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. December 30, 2021

#### Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County 760 Tower Boulevard Lorain, Ohio 44052

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Horizon Science Academy Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio's (the Academy) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Academy's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Academy's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

#### Management's Responsibility

The Academy's management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Academy's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Academy's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Academy's compliance.

#### Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Horizon Science Academy Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Horizon Science Academy Lorain Lorain County Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for the Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance Page 2

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Academy is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Academy's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for its major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

Charles Having Association

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. December 30, 2021

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.515 JUNE 30, 2021

#### 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Program (list):	Title I – CFDA # 84.010
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	Yes

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

None

#### 3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None





#### **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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