SIX DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMPACT

SUMMIT COUNTY

Audit Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017





Executive Committee Six District Educational Compact 2386 Hudson-Aurora Road Hudson, OH 44236

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

Dave Yost Auditor of State

December 20, 2017



Six District Educational Compact Summit County

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

To the Executive Committee:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio (the Compact), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Compact's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Compact's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Compact'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 respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

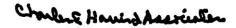
Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Compact's basic financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis, which is the responsibility of management, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2017, on our consideration of the Compact's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Compact's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. October 30, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the Six District Educational Compact (the "Compact") financial performance provides an overall review of the Compact's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, within the limitations of the Compact's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Compact's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash-basis basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Compact's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

- The total net cash position of the governmental activities increased \$18,697 during fiscal year 2017, which represents a 9.42% increase from fiscal year 2016.
- For fiscal year 2017, the Compact had \$1,743,781 in cash disbursements related to governmental activities; these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions of \$1,762,478.
- The Compact's general fund had cash receipts of \$1,327,617 and cash disbursements of \$1,305,033 in 2017. The general fund cash balance increased \$22,584 during the year and the ending fund cash balance was \$199,089.

Using These Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

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

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

Reporting the Compact as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2017?" These statements include *only net position* using the *cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

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

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

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

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

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

Reporting the Compact's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Compact's major funds. The Compact uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Compact's most significant funds. The Compact's major governmental funds are the general fund, other local grants fund, vocational education grants fund and miscellaneous state grants fund. The analysis of the Compact's major governmental funds begins on page 7.

Governmental Funds

All of the Compact's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the Compact's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various Compact programs. Since the Compact is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net cash position and fund cash balances or changes in net cash position and changes in fund cash balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements. The governmental fund statements can be found on pages 11-12 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 13-21 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net position - cash basis provides the perspective of the Compact as a whole.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

The table below provides a summary of the Compact's net cash position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Net Cash Position

	Governmental Activities 2017			Governmental Activities 2016			
Assets							
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	217,264	\$	198,567			
Total assets		217,264		198,567			
Net cash position							
Restricted		26,456		25,734			
Unrestricted		190,808		172,833			
Total net cash position	\$	217,264	\$	198,567			

At June 30, 2017, the Compact's net cash position was \$217,264. Of this total, \$26,456 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net cash position of \$190,808 may be used to meet the Compact's ongoing obligations.

The following table shows the changes in net cash position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Change in Net Cash Position

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	Governmental Activities2017	Governmental Activities 2016		
Cash receipts:				
Program cash receipts:				
Charges for services	\$ 1,322,827	\$ 1,301,572		
Operating grants and contributions	439,651	290,609		
Total program cash receipts	1,762,478	1,592,181		
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

Change in Net Cash Position (Continued)

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2017	2016
Cash disbursements:		
Current:		
Instruction:		
Regular	6,243	9,415
Vocational	1,033,983	1,073,103
Other	1,014	894
Support services:		
Pupil	156,001	120,192
Instructional staff	389,393	288,709
Central	278	1,302
Pass-through	156,869	153,191
Total cash disbursements	1,743,781	1,646,806
Change in net cash position	18,697	(54,625)
Net cash position at beginning of year	198,567	253,192
Net cash position at end of year	\$ 217,264	\$ 198,567

Governmental Activities

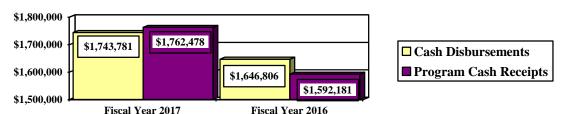
Net cash position increased \$18,697 in 2017. For 2017, total cash disbursements of \$1,743,781 were offset by program cash receipts of \$1,762,478.

The primary sources of cash receipts are derived from charges for services. These sources represent 75.05% of total program cash receipts for 2017. Operating grants and contributions mostly consist of State and Federal grants.

The largest cash disbursement of the Compact is for instructional activities. These cash disbursements totaled \$1,041,240 or 59.71% of total cash disbursements for fiscal year 2017.

The overall increase in both receipts and disbursements is primarily a result of the Compact's Secondary Transitions Grant program, which is a State-funded grant used to provide career development opportunities and secondary transition services.

Governmental Activities - Program Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2017 and 2016.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2017	Net Cost of Services 2017		Net Cost of Services 2016
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 6,24	3 \$ (1,0	18) \$ 9,415	\$ 199
Vocational	1,033,98	3	- 1,073,103	63,230
Other	1,01	4 (5:	32) 894	894
Support services:				
Pupil	156,00	1 (2,70	01) 120,192	(2,302)
Instructional staff	389,39	3 (16,39	94) 288,709	(15,243)
Central	27	8 (7)	22) 1,302	1,302
Pass-through	156,86	9 2,6	70 153,191	6,545
Total	\$ 1,743,78	1 \$ (18,69	97) \$ 1,646,806	\$ 54,625

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

The Compact's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. At June 30, 2017, the Compact's governmental funds reported a combined fund cash balance of \$217,264, which represents an increase of \$18,697 compared to the June 30, 2016 combined fund cash balance. The schedule below indicates the fund cash balances and the total change in fund cash balances as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, for all governmental funds.

Fund C	ash Ba	alance ((Deficit))
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	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	Increase (Decrease)			
Major Funds:						
General	\$ 199,089	\$ 176,505	\$ 22,584			
Other Local Grants	26,456	25,734	722			
Vocational Education Grants	(8,281)	(3,672)	(4,609)			
Total	\$ 217,264	\$ 198,567	\$ 18,697			

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

General Fund

The general fund had cash receipts, primarily charges for services of \$1,327,617 in 2017. The cash disbursements of the general fund totaled \$1,305,033 in 2017. The general fund's cash disbursements are primarily for vocational instruction costs and instructional staff support costs. The general fund's cash balance increased \$22,584 from 2016 to 2017.

Other Local Grants Fund

The other local grants fund accounts for various local grants and contributions that are restricted in use. The other local grants fund had \$1,000 in cash receipts in 2017 and cash disbursements of \$278 resulting in a \$722 increase in fund cash balance.

Vocational Education Grants Fund

The vocational education grants fund had cash receipts consisting of Federal grants in the amount of \$295,817. Cash disbursements totaled \$300,426 in 2017 and the change in fund cash balance was a decrease of \$4,609.

Miscellaneous State Grants Fund

The miscellaneous state grants fund is used to account for the Compact's Secondary Transitions Grant program. This fund had cash receipts consisting of State grants in the amount of \$138,044 and cash disbursements of \$138,044, resulting in zero fund cash balance at June 30, 2017.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Compact does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The Compact had no capital outlay disbursements during fiscal year 2017.

Debt Administration

The Compact had no long-term debt obligations outstanding at June 30, 2017.

Current Financial Related Activities

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

Contacting the Compact's Financial Management

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

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2017

	Governments Activities			
Assets: Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	217,264		
Total assets		217,264		
Net cash position: Restricted for:				
Locally funded programs		26,456 190,808		
Total net cash position	\$	217,264		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Net (Cash Disbursements) Cash Receipts and Changes in Net Cash Position

				Program C	Net Cash Position				
	Cash Disbursements			harges for Services	_	ating Grants and atributions	Governmental Activities		
Governmental activities:									
Current:									
Instruction:									
Regular	\$	6,243	\$	4,971	\$	2,290	\$	1,018	
Vocational		1,033,983		1,033,983		-		-	
Other		1,014		836		710		532	
Support services:									
Pupil		156,001		15,294		143,408		2,701	
Instructional staff		389,393		267,743		138,044		16,394	
Central		278		-		1,000		722	
Pass-through		156,869				154,199		(2,670)	
Totals	\$	1,743,781	\$	1,322,827	\$	439,651		18,697	
	Chan	ge in net cash po	sition .					18,697	
	Net c	ash position at	beginni	ng of year				198,567	
	Net c	ash position at	end of y	ear			\$	217,264	

STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017

	General			Other Local Grants	Ec	ocational lucation Grants	Total Governmental Funds	
Cash assets:								
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	199,089	\$	26,456	\$	(8,281)		217,264
Total assets	\$	199,089	\$	26,456	\$	(8,281)	\$	217,264
Fund cash balances:								
Restricted:								
Other purposes	\$	-	\$	26,456	\$	-	\$	26,456
Assigned:								
Student and staff support		58,905		-		-		58,905
Unassigned (deficit)		140,184				(8,281)		131,903
Total fund cash balances	\$	199,089	\$	26,456	\$	(8,281)	\$	217,264

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General	Other Local General Grants		Vocational Education Grants		Miscellaneous State Grants		Total Governmental Funds	
Cash receipts:									
From local sources:									
Classroom materials and fees \$	2,275	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,275
Charges for services	1,320,552		-		-		-		1,320,552
Contributions and donations	4,790		1,000		-		-		5,790
Intergovernmental - state	-		-		-		138,044		138,044
Intergovernmental - federal	-		-		295,817				295,817
Total cash receipts	1,327,617		1,000		295,817		138,044		1,762,478
Cash disbursements:									
Current:									
Regular	6,243		-		-		-		6,243
Vocational	1,033,983		-		-		-		1,033,983
Other	1,014		-		-				1,014
Support services:									
Pupil	9,774		-		146,227		_		156,001
Instructional staff	251,349		-		_		138,044		389,393
Central	-		278		_		_		278
Pass-through	2,670		-		154,199		_		156,869
Total cash disbursements	1,305,033		278		300,426		138,044		1,743,781
Excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over									
(under) cash disbursements	22,584		722		(4,609)		-		18,697
Fund cash balances (deficit) at beginning of year.	176,505		25,734		(3,672)		_		198,567
Fund cash balances (deficit) at end of year \$	199,089	\$	26,456	\$	(8,281)	\$	_	\$	217,264
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of Entity

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

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

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

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

B. Reporting Entity

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

D. Fund Accounting

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

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

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

<u>Other local grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for local grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

<u>Miscellaneous state grants fund</u> - This fund is used to account for various monies received from state agencies which are not classified elsewhere.

E. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

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

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

F. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

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

G. Cash and Investments

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

H. Capital Assets

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

I. Accumulated Leave

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

J. Fund Cash Balance

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

K. Net Cash Position

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

L. Pensions

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

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Hudson City School District, as fiscal agent for the Compact, maintains a depository which includes the funds of the Compact. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Compact's carrying amount of cash on deposit with the fiscal agent at June 30, 2017 was \$217,264. The fiscal agent for the Compact is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the Hudson City School District's investment accounts.

NOTE 3 - PENSION PLANS

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description - The Compact's 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 Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

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

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

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 3 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Compact is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. None of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$5,917 for fiscal year 2017.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 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, 11.5% of the 13% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 1.5% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 3 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal year 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The Compact was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The Compact's contractually required contribution to STRS Ohio was \$13,818 for fiscal year 2017.

NOTE 4 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The Compact contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 4 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, no portion of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The Compact's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$0, \$0, and \$334, respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The Compact contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Compact did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

NOTE 5 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2017, the Compact has implemented GASB Statement No. 77, "Tax Abatement Disclosures", GASB Statement No. 78, "Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans", GASB Statement No. 80, "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14" and GASB Statement No. 82, "Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73".

GASB Statement No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreement. GASB Statement No. 77 also requires disclosures related to tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

GASB Statement No. 78 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for defined benefit pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (cost-sharing pension plan) that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 68 and that (a) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (b) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (c) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

GASB Statement No. 80 improves the financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement applies to component units that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Compact.

B. Deficit Fund Cash Balance

The vocational education grants fund had a deficit fund cash balance of \$8,281 at June 30, 2017. The deficit resulted from spending approved grant monies in advance of receiving the full amount of the grant.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

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 <u>ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

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

To the Executive Committee:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Six District Educational Compact, Summit County, Ohio (the Compact) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Compact's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2017, wherein we noted the Compact uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider 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 assuring about whether the Compact's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. October 30, 2017



SIX DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMPACT

SUMMIT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 16, 2018