WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (with required supplementary information)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science'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 opinions 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 entity'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 entity'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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science as of June 30, 2018 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 3, 2018 of our consideration of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science'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 West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the public school Academy's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the Academy's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Academy had an increase in the fund balance for the general fund of \$87,696. This gives the Academy a fund balance in the general fund of \$2,320,702.
- The Academy invested \$162,361 in capital assets during the year.
- Enrollment increased by approximately 19 students from the prior year.
- The Academy reduced its outstanding debt by \$145,689.

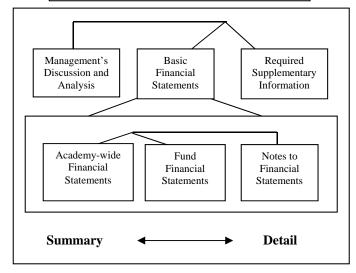
OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts - management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements

that present different views of the Academy:

- The first two statements are Academy-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Academy's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial* statements that focus on individual parts of the Academy, reporting the Academy's operations in more detail than the Academy-wide statements.
- > The *governmental funds* statements tell how basic services like regular and special education were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that Figure A-1 Organization of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science Financial Statements



further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Academy's budget for the year. Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of the annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the Academy's financial statements, including the portion of the Academy's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2 Major Features of the Academy-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Academy-wide statements	Governmental funds
Scope	Entire Academy (except fiduciary funds)	All activities of the academy that are not fiduciary such as special education and building maintenance
Required financial statements	* Statement of net position	* Balance sheet
	* Statement of activities	* Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

Academy-wide statements

The Academy-wide statements report information about the Academy as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Academy's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two Academy-wide statements report the Academy's net position and how they have changed. Net position - the difference between the Academy's assets and liabilities is one way to measure the Academy's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Academy's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Academy, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the Academy's enrollment, the condition of school buildings and other facilities, and the Academy's ability to be competitive with other public school academies and area school districts.

Governmental activities - The Academy's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education and administration. State foundation aid finances most of these activities.

Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Academy's funds, focusing on its more significant or "major" funds - not the Academy as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Academy uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law.
- The Academy establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (like repaying its long-term debts) or show that it is properly using certain revenues (like food service).

All of the Academy's basic services are included in governmental funds which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Academy's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the Academy-wide statements, we provide additional information with the governmental funds statement that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Financial analysis of the Academy as a whole

Net position - the Academy's combined net position of \$6,533,605 increased by \$69,154 during the year. See Figures A-3 and A-4.

The total revenues increased by 1.17% to \$7,176,186. State aid foundation allowance included in revenue from state sources accounts for 80.68% of the Academy's revenue. The blended enrollment increased 19 students in 2018 to 752 students. The primary increase in revenues was due to an increase in enrollment.

The total cost of instruction increased by 6.45% to \$3,550,388. Total support services increased by 2.12% to \$2,473,613. Both increases are due to increases in student enrollment.

Academy governmental activities

Figure A-3 West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's Net Position						
•	2018	2017				
Current and other assets	\$ 4,144,220	\$ 3,995,354				
Capital assets	10,529,954	10,640,651				
Total assets	14,674,174	14,636,005				
Other liabilities	963,978	849,274				
Long-term liabilities outstanding	7,176,591	7,322,280				
Total liabilities	8,140,569	8,171,554				
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	3,353,363	3,318,371				
Restricted for debt service	240,134	238,474				
Unrestricted	2,940,108_	2,907,606				
Total net position	\$ 6,533,605	\$ 6,464,451				

Figure A-4							
Changes in West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's Net Position							
	2018	2017					
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Federal and state categorical grants	\$ 1,131,666	\$ 1,135,004					
Charges for services	91,245	94,093					
General revenues:							
State aid - unrestricted	5,789,473	5,594,788					
Investment earnings	6,776	3,444					
Incoming transfers and other	157,026	266,134					
Total general revenues	5,953,275	5,864,366					
Total revenues	7,176,186	7,093,463					
Expenses:							
Instruction	3,550,388	3,335,155					
Support services	2,473,613	2,422,282					
Community services	51,477	56,035					
Food services	347,410	303,434					
Debt services	-	29,234					
Interest and fees on long-term debt	411,086	449,317					
Unallocated depreciation	273,058	255,665					
Total expenses	7,107,032	6,851,122					
Change in net position	\$ 69,154	\$ 242,341					

Financial analysis of the Academy's funds

The financial operation of the Academy is considered stable. The fund balance of the general fund at June 30, 2018 is \$2,320,702. There was a 1.44% increase in general fund revenue, a 5.56% increase in expenditures for instructional programs, and an increase of 3.60% in expenditures for support services. Expenditure increases in both instructional programs and support services were the result of natural cost increases caused by increased enrollment.

The general fund transferred \$100,000 to the capital projects fund to cover expenditures related to the new building addition and \$60,113 to service the special revenue fund to cover operating costs incurred. The general fund also transferred \$557,461 to the debt service fund related to pay the annual principal and interest on the long-term debt.

General fund budgetary highlights

Over the course of the year, the Academy revised the general fund annual operating budget to stay within its budgetary plan.

While the Academy's final budget for the general fund anticipated revenues would exceed expenditures and other financing uses by \$38,648, the actual results for the year showed an increase in fund balance of \$87,696.

Actual revenues were \$2,821 less than budgeted.

Actual expenditures were \$63,534 under budget primarily due to unspent grant funds and successful budget monitoring.

Capital asset and debt administration

Capital assets

As of June 30, 2018, the Academy had invested \$10,529,954 in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation as summarized in Figure A-5. This amount represents a net decrease of \$110,697 from the beginning of the year. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$273,058. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The Academy's capital assets are as follows:

Figure A-5 West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's Capital Assets									
	Cost	2018 Accumulated depreciation	Net book value						
Buildings Furniture and equipment Technology Vehicles Land	\$ 10,389,997 341,827 243,942 69,015 1,200,000	\$ 1,194,961 239,292 211,559 69,015	\$ 9,195,036 102,535 32,383 - 1,200,000	\$ 9,277,366 109,324 49,460 4,501 1,200,000					
Total	\$ 12,244,781	\$ 1,714,827	\$ 10,529,954	\$ 10,640,651					

Long-term debt

The Academy reduced its outstanding debt by \$145,689 and paid \$411,773 in interest relating to this debt.

Factors bearing on the Academy's future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Academy was aware of existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future.

The Academy has adopted a general fund budget for the 2018/2019 school year in which revenues exceed expenditures by \$92,693.

Contacting the Academy's financial management

This financial report is designed to provide our students, parents and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Academy's management company, Choice Schools Associates, at P.O. Box 141493, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49514. Phone (616) 785-8440.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

	Governmental activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,096,782
Receivables:	
Accounts receivable	7,129
Intergovernmental receivable	1,483,601
Prepaids	278,194
Restricted cash - debt service	278,514
Capital assets not being depreciated	1,200,000
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	9,329,954
TOTAL ASSETS	14,674,174_
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	238,792
Accrued interest	33,472
Accrued salaries and related items	430,455
Other accrued expenses	32,684
Unearned revenue	228,575
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	157,514
Due in more than one year	7,019,077
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,140,569
NET POSITION:	
Net investment in capital assets	3,353,363
Restricted for debt service	240,134
Unrestricted	2,940,108
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 6,533,605

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

				Governmental activities
		Program	revenues	Net (expense) revenue and
Functions/programs	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants	changes in net position
Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 3,550,388	\$ -	\$ 752,932	\$ (2,797,456)
Support services	2,473,613	-	121,354	(2,352,259)
Community services	51,477	58,575	2,753	9,851
Food services	347,410	32,670	254,627	(60,113)
Interest	411,086	-	-	(411,086)
Unallocated depreciation	273,058			(273,058)
Total governmental activities	\$ 7,107,032	\$ 91,245	\$ 1,131,666	(5,884,121)
General revenues:				
Investment earnings				6,776
State sources - unrestricted				5,789,473
Incoming transfers from Kent ISD				88,301
Other				68,725
Total general revenues				5,953,275
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				69,154
NET POSITION , beginning of year				6,464,451
NET POSITION , end of year				\$ 6,533,605

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS	_	eneral fund	Debt service fund		service		service		service		service		service		service		pro	pital jects ind	gove (s	onmajor ernmental special nue) fund	gov	Total vernmental funds
ASSETS:																						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2	2,096,782	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,096,782												
Receivables:																						
Accounts receivable		7,129		-		-		-		7,129												
Intergovernmental receivable	1	,483,601		-		-		-		1,483,601												
Prepaids		278,194		-		-		-		278,194												
Due from other funds		-		-	61	9,406		39,347		658,753												
Restricted cash - debt service		-		278,514		-		_		278,514												
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3	3,865,706	\$	278,514	\$ 61	9,406	\$	39,347	\$	4,802,973												
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES																						
LIABILITIES:																						
Accounts payable	\$	199,445	\$	-	\$	-	\$	39,347	\$	238,792												
Accrued salaries and related items		430,455		-		-		-		430,455												
Other accrued expenses		32,684		-		-		-		32,684												
Unearned revenue		228,575		-		-		-		228,575												
Due to other funds		653,845		4,908						658,753												
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1	,545,004		4,908				39,347		1,589,259												

	Debt General service fund fund		rvice projects		gove (s	onmajor ernmental special enue) fund	Total governmental funds			
FUND BALANCES:										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaids	\$	278,194	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	278,194
Restricted:										
Debt service		-		273,606		-		-		273,606
Assigned for capital projects		<u>-</u>		-	6	19,406		-		619,406
Unassigned		2,042,508						<u> </u>		2,042,508
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		2,320,702		273,606	6	19,406		_		3,213,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	3,865,706	\$	278,514	\$ 6	19,406	\$	39,347	\$	4,802,973
Total governmental fund balances							•		\$	3,213,714
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because: Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds: The cost of the capital assets is Accumulated depreciation is								2,244,781 1,714,827)		10,529,954
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds: Long-term debt Accrued interest is not included as a liability in governmental funds	s, it is	recorded wh	nen pa	id						(7,176,591) (33,472)
Net position of governmental activities									\$	6,533,605

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General fund	Debt service fund	Capital projects fund	Nonmajor (special revenue) fund	Total governmental funds
REVENUES:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Local sources:					
Food service sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,670	\$ 32,670
Investment income	5,802	974	-	=	6,776
Other	129,089				129,089
Total local sources	134,891	974	-	32,670	168,535
State sources	6,277,976	-	-	1,105	6,279,081
Federal sources	386,747	-	-	253,522	640,269
Incoming transfers	88,301_				88,301
Total revenues	6,887,915	974	-	287,297	7,176,186
EXPENDITURES:		,			
Current:					
Instruction:					
Basic programs	3,019,871	-	_	-	3,019,871
Added needs	541,167	-	_	-	541,167
Total instruction	3,561,038	=		=	3,561,038
Support services:	, , ,				, ,
Pupil	248,909	-	_	-	248,909
Instructional staff	203,191	-	_	-	203,191
General administration	867,267	-	_	-	867,267
School administration	548,385	-	=	-	548,385
Business services	2,591	-	_	-	2,591
Operation and maintenance	462,114	-	_	-	462,114
Pupil transportation services	37,494	-	_	-	37,494
Central support services	76,789	-	_	-	76,789
Athletics	23,390				23,390
Total support services	2,470,130	-		-	2,470,130

	General fund	Debt service fund		Capital projects fund		projects (special		Total governmental funds	
EXPENDITURES (Concluded):					,				
Current (Concluded):									
Custody and care of children	\$ 51,477	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	51,477
Food service	-		-		-		347,410		347,410
Capital outlay	-		-		155,194		-		155,194
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	-		145,689		-		-		145,689
Interest			411,773						411,773
Total expenditures	 6,082,645		557,462		155,194		347,410		7,142,711
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 805,270		(556,488)		(155,194)		(60,113)		33,475
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers in	-		557,461		100,000		60,113		717,574
Transfers out	 (717,574)		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		(717,574)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(717,574)		557,461		100,000		60,113		-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	87,696		973		(55,194)		-		33,475
FUND BALANCES:									
Beginning of year	 2,233,006		272,633		674,600				3,180,239
End of year	\$ 2,320,702	\$	273,606	\$	619,406	\$	-	\$	3,213,714

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds	\$ 33,475
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are	
different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement	
of activities these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives	
as depreciation:	
Depreciation expense	(273,058)
Capital outlay	162,361
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. The effect of this difference is the treatment of long-term debt and is as follows:	
Principal repayment	145,689
Accrued interest on long-term debt is recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is not recorded in governmental funds until it is paid:	
Accrued interest payable, beginning of the year	34,159
Accrued interest payable, at year end	 (33,472)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 69,154

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Academy. The Academy currently does not have fiduciary activities. *Governmental activities* normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues.

B. Reporting Entity

West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science (the "Academy") is a public school academy as part of the Michigan Public School System under Public Act No. 362 of 1993. Central Michigan University is the authorizing governing body for the Academy and has contracted with the Academy to charter the public school through June 2021. Board members are approved by the authorizing governing body and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and the primary accountability for fiscal matters. The Academy receives funding from local, state, and federal sources and must comply with all of the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Academy is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, the Academy's reporting entity does not contain any component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements.

C. Basis of Presentation - Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from the governmental funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

D. Basis of Presentation - Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Academy's funds. Separate statements for each fund category are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basis of Presentation - Fund Financial Statements (Concluded)

The Academy reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the Academy's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Academy, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *debt service fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt of governmental funds.

The *capital projects fund* accounts for the acquisition of capital assets or construction of major capital projects.

The Academy reports the following <u>nonmajor</u> governmental fund:

The *special revenue fund* accounts for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes (not including expendable trusts or major capital projects). The Academy accounts for its food service activity in a special revenue fund.

During the course of operations the Academy has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, they are eliminated in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, they are eliminated in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are generally collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

State and federal aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amounts is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end).

The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per pupil based on a statewide formula. The foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to public school academies based on information supplied by the academies.

The state portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills on Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) property and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The state revenue is recognized during the foundation period and is funded through payments from October to August. Thus, the unpaid portion at June 30 is reported as an intergovernmental receivable.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Concluded)

The Academy also receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be used for its specific purpose. Certain governmental funds require an accounting to the state of the expenditures incurred. For categorical funds meeting this requirement, funds received and accrued, which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year are recorded as unearned revenue.

All other revenue items are generally considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Academy.

F. Budgetary Information

Budgetary basis of accounting:

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund and special revenue fund.

Appropriations in all budgeted funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year even if they have related encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executor) contracts for goods or services (i.e., purchase orders, contracts, and commitments). The Academy does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

The Academy follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budgets is at the functional level as set forth and presented as required supplementary information.
- 2. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (1968 PA 2). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will be less than anticipated or so that expenditures will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred, unless authorized in the budget, in excess of the amount appropriated. Violations, if any, in the general fund are noted in the required supplementary information section.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Budgetary Information (Concluded)

- 3. Transfers may be made for budgeted amounts between major expenditure functions within any fund; however, these transfers and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4. The budget was amended during the year with supplemental appropriations, the last one approved prior to year-end June 30, 2018. The Academy does not consider these amendments to be significant.

G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Cash and cash equivalents

The Academy's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

2. Investments

Certain investments are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices, or by estimated fair values when quoted market prices are not available. Standards also provide that certain investments are valued at cost (or amortized cost) when they are of a short-term duration, the rate of return is fixed, and the Academy intends to hold the investment until maturity.

State statutes authorize the Academy to invest in bonds and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The Academy is also authorized to invest in U.S. District or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

3. Prepaid items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

4. Capital assets

Capital assets, as summarized below, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of 1 year. Group purchases are evaluated on a case by case basis. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Land and construction in progress, if any, are not depreciated. Capital assets of the Academy are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Capital asset classes	Lives
Building	15 - 50
Furniture and equipment	4 - 15
Technology	3 - 4
Vehicles	7 - 8

5. Deferred outflows

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The Academy has no items that qualify for reporting on this category.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

6. Deferred inflows

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Academy has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

7. Net position flow assumption

Sometimes the Academy will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Academy's policy to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

8. Fund balance flow assumptions

Sometimes the Academy will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Academy's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Concluded)

9. Fund balance policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Academy itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Academy's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Directors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Academy that can, by adoption of a board action prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the board action remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another board action) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Academy for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or by an official or body to which the board of directors delegates authority. The Board of Directors may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

H. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. Program revenues

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted state aid, interest, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

H. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses (Concluded)

2. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the statement of net position. Debt premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method which approximates the effective interest method over the term of the related debt. Debt issuance costs are reported as expenditures in the year in which they are incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS - CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk - deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2018, \$1,852,240 of the Academy's general fund bank balance of \$2,102,240 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Restricted cash - debt service contains debit service reserve deposits of \$278,514 at June 30, 2018 which are held by the mortgagee in the lender's name, of which, \$28,514, was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in the Academy's capital assets follows:

	Balance July 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2018
Governmental activities:	,			
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	10,246,436	143,561	-	10,389,997
Furniture and equipment	323,027	18,800	-	341,827
Technology	243,942	-	-	243,942
Vehicles	69,015			69,015
Total capital assets, being depreciated	10,882,420	162,361		11,044,781
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	969,070	225,891	-	1,194,961
Furniture and equipment	213,703	25,589	-	239,292
Technology	194,482	17,077	-	211,559
Vehicles	64,514	4,501	-	69,015
Total accumulated depreciation	1,441,769	273,058	_	1,714,827
Net capital assets being depreciated	9,440,651	(110,697)	_	9,329,954
Net governmental capital assets	\$10,640,651	\$ (110,697)	\$ -	\$10,529,954

Depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 amounted to \$273,058. The Academy determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to the various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

NOTE 4 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivable at June 30, 2018 consist of the following:

State aid	\$ 1,120,413
Federal and state grants	242,962
Payments from ISD	120,226
	\$ 1,483,601

Amounts due from governmental units include amounts due from federal, state and local sources for various projects and programs.

Because of the Academy's favorable collection experience, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded.

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of permanent loan notes payable to Capital Impact Partners for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Permanent loan note A, note payable to Capital Impact Partners originated in July 2016 with an original balance of \$7,000,000. The note bears an interest rate of 5.54%. Monthly principal and interest payments of \$43,476 are required until the note matures in August 2041.

\$ 6,752,262

Subordinate loan note B, note payable to Capital Impact Partners originated in July 2016 with an original balance of \$437,500. The note bears an interest rate of 6.50%. Monthly principal and interest payments of \$2,956 are required until the note matures in August 2026. Payments will be amortized over a 25 year period with a 10 year balloon payment.

424,329

Total mortgage notes payable

\$ 7,176,591

Interest expense for the fiscal ended June 30, 2018 totaled \$411,773.

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions of the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2018:

Balance, July 1, 2017 Repayments	\$ 7,322,280 (145,689)
Balance, June 30, 2018 Less due within one year	7,176,591 157,514
Due in more than one year	\$ 7,019,077

The above notes are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Academy including mortgage on the real property and subordination of management fees. Note B is subordinated to Note A. The notes are subject to financial covenants measured annually beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and require a debt service reserve fund of \$276,645 to be funded immediately and a replacement reserve be established beginning five years after the notes close (July 2021), funded at approximately \$1,000 per month. As of June 30, 2018 the Academy is in accordance with all debt covenants and the debt service reserve is properly funded. Early repayment of principle is subject to prepayment premiums based on the terms of the notes.

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Concluded)

The annual requirements to amortize the permanent loan notes payable outstanding as of June 30, 2018, including interest of \$5,454,221, are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 157,514	\$ 397,717	\$ 555,231
2020	164,766	388,779	553,545
2021	174,217	379,328	553,545
2022	184,212	369,333	553,545
2023	194,781	358,764	553,545
2024 - 2028	1,468,213	1,573,783	3,041,996
2029 - 2033	1,437,796	1,152,593	2,590,389
2034 - 2038	1,895,483	694,907	2,590,390
2039 - 2042	1,499,609	139,017	1,638,626
	\$ 7,176,591	\$ 5,454,221	\$12,630,812

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund payable and receivable balances at June 30, 2018 are as follows:

Receivable fund			Payable fund		
Special revenue	\$	39,347	General fund	\$ 653,845	
Capital projects		619,406	Debt service	4,908	
	\$	658,753		\$ 658,753	

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting systems, and (3) payments between funds are made.

NOTE 7 - TRANSFERS

Transfers between the governmental funds were as follows:

Transfe	rs out			Transfers	in	
General fund	\$	717,574	Debt service		\$	557,461
			Special reven	iue		60,113
			Capital proje	cts		100,000
					\$	717,574

Transfers were made to the capital projects fund to cover expenditures related to the new building addition and to the special revenue fund to cover operating costs incurred. The transfer from the general fund to the debt service fund was to pay the annual principal and interest on the long-term debt.

NOTE 8 - OVERSIGHT FEES

The Academy pays an administrative oversight fee of 3% of its state school aid discretionary and Proposal A obligation payments to the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, as set forth by contract, to reimburse the University Board for the cost of execution of its oversight responsibilities. These oversight responsibilities include the monitoring of the Academy's compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, and the review of its audited financial statements and periodic reports. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Academy incurred expense of approximately \$172,000 for oversight fees.

NOTE 9 - MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Academy currently has a management agreement with Choice Schools Associates, LLC (Choice Schools) for operations of the Academy through June 2021. Under the terms of the management agreement, Choice Schools' compensation for operating the Academy was approximately \$651,000 for the fiscal year 2018. The amount payable to Choice Schools at June 30, 2018 for management fees was approximately \$37,000.

NOTE 10 - PURCHASED SERVICES

The Academy leases all employee services from Choice Schools. Salaries, retirement, social security, health insurance, and unemployment taxes are the responsibility of Choice Schools. The amount payable to Choice Schools at June 30, 2018 was approximately \$57,000. The Academy also matches up to 5% for any employee electing to personally contribute to the Choice Schools retirement plan. Retirement expense for 2018 was approximately \$104,000.

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. To minimize the risk, the Academy carries commercial insurance.

NOTE 12 - UPCOMING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*, was issued by the GASB in June 2017 and will be effective for the Academy's 2021 year end. The objective of this Statement is to increase the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use the underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original budget	Final budget	Actual	Variance with final budget
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 135,939	\$ 129,144	\$ 134,891	\$ 5,747
State sources	6,609,786	6,278,894	6,277,976	(918)
Federal sources	366,895	394,398	386,747	(7,651)
Incoming transfers	122,987	88,301	88,301	
Total revenues	7,235,607	6,890,736	6,887,915	(2,821)
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction:				
Basic programs	3,220,685	3,065,495	3,019,871	45,624
Added needs	532,687	544,639	541,167	3,472
Total instruction	3,753,372	3,610,135	3,561,038	49,097
Support services:				
Pupil	195,830	261,905	248,909	12,996
Instructional staff	219,163	189,441	203,191	(13,750)
General administration	904,176	857,583	867,267	(9,684)
School administration	651,508	570,558	548,385	22,173
Business services	2,750	2,500	2,591	(91)
Operation and maintenance	528,566	457,018	462,114	(5,096)
Pupil transportation services	43,099	38,386	37,494	892
Central support services	179,461	81,670	76,789	4,881
Athletics	27,600	24,624	23,390	1,234
Total support services	2,752,153	2,483,686	2,470,130	13,556
Community services:				
Community service	6,265	1,665	-	1,665
Custody and care of children	76,655	50,694	51,477	(783)
Total expenditures	6,588,445	6,146,179	6,082,645	63,534
EXCESS OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	647,162	744,557	805,270	60,713
OTHER FINANCING USES:				
Transfers out	(707,952)	(705,909)	(717,574)	(11,665)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (60,791)	\$ 38,648	87,696	\$ 49,048
FUND BALANCE:				
Beginning of year			2,233,006	
End of year			\$ 2,320,702	



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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

To the Board of Directors West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 3, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science'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 West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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October 3, 2018

To the Board of Directors West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science

We have audited the financial statements of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated October 3, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to the President of the Board of Directors.

Significant Audit Findings

1. Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Academy during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's determination of the estimated life span of the capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by management to develop the estimated life span of the capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users.

We did not identify any sensitive disclosures.

2. Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

3. Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

4. Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

5. Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 3, 2018.

6. Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

7. Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

8. Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) which are required and supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

A separate management letter was not issued.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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