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# Macomb Academy

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**Financial Report  
with Supplemental Information  
June 30, 2020**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

### 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 Macomb Academy (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Macomb Academy's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express 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 Macomb Academy as of June 30, 2020 and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Emphasis of Matter***

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Academy will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 11 to the basic financial statements, the Academy has suffered declines in enrollment, which will reduce funding for future years. The most recent appraisal for its facility is less than the outstanding balance on the bond, and the Academy has received financial assistance to fund operations. These types of activities create doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 11. The basic financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

To the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplemental Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplemental 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, which 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 supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Macomb Academy's basic financial statements. The other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2020 on our consideration of Macomb Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 the 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 Macomb Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

November 18, 2020

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*

**Independent Auditor's Report**

To Management and the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

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 remaining fund information of Macomb Academy (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2020.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described as follows:

The Academy is currently in default on the financial covenants associated with the bonded debt and did not make any principal payments for the year ended June 30, 2019. As a result, the bond trustee could call the debt and force immediate payment. We recommend the Academy continue to work with legal counsel and the bond trustee to develop a long-term solution to ensure debt compliance and sufficient cash flows for operations going forward.

To Management and the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

**The Academy's Response to Finding**

The Academy's management agrees with the comments and is working to resolve the Academy's noncompliance with certain debt covenants. The Academy's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

**Purpose of This Report**

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

*Alente & Morse, PLLC*

November 18, 2020

This section of the annual financial report for Macomb Academy (the "Academy") presents our discussion and analysis of the Academy's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the Academy's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

### ***Using This Annual Report***

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Macomb Academy financially as a whole. The government-wide financial statements provide information about the activities of the whole Academy, presenting both an aggregate view of the Academy's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term and what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the Academy's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Academy's most significant funds, the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund, with the other fund presented in one column as a nonmajor fund. This report is composed of the following elements:

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (Required Supplemental Information)**

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### ***Reporting the Academy as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements***

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

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

The statement of net position and the statement of activities report the governmental activities for the Academy, which encompass all of the Academy's services, including instruction and support services. State aid (foundation allowance revenue) and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

### Reporting the Academy's Fund Financial Statements

The Academy's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Academy as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. However, the Academy establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain grants and other money as directed.

### Governmental Funds

Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the operations of the Academy and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Academy's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation.

### The Academy as a Whole

Recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the Academy as a whole. The following table provides a summary of the Academy's net position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
	(in thousands)	
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 490.1	\$ 551.2
Capital assets	791.3	811.9
Total assets	1,281.4	1,363.1
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	657.8	1,101.5
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	212.4	272.1
Noncurrent liabilities	1,440.0	1,485.0
Net pension liability	2,097.5	3,049.3
Net OPEB liability	319.9	723.9
Total liabilities	4,069.8	5,530.3
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	1,633.8	903.0
<b>Net Position (Deficit)</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	(648.7)	(673.1)
Restricted	267.9	235.7
Unrestricted	(3,383.5)	(3,531.3)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (3,764.3)</u>	<u>\$ (3,968.7)</u>

The above analysis focuses on net position. The change in net position of the Academy's governmental activities is discussed below. The Academy's net position was \$(3,764.3) thousand at June 30, 2020. Net investment in capital assets, totaling \$(648.7) thousand, compares the original cost, less depreciation of the Academy's capital assets, to long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of those assets. The debt will be repaid through the receipt of unrestricted state aid, based on enrollment, to the extent cash flow is available. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the Academy's ability to use that net position for day-to-day operations. The remaining amount of net position (\$(3,383.5) thousand) was unrestricted.

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The \$(3,383.5) thousand in unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The unrestricted net position balance enables the Academy to meet working capital and cash flow requirements and to provide for future uncertainties. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net position from year to year.

The results of this year's operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the condensed statement of activities below, which shows the changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
	(in thousands)	
<b>Revenue</b>		
Program revenue - Operating grants	\$ 781.9	\$ 857.3
General revenue:		
State aid not restricted to specific purposes	366.8	430.2
Other	26.3	17.3
Total revenue	1,175.0	1,304.8
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction	331.5	548.3
Support services	518.8	765.0
Debt service	99.7	100.2
Depreciation expense (unallocated)	20.6	20.5
Total expenses	970.6	1,434.0
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	204.4	(129.2)
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of year</b>	(3,968.7)	(3,839.5)
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - End of year</b>	\$ (3,764.3)	\$ (3,968.7)

As reported in the statement of activities, the cost of all of our governmental activities this year was \$970.6 thousand. Certain activities were partially funded by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$781.9 thousand). We paid for the remaining public benefit portion of our governmental activities with \$366.8 thousand in state foundation allowance and with other revenue (i.e., interest and general entitlements).

The Academy experienced an increase in net position of \$204.4 thousand. Key reasons for the change in net position were due to the Academy placing an emphasis on reducing expenses in the current year.

As discussed above, the net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and the Academy's taxpayers by each of these functions. Since unrestricted state aid constitutes the vast majority of district operating revenue sources, the Board of Education and administration must annually evaluate the needs of the Academy and balance those needs with state-prescribed available unrestricted resources.

### ***The Academy's Funds***

As we noted earlier, the Academy uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at funds helps the reader consider whether the Academy is being accountable for the resources taxpayers and others provide to it and may provide more insight into the Academy's overall financial health.

As the Academy completed this year, the governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$(1,146,036), which is an increase of \$43,166 from last year. The primary reason for the increase is a concerted effort to have expenditures less than revenue through revisions of operating expenses in the General Fund.

In the General Fund, our principal operating fund, the fund balance increased \$11,518 due to cost alignment with revenue and the partial waiver of the management fee that the Academy would normally pay to the Macomb Intermediate School District.

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Combined, the fund balance of our debt service fund increased by \$31,648. The Debt Service Fund fund balance is restricted under the terms of the bond indenture agreement and can be used only to make required debt payments.

#### ***Budgetary Highlights***

Over the course of the year, the Academy revises its budget as it attempts to deal with unexpected changes in revenue and expenditures. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. The final amendment to the budget was adopted in June 2020. A schedule showing the Academy's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in required supplemental information of these financial statements.

#### ***Capital Assets and Debt Administration***

##### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2020, the Academy had \$791,329 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, vehicles, furniture, and equipment. This represents a net decrease (including additions, disposals, and depreciation) of \$20,537, or 2.5 percent, from last year.

	2020	2019
Buildings and improvements	\$ 778,391	\$ 794,196
Furniture and equipment	10,512	12,815
Buses and other vehicles	2,426	4,855
Total capital assets - Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 791,329</u>	<u>\$ 811,866</u>

There were no additions or disposals during the year, and there are no major capital projects planned for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

##### **Debt**

At the end of this year and last year, the Academy had \$1,440,000 in bonds outstanding. The outstanding debt is the result of the 2007 revenue bond issuance of \$1,800,000 used to finance the building purchase and renovation. See Note 8 for further details. As a result of noncompliance with debt covenants, the debt balance is classified as currently due and payable, although the bondholders have not yet formally called the debt.

#### ***Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates***

Our elected officials and administration consider many factors when setting the Academy's 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. One of the most important factors affecting the budget is our student count. The state foundation revenue is determined by multiplying the blended student count by the foundation allowance per pupil. The 2020-2021 budget was adopted in June 2020 based on an estimate of students who will enroll in September 2020. Approximately 52.9 percent of total General Fund revenue is from the foundation allowance. Under state law, the Academy cannot access additional property tax revenue for general operations. As a result, the Academy's funding is heavily dependent on the State's ability to fund local school operations.

Based on early enrollment data at the start of the 2020 school year, we anticipate that the fall student count will be close to the estimates used in creating the 2020-2021 budget. Once the final student count and related per pupil funding are validated, state law requires the Academy to amend the budget if actual district resources are not sufficient to fund original appropriations.

#### ***Contacting the Academy's Management***

This financial report is intended to provide our parents and investors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the business office.

# Macomb Academy

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and investments (Note 4)	\$ 191,805
Due from other governmental units	124,543
Restricted assets (Note 4)	173,782
Capital assets - Net (Note 6)	<u>791,329</u>
Total assets	1,281,459
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources (Note 10)</b>	
Deferred pension costs	567,190
Deferred OPEB costs	<u>90,560</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	657,750
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	2,525
Due to other governmental units	144,902
Accrued liabilities and other	64,939
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year (Note 8)	1,440,000
Net pension liability (Note 10)	2,097,512
Net OPEB liability (Note 10)	<u>319,857</u>
Total liabilities	4,069,735
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources (Note 10)</b>	
Revenue in support of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	49,416
Deferred pension cost reductions	991,772
Deferred OPEB cost reductions	<u>592,641</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,633,829</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit)</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	(648,671)
Restricted - Debt service	267,888
Unrestricted	<u>(3,383,572)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u><u>\$ (3,764,355)</u></u>

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## Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2020

Functions/Programs	Program Revenue			Governmental
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Activities Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Primary government - Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 331,514	\$ -	\$ 304,807	\$ (26,707)
Support services	518,848	-	477,049	(41,799)
Interest	99,732	-	-	(99,732)
Depreciation expense (unallocated)	20,537	-	-	(20,537)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 970,631</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 781,856</u>	(188,775)
General revenue:				
State aid not restricted to specific purposes				366,808
Interest and investment earnings				2,842
Other				23,477
Total general revenue				<u>393,127</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				204,352
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of year</b>				<u>(3,968,707)</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - End of year</b>				<u><b>\$ (3,764,355)</b></u>

# Macomb Academy

## Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Fund - Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments (Note 4)	\$ 191,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,805
Due from other governmental units	124,543	-	-	124,543
Due from other funds (Note 7)	-	110,306	-	110,306
Restricted assets (Note 4)	-	173,782	-	173,782
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 316,348</b>	<b>\$ 284,088</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 600,436</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,525
Due to other governmental units	144,902	-	-	144,902
Due to other funds (Note 7)	110,306	-	-	110,306
Accrued liabilities and other	48,739	-	-	48,739
Current bonded debt (Note 8)	1,440,000	-	-	1,440,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,746,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,746,472</b>
<b>Fund Balances (Deficit)</b>				
Restricted - Debt service	-	284,088	-	284,088
Assigned - Budgeted use of fund balance in subsequent year	56,918	-	-	56,918
Unassigned	(1,487,042)	-	-	(1,487,042)
<b>Total fund balances (deficit)</b>	<b>(1,430,124)</b>	<b>284,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,146,036)</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 316,348</b>	<b>\$ 284,088</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 600,436</b>

Governmental Funds

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

**June 30, 2020**

<b>Fund Balances (Deficit) Reported in Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ (1,146,036)</b>
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:	
Cost of capital assets	1,325,143
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(533,814)</u>
Net capital assets used in governmental activities	791,329
Accrued interest is not due and payable in the current period and is not reported in the funds	(16,200)
Some employee fringe benefits are payable over a long period of years and do not represent a claim on current financial resources; therefore, they are not reported as fund liabilities:	
Net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows	(2,522,094)
Net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows	(821,938)
Revenue in support of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in the statement of net position and is not reported in the funds	<u>(49,416)</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ (3,764,355)</u></b>

**Macomb Academy****Governmental Funds  
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances****Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Fund - Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Local sources	\$ 23,477	\$ 2,842	\$ -	\$ 26,319
State sources	648,255	-	-	648,255
Federal sources	40,123	-	-	40,123
Interdistrict sources	408,385	-	-	408,385
Total revenue	1,120,240	2,842	-	1,123,082
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	435,925	-	-	435,925
Support services	538,510	5,243	-	543,753
Debt service - Interest (Note 8)	-	100,238	-	100,238
Total expenditures	974,435	105,481	-	1,079,916
<b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	145,805	(102,639)	-	43,166
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers in (Note 7)	-	134,287	-	134,287
Transfers out (Note 7)	(134,287)	-	-	(134,287)
Total other financing (uses) sources	(134,287)	134,287	-	-
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	11,518	31,648	-	43,166
<b>Fund Balances (Deficit) - Beginning of year</b>	(1,441,642)	252,440	-	(1,189,202)
<b>Fund Balances - End of year</b>	<u>\$ (1,430,124)</u>	<u>\$ 284,088</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,146,036)</u>

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Governmental Funds

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

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**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<b>Net Change in Fund Balances Reported in Governmental Funds</b>	\$	43,166
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation - Depreciation expense		(20,537)
Revenue in support of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date		51,901
Interest expense is recognized in the government-wide statements when incurred; it is not reported in governmental funds until paid		506
Some employee costs (pension and OPEB) do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds		<u>129,316</u>
<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>204,352</u></b>

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**Note 1 - Nature of Business**

Macomb Academy (the "Academy") was formed as a public school academy pursuant to the Michigan School Code of 1976, as amended by Act No. 362 of the Public Acts of 1993 and Act No. 416 of the Public Acts of 1994. The Academy filed articles of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1982, as amended, on July 28, 1995.

Macomb Academy operates under a contract with Central Michigan University (CMU) to charter a public school academy. The contract requires the Academy to act exclusively as a governmental agency and not undertake any action inconsistent with its status as an entity authorized to receive state school aid funds pursuant to the state constitution. CMU is a limited fiscal agent for the Academy and is responsible for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the contract and all applicable laws. The Academy's contract with CMU expires on June 30, 2021.

The Academy pays CMU 3 percent of its state aid revenue as administrative fees. The total administrative fee expense for the year ended June 30, 2020 paid to CMU was \$17,113.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational or financial relationships with the Academy. Based on application of the criteria, the Academy does not contain component units.

**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies**

***Accounting and Reporting Principles***

Macomb Academy follows accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governmental units. Accounting and financial reporting pronouncements are promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Academy:

***Basis of Accounting***

The governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is intended to better demonstrate accountability for how the government has spent its resources.

Expenditures are reported when the goods are received or the services are rendered. Capital outlays are reported as expenditures (rather than as capital assets) because they reduce the ability to spend resources in the future; conversely, employee benefit costs that will be funded in the future (such as pension and retiree health care-related costs or sick and vacation pay) are not counted until they come due for payment. In addition, debt service expenditures, claims, and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenue is not recognized until it is collected or collected soon enough after the end of the year that it is available to pay for obligations outstanding at the end of the year. For this purpose, the Academy considers amounts collected within 60 days of year end to be available for recognition.

***Report Presentation***

Governmental accounting principles require that financial reports include two different perspectives - the government-wide perspective and the fund-based perspective. The individual fund columns present their activities on the modified accrual basis of accounting, as discussed above, which demonstrates accountability for how the current resources have been spent. The government-wide columns are presented on the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting in order to measure the cost of providing government services and the extent to which constituents have paid the full cost of government services.

**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Unrestricted state aid, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Academy.

***Fund Accounting***

The Academy accounts for its various activities in several different funds in order to demonstrate accountability for how we have spent certain resources; separate funds allow us to show the particular expenditures for which specific revenue was used.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds include all activities that provide general governmental services that are not business-type activities. This includes the General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital projects funds, and permanent funds. The Academy reports the following funds as major governmental funds:

- General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund because it accounts for all financial resources used to provide services other than those specifically assigned to another fund.
- Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to record revenue and other financing sources and expenditures for the payment of interest, principal, and other expenditures for the 2007 bond issue.

The Academy reports the following nonmajor governmental fund, which has a separate column for its activities:

- Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to record revenue and other financing sources and the disbursement of invoices specifically designated for acquiring new school sites, buildings, and equipment and for remodeling. The fund operates until the purpose for which it was created is accomplished.

***Specific Balances and Transactions***

**Cash and Investments**

Cash and investments include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

**Receivables**

Accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Academy considers all accounts receivable to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded.

**Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets exist when their use is constrained for a particular purpose. At June 30, 2020, this includes amounts segregated for the payment of debt based on bond covenant requirements.

**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, building, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset life are not capitalized. The Academy does not have infrastructure-type assets.

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Depreciable Life - Years</u>
Buildings	50
Building improvements	20
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	7

**Long-term Obligations**

In the Academy-wide financial statements, long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then.

The Academy reports deferred outflows related to deferred pension and OPEB costs.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

The Academy reports deferred inflows related to revenue in support of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date and deferred pension and OPEB plan cost reductions.

**Net Position**

Net position of the Academy is classified in three components. Net investment in capital assets - net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and is reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets. The restricted component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital or restricted.

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**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Net Position Flow Assumption**

The Academy will sometimes fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted 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.

**Fund Balance Flow Assumptions**

The Academy will sometimes 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. Furthermore, 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.

**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 government's highest level of decision-making authority. The board of directors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Academy has, by resolution, authorized the finance director to assign fund balance. 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.

**Grants and Contributions**

From time to time, the Academy receives federal, state, and local grants, as well as contributions from individuals and private organizations. Revenue from grants and contributions (including contributions of capital assets) is recognized when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Grants and contributions may be restricted for either specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts that are unrestricted or that are restricted to a specific operating purpose are reported as nonoperating revenue. Amounts restricted to capital acquisitions are reported after nonoperating revenue and expenses.

**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Plans**

For purposes of measuring the net pension and net OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to each plan, and pension and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPERS. MPERS uses the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Contribution revenue is recorded as contributions are due, pursuant to legal requirements. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized as expenses when due and payable in accordance with the plan benefit terms. Related plan investments are reported at fair value.

**Comparative Data/Reclassifications**

Comparative data is not included in the Academy's financial statements.

**Subsequent Events**

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including November 18, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Following the passing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020 to combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Treasury distributed Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payments to the State of Michigan. During July and August 2020, the Academy received \$26,044 of these restricted CRF funds from the Michigan Department of Education. The CRF funds can be used only for eligible costs and are subject to certain Uniform Guidance and grant-specific reporting requirements.

**Note 3 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

**Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and state law for the General Fund and all special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The budget document presents information by fund and function, which is a summarization of the Academy's line-item adopted budget. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level. State law requires the Academy to have its budget in place by July 1. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. State law permits districts to amend their budgets during the year. During the year, the budget was amended in a legally permissible manner. The Academy amended budgeted amounts during the year in response to changes in funding sources, changes from anticipated pupil counts, and changes in expenditure levels.

**Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds**

During the year, the Academy incurred expenditures in the General Fund that were in excess of the amounts budgeted, which are reflected in the required supplemental information, and are outlined below:

	Budget	Actual
Instruction	\$ 410,383	\$ 435,925
Pupil	17,731	61,774
General administration	106,032	332,258
Operations and maintenance	56,950	98,326

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**Note 3 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability (Continued)**

The primary reason for actual expenditures exceeding budget relates to the reporting of interdistrict revenue and the associated expenditures associated with the expenditures paid for by Macomb Intermediate School District (ISD) on behalf of the Academy. The expenditures had not been budgeted for since the ISD was paying those expenditures on behalf of the Academy but have been reflected in the actual amounts (along with an associated interdistrict revenue) to reflect the actual cost of operating the Academy. The Academy's administration continues to look hard at what revisions will need to be made for the future.

***Noncompliance with Legal or Contractual Provisions***

The Academy is currently in default on the financial covenants associated with the bonded debt for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Academy did make the proper principal payment for the year ended June 30, 2020; however, the fiscal year 2019 principal payment remains unpaid. As a result, the bond trustee could call the debt and force immediate payment. As of the report date, the covenants have not been waived, and, therefore, the entire outstanding debt obligation has been classified as current.

**Note 4 - Deposits and Investments**

State statutes and the Academy's investment policy authorize the Academy to make deposits in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The Academy is allowed to invest in U.S. Treasury or agency obligations, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase that matures no more than 270 days after the date of purchase, mutual funds, and investment pools that are composed of authorized investment vehicles. The Academy's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Academy has designated two banks for the deposit of its funds.

The Academy's cash and investments are subject to custodial credit risk, which is examined in more detail below:

***Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits***

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the Academy's deposit balance of \$373,268 had no bank deposits (checking accounts) that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Academy evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

**Note 5 - Unavailable/Unearned Revenue**

Governmental funds report unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also report unearned revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned.

At June 30, 2020, the Academy had no unavailable revenue and unearned revenue related to grant payments received prior to meeting all eligibility requirements.

**Note 6 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity of the Academy's governmental activities was as follows:

**Governmental Activities**

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Balance June 30, 2020
Capital assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,225,461	\$ -	\$ 1,225,461
Furniture and equipment	58,320	-	58,320
Buses and other vehicles	41,362	-	41,362
Subtotal	1,325,143	-	1,325,143
Accumulated depreciation:			
Buildings and improvements	431,265	15,805	447,070
Furniture and equipment	45,505	2,303	47,808
Buses and other vehicles	36,507	2,429	38,936
Subtotal	513,277	20,537	533,814
Net governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 811,866</u>	<u>\$ (20,537)</u>	<u>\$ 791,329</u>

Depreciation expense was not charged to activities, as the Academy's assets benefit multiple activities and allocation is not practical.

**Note 7 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

The General Fund owed \$110,306 to the Debt Service Fund at June 30, 2020.

The balance results from the time lag between the dates that goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

During the year, the General Fund transferred \$134,287 to the Debt Service Fund to finance debt service commitments.

**Note 8 - Long-term Debt**

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 can be summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due within One Year
Bonds payable	\$ 1,485,000	\$ -	\$ (45,000)	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 1,440,000

**Revenue Bonds**

The Academy issues revenue bonds to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and the acquisition of certain equipment. Revenue bonds are full faith and credit obligations of the Academy payable solely from the Academy's state aid school payments.

Revenue bonds consist of \$1,800,000 of 2007 serial bonds due in annual installments of \$40,000 to \$130,000 through May 1, 2037, with fixed interest at 6.75 percent.

**Note 8 - Long-term Debt (Continued)**

***Debt Service Requirements to Maturity***

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2021	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 97,358	\$ 1,537,358

***Assets Pledged as Collateral***

The Academy's outstanding revenue bonds are secured with collateral of the Academy's school facility.

***Significant Terms***

The outstanding revenue bonds secured by collateral contain certain covenants, including a debt service coverage ratio and a minimum fund balance covenant. At June 30, 2020, the Academy was not in compliance with the required covenants and also missed the required principal payment in fiscal year 2019. The Academy is working with the bank to resolve the noncompliance of covenants. To the extent the covenants cannot be waived or corrected, the bonded debt could be called for immediate payment. As of the report date, the covenants have not been waived, and, therefore, the entire outstanding debt obligation has been classified as current.

**Note 9 - Risk Management**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Academy has purchased commercial insurance for all claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage since inception.

**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System**

***Plan Description***

The Academy participates in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (the "System"), a statewide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system governed by the State of Michigan that covers substantially all employees of the Academy. Certain academy employees also receive defined contribution retirement and health care benefits through the System. The System provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. The System also provides postemployment health care benefits to retirees and beneficiaries who elect to receive those benefits.

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS). The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information for the pension and postemployment health care plans. That report is available on the web at <http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools> or by writing to the Office of Retirement Services at 7150 Harris Drive, P.O. Box 30171, Lansing, MI 48909.

***Benefits Provided***

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit (DB) pension plan and the postemployment health care plan are established by state statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit pension plan and the postemployment health care plan.

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**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits are calculated as final average compensation times years of services times a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. The requirements to retire range from attaining the age of 46 to 60 with years of service ranging from 5 to 30 years, depending on when the employee became a member. Early retirement is computed in the same manner as a regular pension but is permanently reduced 0.50 percent for each full and partial month between the pension effective date and the date the member will attain age 60. There is no mandatory retirement age.

Depending on the member's date of hire, MPERS offers the option of participating in the defined contribution (DC) plan that provides a 50 percent employer match (up to 3 percent of salary) on employee contributions.

Members are eligible for nonduty disability benefits after 10 years of service and for duty-related disability benefits upon hire. Disability retirement benefits are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but are payable immediately without an actuarial reduction. The disability benefits plus authorized outside earnings are limited to 100 percent of the participant's final average compensation, with an increase of 2 percent each year thereafter.

Benefits may transfer to a beneficiary upon death and are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but with an actuarial reduction.

Benefit terms provide for annual cost of living adjustments to each employee's retirement allowance subsequent to the employee's retirement date. The annual adjustment, if applicable, is 3 percent. Some members who do not receive an annual increase are eligible to receive a supplemental payment in those years when investment earnings exceed actuarial assumptions.

MPERS provides medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by MPERS, with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree health care recipient. Depending on the member's date of hire, this subsidized portion ranges from 80 percent to the maximum allowed by the statute.

**Contributions**

Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, required the Academy to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of pension benefits of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by state statute and may be amended only by action of the state Legislature. Under these provisions, each school district's contribution is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance a portion of the unfunded accrued liability.

Under the OPEB plan, retirees electing this coverage contribute an amount equivalent to the monthly cost for Part B Medicare and 10 percent, or 20 percent for those not Medicare eligible, of the monthly premium amount for the health, dental, and vision coverage at the time of receiving the benefits. The MPERS board of trustees annually sets the employer contribution rate to fund the benefits. Participating employers are required to contribute at that rate.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3 percent contribution to retiree health care and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above or choosing not to pay the 3 percent contribution and, instead, opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay health care expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2 percent employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2 percent employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stopped paying the 3 percent contribution to retiree health care as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

The Academy's contributions are determined based on employee elections. There are multiple different pension and health care benefit options included in the plan available to employees based on date of hire and the elections available at that time. Contribution rates are adjusted annually by the ORS.

The ranges of rates are as follows:

	Pension	OPEB
October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019	13.39% - 19.59%	7.57% - 7.93%
October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020	13.39% - 19.59%	7.57% - 8.09%

Depending on the plan selected, member pension contributions range from 0 percent up to 7.0 percent of gross wages. For certain plan members, a 4 percent employer contribution to the defined contribution pension plan is required. In addition, for certain plan members, a 3 percent employer match is provided to the defined contribution pension plan.

The Academy's required and actual pension contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2020 were \$120,531, which include the Academy's contributions required for those members with a defined contribution benefit. The Academy's required and actual pension contributions include an allocation of \$49,416 in revenue received from the State of Michigan and remitted to the System to fund the MPSERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) stabilization rate for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The Academy's required and actual OPEB contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2020 were \$31,147, which include the Academy's contributions required for those members with a defined contribution benefit.

***Net Pension Liability***

At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported a liability of \$2,097,512 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018, which used update procedures to roll forward the estimated liability to September 30, 2019. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of its long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating reporting units, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Academy's proportion was 0.01 percent.

***Net OPEB Liability***

At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported a liability of \$319,857 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for fiscal year 2020 was measured as of September 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018, which used update procedures to roll forward the estimated liability to September 30, 2019. The Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of its long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating reporting units, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Academy's proportion was 0.01 percent.

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**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

***Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

For 2020, the Academy recognized pension expense of \$108,640, inclusive of payments to fund the MPSERS UAAL stabilization rate. At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,402	\$ (8,746)
Changes in assumptions	410,694	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	(67,222)
Changes in proportion and differences between the Academy's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	47,212	(915,804)
The Academy's contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date	99,882	-
	<u>567,190</u>	<u>(991,772)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 567,190</u>	<u>\$ (991,772)</u>

The \$49,416 reported as deferred inflows of resources resulting from the pension portion of state aid payments received pursuant to the UAAL payment will be recognized as state appropriations revenue for the year ending June 30, 2021. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ending	Amount
2021	\$ (117,297)
2022	(152,427)
2023	(176,696)
2024	(78,044)
Total	<u>\$ (524,464)</u>

In addition, the contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next year.

***OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Academy recognized OPEB expense of \$(99,909).

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**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ (117,365)
Changes in assumptions	69,307	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	(5,562)
Changes in proportionate share or difference between amount contributed and proportionate share of contributions	62	(469,714)
Employer contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date	21,191	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 90,560</b>	<b>\$ (592,641)</b>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows (note that employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will reduce the net OPEB liability and, therefore, will not be included in future OPEB expense):

Years Ending	Amount
2021	\$ (122,981)
2022	(122,981)
2023	(120,218)
2024	(101,716)
2025	(55,376)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (523,272)</b>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability and total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2019 are based on the results of an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018 and rolled forward. The total pension liability and OPEB liability were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method		Entry age normal
Investment rate of return - Pension	6.00% - 6.80%	Net of investment expenses based on the groups
Investment rate of return - OPEB	6.95%	Net of investment expenses based on the groups
Salary increases	2.75% - 11.55%	Including wage inflation of 2.75%
Health care cost trend rate - OPEB	7.50%	Year 1 graded to 3.5% year 12
Mortality basis		RP-2014 Male and Female Employee Annuitant Mortality tables, scaled 100% (retirees: 82% for males and 78% for females) and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017 from 2006
Cost of living pension adjustments	3.00%	Annual noncompounded for MIP members

Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods from 2012 to 2017 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension and OPEB valuations beginning with the September 30, 2017 valuation.

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**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

Significant assumption changes since the prior measurement date, September 30, 2018, for pension and OPEB include a reduction in both discount rates; continued impact of the updated experience study, which resulted in a lower than projected per person health benefit cost for OPEB; and favorable investment experience for both plans. There were no significant benefit terms changes for the pension or OPEB plans since the prior measurement date of September 30, 2018.

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.00 to 6.80 percent as of September 30, 2019 depending on the plan option. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.95 percent as of September 30, 2019. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that academy contributions will be made at statutorily required rates.

Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan and OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability and total OPEB liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan and OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity pools	28.00 %	5.50 %
Private equity pools	18.00	8.60
International equity pools	16.00	7.30
Fixed-income pools	10.50	1.20
Real estate and infrastructure pools	10.00	4.20
Absolute return pools	15.50	5.40
Short-term investment pools	2.00	0.80
Total	100.00 %	

Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expense and inflation of 2.3 percent.

**Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liability of the Academy, calculated using the discount rate depending on the plan option. The following also reflects what the Academy's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1 Percentage Point Decrease (5.00 - 5.80%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00 - 6.80%)	1 Percentage Point Increase (7.00 - 7.80%)
Net pension liability of the Academy	\$ 2,726,900	\$ 2,097,512	\$ 1,575,728

June 30, 2020

**Note 10 - Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

***Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Academy, calculated using the current discount rate. It also reflects what the Academy's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1 Percentage Point Decrease (5.95%)	Current Discount Rate (6.95%)	1 Percentage Point Increase (7.95%)
Net OPEB liability of the Academy	\$ 392,353	\$ 319,857	\$ 258,981

***Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate***

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Academy, calculated using the current health care cost trend rate. It also reflects what the Academy's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1 Percentage Point Decrease (6.50%)	Current Rate (7.50%)	1 Percentage Point Increase (8.50%)
Net OPEB liability of the Academy	\$ 256,400	\$ 319,857	\$ 392,344

***Pension Plan and OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS financial report.

***Payable to the Pension Plan and OPEB Plan***

At June 30, 2020, the Academy reported a payable of \$8,989 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan, required for the year ended June 30, 2020.

**Note 11 - Going Concern**

At June 30, 2020, the fund balance in the General Fund was \$(1,430,124). Based on the enrollment for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and 2021, there is doubt as to whether the Academy will generate sufficient cash flow to service its bonds and be able to finance its operations. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Macomb Intermediate School District paid expenditures of approximately \$398,000 on behalf of the Academy that will not be reimbursed. The Academy recorded these amounts as expenditures and interdistrict revenue during the year ended June 30, 2020 to reflect this activity.

The Academy has filed a forbearance request with the bond trustee and is actively working with legal counsel and the bond representatives to determine possible solutions. The board of directors is also evaluating its operating structure and adjusting cash flow projections to address the decline in enrollment and its impact on cash flow.

The Academy continues to be in default on the financial covenants associated with the bonded debt. Although the required principal payment was made during 2020, the required payment for fiscal year 2019 remains unpaid. The bond trustee could call the debt and force immediate payment. If that were to occur, the Academy does not have sufficient cash flow to pay the bonds, and the current appraised value of the building is less than the outstanding balance on the bonds. Since the covenants have not been waived, the outstanding balance on the bonds has been classified as current. Given the current financial situation involving enrollment and the need to restructure expenditures, the Academy is working closely with its legal counsel on appropriate next steps.

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## Required Supplemental Information

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**Macomb Academy****Required Supplemental Information  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund****Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Final Budget</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Local sources	\$ 9,400	\$ 6,950	\$ 23,477	\$ 16,527
State sources	812,919	660,154	648,255	(11,899)
Federal sources	96,022	40,123	40,123	-
Interdistrict sources	21,278	51,496	408,385	356,889
Total revenue	<u>939,619</u>	<u>758,723</u>	<u>1,120,240</u>	<u>361,517</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	487,813	410,383	435,925	25,542
Support services:				
Pupil	25,947	17,731	61,774	44,043
General administration	173,738	106,032	332,258	226,226
Business	45,037	42,053	41,972	(81)
Operations and maintenance	55,750	56,950	98,326	41,376
Pupil transportation services	4,000	1,000	891	(109)
Other	1,800	3,300	3,289	(11)
Total support services	<u>306,272</u>	<u>227,066</u>	<u>538,510</u>	<u>311,444</u>
Total expenditures	<u>794,085</u>	<u>637,449</u>	<u>974,435</u>	<u>336,986</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<u>145,534</u>	<u>121,274</u>	<u>145,805</u>	<u>24,531</u>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	<u>(143,270)</u>	<u>(119,770)</u>	<u>(134,287)</u>	<u>(14,517)</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>2,264</u>	<u>1,504</u>	<u>11,518</u>	<u>10,014</u>
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of year</b>	<u>(1,441,642)</u>	<u>(1,441,642)</u>	<u>(1,441,642)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance - End of year</b>	<u><b>\$ (1,439,378)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (1,440,138)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (1,430,124)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 10,014</b></u>

**Macomb Academy**

Required Supplemental Information  
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System

	<b>Last Six Plan Years</b>					
	<b>Plan Years Ended September 30</b>					
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00633 %	0.01014 %	0.01132 %	0.01074 %	0.01097 %	0.00974 %
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$2,097,512	\$3,049,331	\$2,933,159	\$2,678,372	\$2,679,968	\$2,146,025
Academy's covered payroll	\$ 392,126	\$ 781,891	\$ 984,528	\$ 896,334	\$ 928,141	\$ 832,054
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	534.91 %	389.99 %	297.93 %	298.81 %	288.75 %	257.92 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	60.08 %	62.12 %	63.96 %	63.01 %	62.92 %	66.20 %

**Macomb Academy**

Required Supplemental Information  
Schedule of Pension Contributions  
Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System

	<b>Last Six Fiscal Years Years Ended June 30</b>					
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 115,720	\$ 176,306	\$ 268,660	\$ 279,936	\$ 244,034	\$ 204,399
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>115,720</u>	<u>176,306</u>	<u>268,660</u>	<u>279,936</u>	<u>244,034</u>	<u>204,399</u>
<b>Contribution Deficiency</b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>
<b>Academy's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 349,923</b>	<b>\$ 416,189</b>	<b>\$ 817,630</b>	<b>\$ 1,049,096</b>	<b>\$ 876,370</b>	<b>\$ 940,295</b>
<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>	<b>33.07 %</b>	<b>42.36 %</b>	<b>32.86 %</b>	<b>26.68 %</b>	<b>27.85 %</b>	<b>21.74 %</b>

**Macomb Academy**

Required Supplemental Information  
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability  
Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System

	<b>Last Three Plan Years</b>		
	<b>Plan Years Ended September 30</b>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.00446 %	0.00911 %	0.01129 %
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 319,857	\$ 723,878	\$ 999,540
Academy's covered payroll	\$ 392,126	\$ 781,891	\$ 984,528
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	81.57 %	92.58 %	101.52 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	48.67 %	43.10 %	36.53 %

**Macomb Academy**

Required Supplemental Information  
Schedule of OPEB Contributions  
Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System

**Last Three Fiscal Years  
Years Ended June 30**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 28,118	\$ 32,692	\$ 59,055
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>28,118</u>	<u>32,692</u>	<u>59,055</u>
<b>Contribution Deficiency</b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>
<b>Academy's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 349,923</b>	<b>\$ 416,189</b>	<b>\$ 817,630</b>
<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>	<b>8.04 %</b>	<b>7.86 %</b>	<b>7.22 %</b>

***Pension Information***

Ultimately, 10 years of data will be presented in both of the pension-related schedules. The number of years currently presented represents the number of years since the accounting standard requiring these schedules first became applicable.

**Benefit Changes**

There were no changes of benefit terms in for each of the reported plan years ended September 30.

**Changes in Assumptions**

There were no significant changes of assumptions for each of the reported plan years ended September 30 except for the following:

- 2019 - The discount rate used in the September 30, 2018 actuarial valuation decreased by 0.25 percent points.
- 2018 - The discount rate used in the September 30, 2017 actuarial valuation decreased by 0.45 percentage points. The valuation also includes the impact of an updated experience study for the periods from 2012 to 2017.
- 2017 - The discount rate used in the September 30, 2016 actuarial valuation decreased by 0.50 percentage points.

***OPEB Information***

Ultimately, 10 years of data will be presented in both of the OPEB-related schedules. The number of years currently presented represents the number of years since the accounting standard requiring these schedules first became applicable.

**Benefit Changes**

There were no changes of benefit terms in for each of the reported plan years ended September 30.

**Changes in Assumptions**

There were no significant changes of assumptions for each of the reported plan years ended September 30 except for the following:

- 2019 - The discount rate used in the September 30, 2018 actuarial valuation decreased by 0.20 percentage points. The valuation also includes the impact of an updated experience study for the periods from 2012 to 2017. This resulted in a lower than projected per person health benefit cost to reduce the plan's total OPEB liability by an additional \$1.4 billion in 2019.
- 2018 - The discount rate used in the September 30, 2017 actuarial valuation decreased by 0.35 percentage points. The valuation also includes the impact of an updated experience study for the periods from 2012 to 2017. This resulted in a lower than projected per person health benefit cost to reduce the plan's total OPEB liability by \$1.4 billion in 2018.

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## Other Supplemental Information

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**Macomb Academy**

Other Supplemental Information  
Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness

June 30, 2020

	Year Ending June 30	<u>2007</u> <u>Principal</u>
	2021	<u>\$ 1,440,000</u>
Total remaining payments		<u>\$ 1,440,000</u>
Principal payments due		May 1
Interest payments due		May 1 and November 1
Interest rate		6.75%
Original issue		<u>\$ 1,800,000</u>

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# Macomb Academy

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**Report to the Board of Directors  
June 30, 2020**



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To the Board of Directors  
 Macomb Academy

We have recently completed our audit of the basic financial statements of Macomb Academy (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020. In addition to our audit report, we are providing the following results of the audit and informational items that impact the Academy:

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We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to Macomb Academy. We would also like to extend our thanks to Cindy Schwark and the entire business office at the Macomb Intermediate School District for their assistance and preparedness during the audit. We recognize that preparing for the audit is carried out in addition to your staff's normal daily activities. Should you have any questions regarding the comments in this report, please do not hesitate to call.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

November 18, 2020

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## Results of the Audit

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November 18, 2020

To the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

We have audited the financial statements of Macomb Academy (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

**Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

As stated in our engagement letter dated May 18, 2020, 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

We have noted the following instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations during the course of our audit: the Academy failed to comply with certain debt covenants related to the bond on the building in the year ended June 30, 2020. As a result, the Academy's administration will need to work closely with the lender to obtain a waiver or change the terms of the covenants for the future. Additionally, due to the acceleration of the reporting of the bonded debt as a current liability, the Academy has a deficit fund balance, which is a violation of state law. The State is aware of this situation and is also aware that the Academy is working to develop a plan with the bondholders.

Our audit of the Academy's financial statements has also been conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Under *Government Auditing Standards*, we are obligated to communicate certain matters that come to our attention related to our audit to those responsible for the governance of the Academy, including compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; certain instances of error or fraud; illegal acts applicable to government agencies; and significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. Toward this end, we issued a separate letter dated November 18, 2020, regarding our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

**Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on May 18, 2020.

## **Significant Audit Findings**

### ***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 the Academy are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2020.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Academy during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

We noted 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 estimates affecting the financial statements were the Academy's share of the MPSERS net liabilities for the pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans recorded on the government-wide statements related to GASB Statements No. 68 and 75, respectively. The Academy's estimates as of June 30, 2020 were \$2,097,512 and \$319,857 for the pension and OPEB plans, respectively, based on data received from the Office of Retirement Services. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accounting estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### ***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

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

### ***Disagreements with Management***

For the purpose 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.

### ***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.

To the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy

November 18, 2020

***Significant Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the Academy, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement, with management each year prior to our retention as the Academy's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship, and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

The following is a summary of significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management prior to or during our audit:

Given the current nature of the bonded debt, the enrollment funding increases not keeping pace with expenditure increases, and the financial assistance received from the MISD during the year, when considered in the aggregate, indicate a substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. The effect on the financial statements is the inclusion of an emphasis of matter paragraph in the report letter, as well as a footnote disclosure (see Note 11) in the financial statements.

***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 18, 2020.

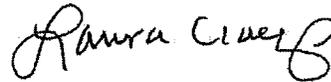
***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

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 Academy'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.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of the Academy and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

**Plante & Moran, PLLC**



Laura K. Claeys

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## Informational Items

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### State Aid Funding

#### ***2019-2020 State Aid, Foundation Allowance, and Proration***

##### *Background*

**Beginning of the 2020 School Year:** School funding for 2019-2020 started out with little clarity; as the year progressed, the funding picture only increased in complexity and uncertainty. Due to conflicting priorities between the governor and the Legislature, school aid funding was not set on July 1, 2019, the start of the Academy's fiscal year. This meant the Academy was required to enact a budget with little to no guidance as to what the school aid funding picture would look like. It also meant the Academy would need to revisit budget assumptions once the final state aid package was enacted. Once the funding was settled, the focus moved to what 2020-2021 would look like. The January 2020 Revenue Estimating Conference painted a positive picture for the School Aid Fund and the General Fund looking forward, and the governor started the budget process with the administration's budget recommendations.

**State Budget Crisis:** The normal budget development process was halted in March 2020 as the State began dealing with the implications of COVID-19. Schools moved to remote learning, meals were served for whole communities, federal financial resources were quickly infused into the economy, and "stay home, stay safe" was the theme as the entire state worked to see a way through the challenges of COVID-19. In May 2020, the regularly scheduled Revenue Estimating Conference addressed two key questions: What was the status of state revenue for the 2020 fiscal year, and what projections can be made looking forward to 2021 and 2022? The conclusions reached at the meeting were dire. It was estimated the 2020 School Aid Fund would end the year with an approximate \$1 billion deficit, roughly translated to a \$685 per pupil shortfall, that would need to be absorbed with the 2020 school year all but over. In addition, the estimates suggested there would be no improvement until 2022. These conclusions caused many academies to adjust their final 2020 budgets to reflect a potential proration of as much as \$650 to \$700 per pupil.

**Financial Picture Improves:** In the months that followed the May Revenue Estimating Conference, and well after the 2020 school year had ended, the State concluded it could balance its school aid budget with a \$175 per pupil proration cut, significantly less than the expected \$650 to \$700 per pupil estimate. In addition, in August 2020, a special Revenue Estimating Conference was held with the same goals as the May conference. The conference concluded that it is possible the \$175 per pupil proration would not need to recur in 2021, and the School Aid Fund will end in a better position than anticipated.

### **2020 Funding Implications for the Academy**

**2019-2020 Foundation:** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the Public School Academy Maximum foundation allowance increased by \$240, from \$7,871 to \$8,111. Before applying proration, the Academy received a \$240 increase in its foundation allowance, representing an increase of 3.0 percent. When a proration is applied, it does not change the actual foundation allowance. Instead, it is essentially “taken off the top of the funds” provided to each academy. For practical purposes, after applying proration, which occurred subsequent to June 30, 2020, the net result was effectively an increase of \$4,680 in funding.

**MPSERS Cost Support:** Overall retirement costs continue to increase. The estimated contribution rate for 2019-2020 ranged from 36.44 to 39.91 percent, with the rate, net of state funding support, paid directly by the employer ranging from 24.03 to 27.50 percent. The State’s funding support is provided in three separate sections of the State Aid Act: Sections 147a, 147c, and 147e. The Academy received a total of \$5,351 in 147a1, \$8,248 in 147a2, \$49,416 in 1471c1, and \$2,314 of 147e. In general terms, this means the total cost of the retirement system contributions in 2019-2020, representing approximately 39 percent of covered payroll, is recognized as an expenditure in the Academy’s financial statements along with related revenue that was previously considered state support to the system. The net effect is that the Academy is responsible for approximately a 27 percent contribution to the retirement system.

### **2021 Funding Implications for the Academy**

The August 2020 Revenue Estimating Conference reflected a better than expected revenue picture through September 30, 2020 and more stable financial footing for fiscal year 2021. Communications surrounding financial projections are highly cautionary, as the uncertainty of the economic impact of the pandemic duration continues to loom large. Careful monitoring of legislative, gubernatorial, and Michigan Department of Education actions will be essential for the Academy to understand and plan for all revenue, identify requirements to receive and utilize federal revenue, and craft methodologies to allocate costs to ensure reimbursement. Several elements that impact school financial management are summarized below:

- **2020-2021 Foundation:** The Academy’s foundation allowance remains at the fiscal year 2019-2020 level, with the minimum set at \$8,111 per pupil, and the target set at \$8,529 per pupil. The \$175 per pupil proration received in fiscal year 2020 will not continue into fiscal year 2021. Academies will also receive a one-time payment estimated at \$65 per pupil for fiscal year 2021 based on a 50/50 blend (50 percent weight on fiscal year 2020 membership plus 50 percent weight on what would have been the traditional fiscal year 2021 membership). Special education funding remains consistent at fiscal year 2020 levels, with the additional 2 percent reimbursement rate continuing in fiscal year 2021.

- **Pupil Membership Blend for 2020-2021:** Typically, the pupil count methodology is defined when the School Aid Act is amended. For the 2021 fiscal year, a modified weighting process was crafted in July 2020 under the “Return to Learn” plan agreed to by the Legislature and the governor. The methodology attempts to address the variety of education delivery methods under the extended COVID-19 learning plans used by districts as fall instruction begins. The process provides for seat time waivers, waives the days and hours of instruction minimums, and changes the weighting of the pupil counts. The new method is a 75 percent/25 percent “super blending.” Step one under this method requires a district to complete its calendar year spring and fall counts for 2019 and 2020. The weighting of those counts continues to be at 90 percent fall and 10 percent spring. Then each of those counts is blended, with the 2019 calendar year count blend weighted at 75 percent and the 2020 count blend weighted at 25 percent. The net result of this is that districts experiencing a student count decline will see slower revenue reductions. Districts with a growing student count would see a slower revenue rise.
- **MPSERS Cost for 2020-2021:** The basic structure, including cost support provided by the School Aid Fund, will continue. For 2021, the overall contribution rate is expected to increase to 42 percent from 39 percent, with the net cost to the Academy approximating 28 percent. While the net cost to the Academy changes marginally, the overall contribution rate increases significantly from 2020. The School Aid Fund implication is that more resources are redirected from the funding of operations to the support of the retirement system funding requirement.

#### ***Looking Forward to 2022 and Beyond***

##### **New Federal Funding Considerations - 2020 and 2021**

Districts are experiencing a significant flow of new federal grant funding, the likes of which have not been seen since the Great Recession. These federal grants have compliance strings attached and require additional time and attention by academies to evaluate and ensure proper use.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act appropriated billions of dollars in supplemental and new education grant programs. In addition, these acts, and numerous waivers issued by federal agencies, have provided flexibilities for states, intermediate academies, and local education authorities responsible for administering and monitoring new and previously existing federal grant programs.

Specific guidance related to the funding awarded to the Academy under these acts has been released sporadically, oftentimes after the award was announced or funding disbursed; in some cases, guidance is still developing. The following is a summary of the more significant federal grants that have already been awarded to the Academy or those to which the Academy may consider applying:

- *Coronavirus Relief Fund* - The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated these funds to states and large governmental municipalities. The funds are designed to help districts cover the supplemental costs related to their response to COVID-19. In July and August 2020, the State of Michigan appropriated \$530 million of the State's federal CRF funds to local education agencies (LEAs), which has since been distributed via the state aid payment system. In addition, \$125 million of Michigan CRF funds is earmarked to provide support to eligible child care providers, including those operated by academies.

Districts are required to use the funds in accordance with federal rules and regulations, subject to further interpretation by the State of Michigan. The CARES Act outlines three broad requirements that pertain to payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund; the funds may be used only to cover expenses that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the state or government
3. Were incurred during the period from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020

In early September 2020, the U.S. Treasury issued clarified guidance specific to academies' use of CRF funds. This guidance broadly states that CRF payments may be used to cover costs associated with providing distanced or in-person learning and that, "as an administrative convenience, Treasury will presume expenses of up to \$500 per elementary and secondary school student to be eligible expenditures, such that schools do not need to document the specific use of funds up to that amount." While the Treasury guidance provides flexibility relative to the eligibility of costs that can be applied to CRF funds, there remains some uncertainty surrounding the nature and extent of documentation that academies will be required to produce and retain to support how the funds were used. Therefore, we encourage the Academy to remain cognizant of any updates to requirements relating to CRF funds as they are made available.

The Academy's July and August 2020 state aid payments included a total of \$26,044 in CRF funds that must be recognized as revenue during fiscal year 2021 for eligible expenses incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

#### **Early Warning Legislation**

Early Warning requirements were put in place in 2015. The requirements are designed to identify academies that may be showing signs of fiscal distress, create a system of reporting this situation sooner than in the past, and require those academies deemed to be in distress to remit more frequent financial data to the Treasury and the MDE.

One key item was the identification of those academies and charter schools whose total General Fund fund balance was less than 5 percent of General Fund revenue in each of the last two years. The definition of revenue for the purpose of this test focuses on General Fund unrestricted revenue. Academies that meet this criterion are required to remit the budgetary assumption and expenditure per pupil information to CEPI as the first step in the process.

Once remitted, the state treasurer, through the Office of School Review and Fiscal Accountability (OSRFA), may conclude that the potential for fiscal stress may exist. At that time, the academy may conclude to contract with the ISD to review the academy's financial records and offer recommendations to avoid a deficit. The review would need to be concluded within 90 days of entering into the contract and requires quarterly reporting to the State on the status of implementation of the recommendations.

In its oversight role, OSRFA uses a fiscal projection model to historical Financial Information Database (FID) data. The projection model incorporates four key financial indicators, which are enrollment, revenue, expenditures, and fund balance. Academies are sent a communication to determine if a corrective action plan had been implemented or if there was an explanation for a decrease in General Fund fund balance. OSRFA reviews each academy's response and financial data to determine whether potential fiscal stress existed in the academy. If fiscal stress is not declared, then it follows up on the academy's corrective actions. If fiscal stress is declared, the academy and others are notified, and the academy may contract with the ISD for an administrative review. As an option under this process, the academy can enter into a partnership agreement. This method is designed to allow the academy to work together with another organization, generally the ISD, to craft and manage a plan. This process is preferred rather than using an emergency manager (EM), as the State of Michigan no longer has any academies currently operating under an EM.

For the 2020 school year, academies received a \$175 per pupil reduction in state aid revenue, which was included in the August state aid status report. This late reduction in revenue may have resulted in academies falling below the 5 percent triggering threshold of fund balance as a percentage of General Fund revenue. As noted above, OSRFA evaluates this threshold over a two-year period, as well as other financial trends, when determining financial distress. The Department of Treasury has expressed that the late funding cut will be taken into consideration if academies find they are triggering the 5 percent threshold as a result.

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the General Fund fund balance was in a deficit, which signals possible fiscal distress. While we are aware the Academy has already been in communication with the ISD and the State, the dialogue should continue so all parties are working toward common solutions for the Academy.



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To the Board of Directors  
Macomb Academy  
29092 Garfield  
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Dear Board Members:

Enclosed are your annual financial reporting package for the year ended June 30, 2020 as follows:

- Financial statements
- Letter to the board of directors
- Corrective action plan prepared by Macomb Academy
- Summary schedule of prior audit finding

To assist you in determining the distribution requirements of your annual reports, the filing requirements for several agencies are summarized below. Please note that filing requirements have changed due to electronic submissions being requested by the Michigan Department of Education.

- One copy of the financial statements, letter to the board of directors, and corrective action plan has been transmitted to the Michigan Department of Education on your behalf.
- One copy of the financial statements, letter to the board of directors, and corrective action plan should be forwarded to the Intermediate School District by December 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your auditors. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding these filing requirements.

Very truly yours,

**Plante & Moran, PLLC**