AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2013

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The Members of the Operating Committee Erie County Technical School Erie, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Erie County Technical School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School'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.

Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

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 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Erie County Technical School as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows, thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 19 and 52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 14, 2013 on our consideration of the Erie County Technical School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance.

Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Erie County Technical School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Felix and Gloekler, P.C.

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August 14, 2013 Erie, Pennsylvania

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) June 30, 2013

The discussion and analysis of Erie County Technical School's financial performance provides an overall review of the area vocational technical school (AVTS) financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the AVTS financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the transmittal letter, notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the AVTS financial performance.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, issued June 1999.

Joint Venture

Erie County Technical School is a joint venture of eleven public school districts in Erie County, Pennsylvania, organized under the Public School Code of Pennsylvania. The school provides vocational and technical training programs for high school students who are residents of the participating school districts and out of school youths and adults. Each district is responsible for a share of the operating budget based on student enrollment using a formula described within the Articles of Agreement. The participating districts include: Fairview School District, Fort LeBoeuf School District, General McLane School District, Girard School District, North East School District, Northwestern School District, Union City Area School District, and Wattsburg Area School District.

A division with-in the school that offers adult training is known as the Regional Career and Technical Center (RCTC). The adult training program receives no school district funding and operates on student and employer paid tuition as well as federal and state grants that may become available.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

District contributions:

The largest source of revenue comes from the participating school districts to support the secondary education program and is based on a funding formula agreed upon by all the districts as part of the Articles of Agreement.

Total district contributions for the secondary program:

- \$3,643,946 for 2012-13
- \$3,815,770 for 2011-12
- \$3,815,770 for 2010-11

Additional revenue from school districts is for students enrolled in the <u>Career and</u> <u>Alternative Education Program for Disruptive Youth</u>. Annual district tuition payments:

- \$587,293 for 2012-13
- \$498,485 for 2011-12
- \$726,960 for 2010-11

The AVTS operates a satellite <u>Diversified Occupations Program</u> at Wattsburg Area School District. Annual total payments:

- \$14,366 for 2012-13
- \$10,774 for 2011-12
- \$ 8,080 for 2010-11

Nine participating districts make operating and rental payments under a lease agreement for a <u>Special Education Transition Center</u>. The program began in 2009-10 with professional staff and instructional aides employed by ECTS to operate the program. Operating costs and rental fees paid by the participating districts:

- \$159,173 for 2012-13
- \$151,554 for 2011-12
- \$139,210 for 2010-11

<u>Total contributions</u> from participating school districts for all programs as a percentage of secondary program operating revenue:

- 73% for 2012-13
- 78% for 2011-12
- 79% for 2010-11

Adult Training:

During 2012-13, the adult training programs continued as part-time, certificate classes. PDE accreditation has been obtained which will enable student access to federal tuition assistance so that adult students could co-enroll in the secondary program. The Joint Operating Committee has not approved the co-enrollment of adults in the secondary program.

A New Choice Career Development grant of \$6,864 funded through PA Women Work provided training and counseling for adults during 2012-13. The Regional Center for Workforce Excellence funded a grant of \$11,590 for training during 2012-13.

Skill Center Building:

The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit leases Skill Center Building space for classrooms for a regional collaborative effort for the delivery of advanced courses to high school students from participating school districts.

The Career and Alternative Education Program for Disruptive Youth uses classroom space at the Skill Center Building, as well as the high school building for a high school and middle school program.

The adult training program uses the welding lab to provide skill training for area employers.

The Special Education Transition Center operates within the Skill Center Building to provide training for special needs students from nine participating districts.

A small part of the Skill Center Building is leased to Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit for supply storage.

All the Erie County Technical School high school career and technical programs are housed at the main high school building.

Northwestern Region Employee Benefit Trust (NOREBT):

The AVTS participates in a self-funded insurance trust for the purpose of providing medical, prescription, dental and vision plans to eligible employees, retirees and their dependents. The AVTS makes contributions to the trust for payment of claims, expenses, and stop-loss insurance. The AVTS asset share of the trust balance is recorded as a prepaid deposit on the Balance Sheet and corresponding Fund Balance Reserve. This reserve is being maintained to fund future claims and to moderate future contribution increases:

- \$521,499 at June 30, 2013
- \$547,128 at June 30, 2012
- \$552,084 at June 30, 2011

Several area school districts, area vocational technical schools, and Northwestern Tri-County Intermediate Unit are members of NOREBT and share in the risk pool.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

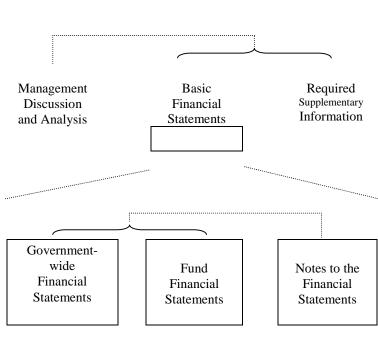
Within the Financial Section are the Management Discussion and Analysis (this section) and a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand Erie County Technical School as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the AVTS overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the AVTS operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how general AVTS services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Proprietary fund statements offer short and long-term financial information about the activities that the AVTS operates like a business. For this AVTS, this is our Food Service Fund. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships where the AVTS acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the reported resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of the Financial Section are arranged and relate to one another:



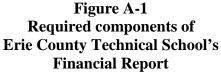


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the AVTS financial statements, including the portion of the AVTS they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2 Major Features of Erie County Technical School's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

		Fund Statements					
	Government- Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds			
Scope	Entire AVTS (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the AVTS that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as education, administration and community services	Activities the AVTS operates similar to private business – Food Services	Instances in which the AVTS is the trustee or agent to someone else's resources – Scholarship Funds			
Required financial statements	Statement of net position Statement of activities	Balance Sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position Statement of cash flows	Statement of fiduciary net assets Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets			
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus			
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short- term and long- term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long- term			
Type of inflow- outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid			

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Statements

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

The two government-wide statements report the AVTS net position and how they have changed. Net position, the difference between the AVTS assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the AVTS financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the AVTS net assets are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

To assess the overall health of the AVTS, you need to consider additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the school districts' property tax base and the performance of the students.

The government-wide financial statements of the AVTS are divided into two categories:

- Governmental activities All of the AVTS basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration and community services. Participating school district contributions, state and federal subsidies and grants finance most of these activities.
- Business type activities –The AVTS operates a food service operation and charges fees to staff, students and visitors to help it cover the costs of the food service operation.

Fund Financial Statements

The AVTS fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the AVTS as a whole. Some funds are required by state law and by bond requirements.

Governmental funds - Most of the AVTS activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. 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 AVTS operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the AVTS programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary funds - These funds are used to account for the AVTS activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector; or where the reporting is on determining net income, financial position, changes in financial position, and a significant portion of funding through user charges. When the AVTS charges customers for services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units in the AVTS - these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. The Food Service Fund is the AVTS proprietary fund and is the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.

Fiduciary funds - The AVTS is the trustee, or fiduciary, for some scholarship funds. All of the AVTS fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net assets. We exclude these activities from the AVTS financial statements because the AVTS cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AVTS AS A WHOLE

The AVTS total net position was: \$6,344,144 at June 30, 2013 \$6,375,600 at June 30, 2012 \$6,429,892 at June 30, 2011

The change in value can be attributed to asset acquisitions, asset depreciation, asset sales and disposals. The school continues to make a major effort to insure that machinery and equipment is recorded properly and is verifiable.

Net Assets								
	_	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total		Prior Year Total 6/30/2012
Current and other assets Non current assets Deferred Outflows	\$	2,670,636 4,402,813 12,147	\$	7,263 32,032	\$	2,677,899 4,434,845 12,147	\$	2,455,968 4,690,148
Total assets	\$	7,085,596	\$	39,295	\$	7,124,891	\$	7,146,116
Current and other liabilities Non current liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 	530,545 247,090 777,635	\$ \$	3,112	\$ \$	533,657 247,090 780,747	\$ \$	483,953 286,563 770,516
Net position Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$	4,402,813	\$	32,032	\$	4,434,845	\$	4,690,148
Restricted-capital projects Unrestricted		326,886 1,578,262		- 4,151		326,886 1,582,413		386,506 1,298,946
Total net position Total liabilities and net	\$	6,307,961	\$	36,183	\$	6,344,144	\$	6,375,600
position	\$	7,085,596	\$	39,295	\$	7,124,891	\$	7,146,116

Table A-1 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 Net Assets

Most of the AVTS net assets are invested in capital assets (buildings, land, and equipment). The remaining unrestricted net assets are a combination of designated and undesignated amounts. The designated balances are amounts set-aside to fund future equipment purchases or capital projects as may be planned by the AVTS.

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the statement of activities. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues and subsidies that directly relate to specific expense categories are represented to determine the final amount of the AVTS activities that are supported by other general revenues. The largest general revenue category is the contribution from the participating school districts. <u>**Table A-2**</u> takes the information from that statement, rearranges it slightly, so you can see our total revenues for the year.

Table A-2						
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013						
Changes in Net Position						

		Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total		Prior Year Total 6/30/2012
Revenues		Activities				Total	-	<u> </u>
Program revenues								
Charges for services	\$	316,696	\$	117,886	\$	434,582	\$	276,693
Operating grants and contributions	φ	1,274,191	ψ	55,968	φ	1,330,159	φ	1,210,632
Capital grants and contributions		1,274,191		55,908		1,550,159		1,210,032
General revenues		4,461,139		2,539		4,463,678		4,780,471
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Total Revenues	\$	6,052,026	\$	176,393	<u> </u>	6,228,419	\$_	6,267,796
Expenses								
Instruction	\$	3,712,750	\$	-	\$	3,712,750	\$	3,694,204
Pupil Personnel		376,407		-		376,407		405,061
Instructional staff support		239,127		-		239,127		261,205
Administrative and financial support		703,492		-		703,492		730,473
Operation and maintenance of plant		761,497		-		761,497		705,191
Central services		274,588		-		274,588		301,973
Student activities		2,700		-		2,700		6,849
Interest on long-term debt		-		-		-		-
Food services		-		189,314		189,314		208,132
Total Expenses	\$	6,070,561	\$	189,314	\$	6,259,875	\$	6,313,088
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$	(18,535)	\$	(12,921)	\$	(31,456)	\$	(45,292)

The tables below present the expenses of both the Governmental Activities and the Business-type Activities of the AVTS.

<u>Table A-3</u> shows the AVTS largest functions - instructional programs, instructional student support, administrative, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, student activities, community services, as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). This table also shows the net costs offset by the other unrestricted grants, subsidies and contributions to show the remaining financial needs supported by local revenue and other miscellaneous revenues.

Table A-3 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 Governmental Activities

Functions/Programs		Total Cost of Services	 Net Cost of Services	 Prior Year 6/30/12 Net Cost
Instruction	\$	3,712,750	\$ 2,261,600	\$ 2,247,976
Pupil Personnel		376,407	353,445	384,137
Instructional staff support		239,127	224,776	251,907
Administrative		703,492	648,957	693,276
Operation and maintenance		761,497	713,608	654,977
Central services		274,588	274,588	301,973
Student activities		2,700	2,700	6,849
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	 -	
Total Governmental Activities	\$_	6,070,561	\$ 4,479,674	\$ 4,541,095
Less:				
Unrestricted grants, subsidies	-	-	 -	 -
Total Needs from Local and Other Revenues	\$	6,070,561	\$ 4,479,674	\$ 4,451,095

<u>**Table A-4**</u> reflects the activities of the Food Service program, the only Business-type Activity of the AVTS.

Table A-4 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 Business-Type Activities

Functions/Programs		Total Cost of Services	 Net Cost of Services	 Prior Year 6/30/12 Net Cost
Food services	\$	189,314	\$ (15,460)	\$ (29,485)
Add: Investment earnings and transfers		39	39	24
Inter fund transfer from General Fund	_	2,500	 2,500	 17,665
Total Business-type Activities	\$	191,853	\$ (12,921)	\$ (11,796)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for this proprietary fund will further detail the actual results of operations.

Fund Balances:

The AVTS governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of:

- \$2,155,863 at June 30, 2013
- \$1,975,236 at June 30, 2012
- \$1,770,631 at June 30, 2011

General Fund:

The AVTS General Fund's fund balance of \$1,828,977 at June 30, 2013 includes:

- \$148,427 non-spendable for inventories
- \$521,499 non-spendable for self insurance benefit trust
- \$146,076 assigned for RCTC adult training
- \$128,250 assigned for future PSERS employer rate increases
- \$884,725 unassigned

The unassigned balance of \$884,725 is available for future years' budgeting. This is used to balance the amount required in future years from school districts to fund the secondary program. The unassigned fund balance is 15.2% of total 2012-13 General Fund expenditures.

Capital Projects Fund:

The AVTS is preparing for future capital projects and for new and replacement equipment purchases. In order to fund these projects and equipment without the need for additional school district contributions or borrowing, the AVTS has established this fund and makes transfers from the General Fund into this fund.

Recent Transfers to the Capital Projects Fund from the General Fund included:

- 2012-13: Transfer for future needs: \$33,900
- 2011-12: Transfer for future needs: \$66,800
- 2010-11: Transfer for future needs: \$76,000

Other major transfers:

- 2008-09: Sale of a ten acre parcel to Summit Township-\$37,000
- 2006-07: Sale of 20 acres of unused land to the County of Erie- \$275,000

Recent Expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund included:

- 2012-13: Exterior Painting Project of \$68,453, architect fees of \$13,936, technology purchases of \$11,316
- 2011-12: Instructional Program equipment: \$32,087
- 2011-12: Support Services equipment: \$27,920
- 2010-11: Purchase of maintenance grounds equipment: \$25,667

The 6/30/13 fund balance of \$326,886 is assigned to be used for capital building, equipment and program improvements in future years. A portion of that fund balance of \$4,065 is to complete purchases for the Transition Center kitchen supplies and equipment.

General Fund Budget:

During the fiscal year, the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) authorizes revisions to the original budget to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the AVTS. A schedule showing the AVTS original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided.

The AVTS applies for federal, state, and local grants and these grants cannot always be anticipated in the budgeting process. Budgeted expenditures and other financing uses change to compensate for the additional approved grants. Transfers between specific categories of expenditures/financing uses also occur during the year. The most significant transfers may occur from the budget reserve category to specific expenditure areas.

The Budgetary Reserve includes amounts that may be transferred into expenditure accounts for planned expenditures, upon approval of the JOC. These amounts will only be appropriated into expenditure categories when the expenditure is necessary for the operation of the AVTS. Any budget reserve amount not appropriated during the year will become part of the unreserved fund balance and available for future years' budgeting.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2013, the AVTS had \$4,434,845 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and machinery and equipment. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions, deletions and depreciation) of \$255,305 from June 30, 2012.

Table A-5Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation

	2013	2012
Land	\$ 272,111	\$ 272,111
Buildings	3,242,925	3,441,743
Machinery & equipment	908,167	961,325
Vehicles	11,642	14,969
Total Capital Assets	\$4,434,845	\$4,690,148

Debt Administration

Bond Obligations - At June 30, 2013 the AVTS had no outstanding bond obligations.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave for specific employees of the AVTS.

Code	Account	General	Secondary	RCTC
	Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance July 1, 2013	667,678	541,527	126,151
	Estimated Assigned PSERS Fund Balance July 1, 2013	170,250	170,250	0
Total Esti	imated Fund Balances - Actual July 1, 2013	837,928	711,777	126,151
	Revenue			
6000	Miscellaneous Local Sources	272,100	84,100	188,000
6946	Districts-Alternative Education	609,120	609,120	
6946	Districts-Other Programs	206,604	206,604	
6946	Districts-Secondary Operating Contributions	3,643,946	3,643,946	
7000	State Sources	983,857	946,501	37,350
8000	Federal Sources	331,462	331,462	
9000	Other Financing Sources	5,000	5,000	
Total Rev	renue	6,052,089	5,826,733	225,356
Total Rev	renue & Beginning Fund Balance	6,890,017	6,538,510	351,507
	Expenditures			
1200	Special Education	176,757	176,757	
1300	Vocational Education	2,698,467	2,698,467	
1400	Alternative Education	609,329	609,329	
1600	Adult Education	130,945		130,94
2100	Support ServicesPupil Personnel	462,448	405,491	56,957
2200	Support ServicesInstructional Staff	258,346	258,346	
2300	Support ServicesAdministration	396,957	396,957	
2400	Support ServicesPupil Health	1,500	1,500	
2500	Support ServicesBusiness	188,173	188,173	
2600	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	691,880	691,880	
2800	Support ServicesCentral	288,259	288,259	
3200	Student Activities	3,135	3,135	
4200	Site Improvements and Repairs	11,500	11,500	
4600	Building Improvement Services	8,000	8,000	
5200	Transfers to Other Funds	33,900	33,900	
Subtotal I	Expenditures	5,959,595	5,771,693	187,902
5900	Budgetary Reserve	94,310	74,310	20,000
Total Exp	enditures & Budgetary Reserve	6,053,905	5,846,003	207,902
	2013-14 Change in Fund Balance-Unassigned	40,184	22,730	17,454
	2013-14 Change in Fund Balance-Assigned PSERS	(42,000)	(42,000)	(
Total Cha	ange in Fund Balance	(1,816)	(19,270)	17,454
	Unassigned Fund Balance	707,862	564,257	143,605
	Transfer to Assigned Fund Balance-PSERS Rate Increases	(97,000)	(97,000)	(
	Unassigned Fund Balance- June 30, 2014	610,862	467,257	143,605
	Assigned Fund Balance-PSERS Rate Increases	128,250	128,250	143,605
	Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance	97,000	97,000	(
	Assigned Fund Balance-PSERS Rate Increases-June 30, 2014	225,250	225,250	143,605
Total En	d of Year Fund Balance - June 30, 2014	836,112	692,507	143,605

NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET - 2013-2014

CONTACTING THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors and creditors with a general overview of the AVTS finances and to show the Joint Operating Committee's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact Business Manager, 8500 Oliver Road, Erie, PA 16509; telephone: 814-464-8600.

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2013

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,813,479	\$ 1,962	\$ 1,815,441
Receivables, net	187,231	-	187,231
Inventories	148,427	5,301	153,728
Prepaid expenses Total Current Assets	521,499	- 7 262	521,499
Total Current Assets	2,670,636	7,263	2,677,899
Noncurrent Assets			
Land	272,111	-	272,111
Capital assets, net	4,130,702	32,032	4,162,734
Total Noncurrent Assets	4,402,813	32,032	4,434,845
Total Assets	7,073,449	39,295	7,112,744
Deferred Outflows			
OPEB Contributions	12,147		12,147
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$ 7,085,596	\$ 39,295	\$ 7,124,891
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 187,584	\$ 65	\$ 187,649
Interfund payable	(3,047)	3,047	-
Accrued salaries and benefits	330,236	-	330,236
Compensated absences	15,772		15,772
Total Current Liabilities	530,545	3,112	533,657
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Compensated absences	247,090	_	247,090
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	247,090		247,090
Total Liabilities	777,635	3,112	780,747
Net Position	4 402 812	22 022	1 121 815
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for capital projects	4,402,813 326,886	32,032	4,434,845 326,886
Unrestricted	1,578,262	4,151	1,582,413
Total Net Position	6,307,961	36,183	6,344,144
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,085,596	\$ 39,295	\$ 7,124,891

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Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

		Program Revenues				
		Charges	Operating	Capital		
		for	Grants and	Grants and		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions		
Governmental Activities						
Instruction	\$ 3,712,750	\$268,807	\$ 1,182,343	\$ -		
Pupil personnel	376,407	-	22,962	-		
Instructional staff	239,127	-	14,351	-		
Administrative and financial						
support	703,492	-	54,535	-		
Operation and maintenance of						
plant services	761,497	47,889	-	-		
Central services	274,588	-	-	-		
Student activities	2,700					
Total Governmental Activities	6,070,561	316,696	1,274,191	-		
Business-Type Activities						
Food service	189,314	117,886	55,968			
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,259,875	\$ 434,582	\$ 1,330,159	<u>\$ -</u>		
General Revenues						
Support-local districts Interest earnings Miscellaneous income Sale of fixed assets Transfers in (out)						
Total General Revenues						
Change in Net Position						
Net Position, July 1, 2012						
Net Position June 30, 2013						

	Net (Expense)/Revenue and Changes in Net Position						
		Busi					
G	overnmental	-	pe				
	Activities	Activ	vities		Total		
\$	(2,261,600)	\$	-	\$	(2,261,600)		
	(353,445)		-		(353,445)		
	(224,776)		-		(224,776)		
	(648,957)		-		(648,957)		
	(713,608)		-		(713,608)		
	(274,588)		-		(274,588)		
	(2,700)		-		(2,700)		
	(4,479,674)		-		(4,479,674)		
		(1	5,460)		(15,460)		
	(4,479,674)	(1	5,460)		(4,495,134)		
	4,404,784		-		4,404,784		
	1,535		39		1,574		
	28,212		-		28,212		
	29,108		-		29,108		
	(2,500)		2,500		-		
	4,461,139		2,539		4,463,678		
	(18,535)	(1	2,921)		(31,456)		
	6,326,496		19,104		6,375,600		
\$	6,307,961	\$ 3	36,183	\$	6,344,144		

Balance Sheet-Governmental Funds

June 30, 2013

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,486,593	\$ 326,886	\$ 1,813,479		
Receivables (net)	187,231	-	187,231		
Interfund receivable	3,047	-	3,047		
Inventories	148,427	-	148,427		
Prepaid items	521,499		521,499		
Total Assets	\$ 2,346,797	\$ 326,886	\$ 2,673,683		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 187,584	\$ -	\$ 187,584		
Interfund payable	-	-	-		
Accrued salaries and benefits	330,236		330,236		
Total Liabilities	517,820		517,820		
Fund Balance					
Nonspendable					
Inventory	148,427	-	148,427		
Prepaid items	521,499	-	521,499		
Assigned					
Future PSERS rate increases	128,250	-	128,250		
Regional Career and Technical Center	146,076	-	146,076		
Capital projects	-	326,886	326,886		
Unassigned	884,725		884,725		
Total Fund Balance	1,828,977	326,886	2,155,863		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 2,346,797	\$ 326,886	\$ 2,673,683		

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

Differences in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Net Position:

Fund balances - governmental fund	\$ 2,155,863
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are, therefore, not reported in the governmental funds	4,402,813
Other post-employment benefits are reflected on the statement of Net Position, but are not considered a current expenditure for the financial statements	12,147
Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Compensated absences \$ (262,862)	 (262,862)
Net Positon of governmental activities	\$ 6,307,961

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 346,257	\$ 186	\$ 346,443	
State sources	942,729	-	942,729	
Federal sources	331,462	-	331,462	
Support-local districts	4,404,784	-	4,404,784	
Total Revenues	6,025,232	186	6,025,418	
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	3,580,894	-	3,580,894	
Support services	2,171,527	11,317	2,182,844	
Noninstructional services	2,700	-	2,700	
Facilities acquisition, construction				
and improvement services	33,658	82,389	116,047	
Total Expenditures	5,788,779	93,706	5,882,485	
Excess of Revenues Over				
(Under) Expenditures	236,453	(93,520)	142,933	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Interfund transfers	(36,400)	33,900	(2,500)	
Change in inventory	10,586	-	10,586	
Sale of fixed assets	29,608	-	29,608	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,794	33,900	37,694	
Net Change in Fund Balance	240,247	(59,620)	180,627	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2012	1,588,730	386,506	1,975,236	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2013	\$ 1,828,977	\$ 326,886	\$ 2,155,863	

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund		\$ 180,627
Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, are shown as capital assets in the statement of Net Position		67,912
Depreciation expense on governmental capital assets included in the governmental activities in the statement of activities		(321,128)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins or donations) is to increase Net Position		(500)
Other post-employment benefits are reflected on the statement of net assets, but are not considered a current expenditure for the financial statements		12,424
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as expenditures in governmental funds, but as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of Net Position. In current year, these amounts are:		
Change in compensated absences	42,130	 42,130
Change in net assets of governmental activities		\$ (18,535)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 272,100	\$ 290,554	\$ 346,257	\$ 55,703
State sources	923,330	923,330	942,729	19,399
Federal sources	321,861	331,459	331,462	3
Support-local districts	4,568,959	4,568,959	4,404,784	(164,175)
Total Revenues	6,086,250	6,114,302	6,025,232	(89,070)
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	3,662,843	3,679,288	3,580,894	98,394
Support services	2,355,509	2,335,161	2,171,527	163,634
Noninstructional services	3,020	3,020	2,700	320
Facilities acquisition, construction and				
improvement services	19,500	36,500	33,658	2,842
Total Expenditures	6,040,872	6,053,969	5,788,779	265,190
Excess of Revenues Over				
(Under) Expenditures	45,378	60,333	236,453	176,120
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Interfund transfers	(33,900)	(33,900)	(36,400)	(2,500)
Sale of fixed assets	5,000	5,000	29,608	24,608
Change in inventory		-	10,586	10,586
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(28,900)	(28,900)	3,794	32,694
Net Change in Fund Balance	16,478	31,433	240,247	208,814
Fund Balance - July 1, 2012	1,588,730	1,588,730	1,588,730	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2013	\$ 1,605,208	\$ 1,620,163	\$ 1,828,977	\$ 208,814

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund June 30, 2013

	Foo	d Service
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,962
Inventories	Ψ	5,301
Total Current Assets		7,263
Noncurrent Assets		
Machinery and equipment (net of accumulated		22.022
depreciation)		32,032
Total Assets	\$	39,295
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	65
Interfund payable		3,047
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Total Current Liabilities		3,112
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets net of related debt		32,032
Unrestricted		4,151
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Total Net Position		36,183
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	39,295

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes

in Net Position - Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Food Service
Operating Revenues	• 11• 00·
Food service revenue	\$ 117,886
Total Operating Revenues	117,886
Operating Expenses	
Personnel services - salaries	30,155
Personnel services - employee benefits	10,301
Supplies and food	122,654
Depreciation	4,086
Other	22,118
	22,110
Total Operating Expenses	189,314
Operating Income (Loss)	(71,428)
Nonoperating Revenues	
Earnings on investments	39
State sources	6,602
Federal sources	49,366
Total Nonoperating Revenues	56,007
Other Financing Sources Interfund transfers	2 500
Intertund transfers	2,500
Total Other Financing Sources	2,500
Change in Net Position	(12,921)
Net Position, July 1, 2012	49,104
Net Position, June 30, 2013	\$ 36,183

Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Cash Elana fuan Orantina Astinitian	Food Service
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash received from users Cash payments to employees for services Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments for operating expenses	\$ 117,886 (37,141) (123,338) (22,118)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(64,711)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities: Interfund transfers State sources Federal sources	2,500 6,602 49,366
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	58,468
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities: Purchase of Capital Assets	(2,500)
Net Cash (Used by) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,500)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities: Earnings on investments	39
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	39
Net Increase in Cash	(8,704)
Cash at Beginning of Year	10,666
Cash at End of Year	\$ 1,962
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss) Adjustment to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash (used for) operating activities:	\$ (71,428)
Depreciation (Increase) decrease in inventories (Increase) decrease in interfund receivables Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses Increase (Decrease) in interfund payables	4,086 (182) 268 (502) 3,047
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ (64,711)

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Statement of Fiduciary Net Position -Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2013

	Private			
	Purpose		Student	
	Trust	Ac	ctivities	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,836	\$	1,746	
Deposit - Erie Community Foundation	198,117			
Total Assets	\$ 240,953	\$	1,746	
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 300	\$	201	
Due to student groups	-		1,545	
Unearned revenue	33,535			
Total Liabilities	33,835		1,746	
Net Position				
Held in trust for scholarships	207,118			
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 240,953	\$	1,746	

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -

Fiduciary Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Private Purpose Trust	
Additions:		
Investment income (loss) Contributions	\$ 25,033 6,682	
Total Additions	31,715	
Deductions:		
Student functions Scholarships	7,162 1,200	
Total Deductions	8,362	
Change in Net Position	23,353	
Net Position, July 1, 2012	183,765	
Net Position, June 30, 2013	\$ 207,118	

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

B. Reporting Entity

The Erie County Technical School is an area vocational – technical school comprised of eleven participating districts and is governed by an operating committee made up of representatives of the districts. The School is organized for the purpose of providing a program of vocational and technical education to secondary pupils, out-of-school youth, and adults who are residents of the participating districts.

For financial reporting purposes, Erie County Technical School includes all funds that are controlled by or dependent on the School. Control by or dependence on the School was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, outstanding debt secured by revenues or general obligation of the School, obligation of the School to finance any deficits that may occur or receipt of significant subsidies from the School. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statement of the reporting entity includes those of the primary government (Erie County Technical School) and its blended component unit, the Erie County Technical School Foundation. Separate financial statements are not issued for the Foundation.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Presentation – Government-Wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

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

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds, including its fiduciary funds and blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for transfers from other funds and related investment earnings for capital outlays not accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the School reports the following other fund types:

Proprietary Funds account for a government's activities that are operated like private businesses, charging customers a fee in return for goods or services. Proprietary funds employ the *economic resources measurement focus* and *accrual basis of accounting*.

Trust Funds account for the activities of the government that are fiduciary in nature, except those reported as agency funds. The government acts as a trustee for resources that belong to others. Trust funds employ the *economic resources measurement focus* and *accrual basis of accounting*.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Agency funds are merely clearing accounts for assets held by a government as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reports as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

E. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

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

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

Interest associated with the current fiscal period is all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

F. Budgetary Information

An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Project length financial plans are adopted for the capital projects funds.

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

- 1. Prior to June 30, a proposed operating budget is submitted to the Operating Committee for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Prior to June 30, the budget is legally adopted through passage of an ordinance.

- 3. The Administration is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within a specific budget object; any other transfers or revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Operating Committee.
- 4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. Formal budgetary integration is not employed by other funds because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through direct authorization by the Operating Committee or the expenditures are all fixed in nature.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash on hand, as well as demand deposits, investments, and certificates of deposit included in pooled cash and non-pooled investments, with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments

Under Section 440.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School is permitted to invest its monies as follows:

Obligations of (1) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, (2) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith credit of the Commonwealth, or (3) any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.

Deposits in savings accounts, time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent that such accounts are so insured and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law is pledged by the depository.

All investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is determined using selected basis as follows: securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

Prepaid Items and Inventories

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

Inventories in governmental funds are stated at cost by the first-in, firstout method. The purchase method is used to account for inventories. Under the purchase method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased; however, an estimated value of inventories is reported as an asset in the General Fund. The inventories in the General Fund are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets. The General Fund is the only governmental fund that has an inventory balance as of June 30, 2013.

A physical inventory of the Food Service Fund food and supplies was taken as of June 30, 2013. The inventory consisted of government donated commodities, which were valued at estimated fair market value, and purchased commodities and supplies, both valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The School does not have any infrastructure assets. The School maintains a \$1,500 threshold for additions to equipment. Buildings and improvements are capitalized when the value is \$25,000 or greater. Vehicles are capitalized if over \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

	Life - Years
Buildings	30-40
Equipment	5-20
Autos, trucks, and vans	8
Improvements	20

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government only has one item that qualifies for reporting on this category. It is the other post-employment benefit. The deferred outflow resulted from contributions exceeding the calculated actuarial required contribution.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., 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 and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the government

fund financial statements a flow consumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

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 government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

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 governing council (council) has by resolution authorized the assistant to the borough manager to assign fund balance. 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, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

At June 30, 2013, fund balances have been assigned/ committed by Board resolution as follows:

Assigned:

General Fund

Future PSERS rate increases Regional career and technical center Capital projects	\$ 128,250 146,076 326,886
	\$ 601.212

H. Revenues and Expenditures/Expense

Program Revenues

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given

function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund. All encumbrances lapse at year end.

Compensated Absences

The School does not permit the carryover of unused vacation days. Accordingly, the financial statements do not contain any provision for unused vacation time.

Employees are allowed unlimited accumulation of unused sick days and upon retirement can elect to receive compensation as follows:

	Sick Pay Rate/Day	Maximum Benefit
Administrators	\$ 100	\$ 25,000
Professional educators	55	12,000
Support personnel	55	12,000

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Joint Venture

Erie County Area Vocational Technical School exists for the purpose of operating vocational and technical programs for high school students, out of school youths, and adults who are residents of participating districts. The School is a joint venture of eleven member school districts located in the County of Erie, Pennsylvania. Each district elects one member to the Operating Committee (Joint Board). Each district is responsible for a portion of the School's operating budget based on each district's share of student enrollment and market value of real estate.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Proprietary Funds Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues or expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The School does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2013, \$0 of the School's bank balance of \$89,479 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Insured amount	\$	89,479
Uninsured amount		-
Add: deposits in transit		-
Less: outstanding checks		(1,915)
Carrying amount of bank balances		87,564
Plus: petty cash		150
pooled cash equivalents	1	,727,727
Total cash per financial statements	\$ 1	,815,441

Investments

As of June 30, 2013, the School had the following investments:

PA Local Government Investment Trust-Plus	\$ 105,425
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund	394,926
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund-PSDMAX	1,227,376

Interest Rate Risk

The School does have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The School follows the Pennsylvania School Code's investment policy that would limit its investment choices to certain credit ratings. As of June 30, 2013, the School's investments were rated as:

PA Local Government Investment Trust	AAA
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund	AAA

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Concentration of Risk

The School places no limit on the amount the School may invest in any one issuer. All of the School's investments are in PA Local Government Investment Trust and PA School District Liquid Asset Fund.

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The School has no investment subject to custodial credit risk.

Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Total investments above	\$ 1,727,727
Less: deposits in investment pool considered cash equivalents	1,727,727
Total investments per financial statements	\$ -

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of June 30, 2013 for the government's individual major funds and business-type activities in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Receivables	General	Total
Federal and state grants Other	\$ 25,680 161,551	\$ 25,680 161,551
Gross receivables Less: Allowance for	187,231	187,231
uncollectibles		
	\$ 187,231	\$ 187,231

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	June 30, 2012	Additions	Deletions/ Adjustments	June 30, 2013
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets not depreciated: Land Capital assets depreciated:	\$ 272,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272,111
Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Vehicles	10,728,989 2,342,705 61,610	67,912	(26,573)	10,728,989 2,384,044 61,610
Total Assets Depreciated	13,133,304	67,912	(26,573)	13,174,643
Less accumulated depreciation Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Vehicles	(7,287,246) (1,414,999) (46,641)	(198,819) (118,983) (3,326)	26,073	(7,486,065) (1,507,909) (49,967)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,748,886)	(321,128)	26,073	(9,043,941)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,384,418	\$ (253,216)	\$ (500)	\$ 4,130,702
Business-Type Activities Capital assets being depreciated: Equipment	\$ 129,335	\$ 2,500	\$ (5,140)	\$ 126,695
Total Assets Depreciated	129,335	2,500	(5,140)	126,695
Less accumulated depreciation Equipment	(95,717)	(4,086)	5,140	(94,663)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(95,717)	(4,086)	5,140	(94,663)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 33,618	\$ (1,586)	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 32,032

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction: Vocational Support Services:	\$ 264,909
Administration	36,337
Operation and maintenance	19,882
	\$ 321,128
Business-Type Activities:	
Food service	\$ 4,086

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2013 was as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 304,992	\$ 41,648	\$ (83,778)	\$ 262,862	\$ 15,772
	\$ 304,992	\$ 41,648	\$ (83,778)	\$ 262,862	\$ 15,772

The liability for compensated absences is normally liquidated by the General Fund.

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT PLAN

A. Plan Description

The Erie County Technical School contributes to the Public School Employees' Retirement System (the System), a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System provides retirement and disability, legislative mandated ad hoc cost-of-living adjustments, and healthcare insurance premium assistance to qualifying annuitants. The Public School Employees' Retirement Code (Act No. 96 as of October 2, 1975, as amended) (24 PA. C. S. 8101-8535) holds the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions.

The System issues a comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. A copy of the report may be obtained by writing to Public School Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 125, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0125.

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Funding Policy

Public School Employees' Retirement System has four membership classes: T-C, T-D, T-E and T-F. The rate of the contribution an employee pays toward his account is based on the date of hire and/or membership class selected as follows:

- A Class T-C member who enrolled before July 22, 1983 has a contribution rate of 5.25 percent. A Class T-D member who enrolled before July 22, 1983 has a contribution rate of 6.50 percent.
- A Class T-C member enrolled on July 22, 1983 through and including June 30, 2011 will have a contribution rate of 6.50 percent. A Class T-D member who enrolled on July 22, 1983 through and including June 30, 2011 will have a contribution rate of 7.50 percent.

Those who become members for the first time on or after July 1, 2011 may choose between two classes of membership in the System.

- A Class T-E member's base employee contribution rate with "shared risk" contribution levels may fluctuate between 7.50 and 9.50 percent.
- A Class T-F member's base employee contribution rate with "shared risk" contribution levels may fluctuate between 10.30 and 12.30 percent.

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, the rate of employee contribution was 12.36 percent of covered payroll.

The Technical School's contributions to the system for the years ending June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$340,528, \$242,783, and \$160,876, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Shared Risk

With a "shared risk" program, Class T-E and Class T-F members benefit when investments of the fund are doing well and share some of the risk when investments under perform. With a Class T-E or Class T-F, your contribution rate will stay within the specified range, but may increase or decrease by 0.50 percent within the specified range every three years, starting on July 1, 2015. The member contribution rate will never go below the base rate or above the highest percentage rate.

NOTE 7 - SELF INSURANCE

A. Health Insurance

The School's self-insurance program pays accident and health insurance coverage for School employees on a cost-reimbursement basis. Retired employees are also covered by the program provided they pay a

NOTE 7 - SELF INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

monthly premium to the School. Under the program, the School is obligated for claim payments.

A stop-loss insurance contract executed with an insurance carrier covers individual claims in excess of \$45,000, up to \$1,000,000 maximum.

During the year ended June 30, 2013, total claims expense and stoploss insurance expense were approximately \$760,000. Claims expense, recorded as a General Fund expenditure, represents claims processed as of June 30, 2013 and includes \$115,602 estimated unprocessed claims payable.

The claims asset of \$521,499 is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicated that it is probable that a liability had been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Changes in the claims asset is as follows:

Claims asset, July 1, 2011	\$ 552,084
Current year premiums	772,819
Claim payments and administration	(777,775)
Claims asset, June 30, 2012 Current year premiums Claim payments and administration	547,128 734,576 (760,205)
Claim payments and administration	(700,203)
Claims asset, June 30, 2013	\$ 521,499

Future liability that may arise as a result of self-insurance is not readily determinable and cannot be reasonably estimated. Thus, the financial statements do not reflect a contingent liability for any unasserted claims. To fund future claims, the School maintains a prepaid deposit of \$521,499.

B. Unemployment Compensation

The School is self-insured for unemployment compensation purposes for all employees. Based on the history of lay-offs, the projections of future enrollment and the cost savings, the School has opted to self-insure.

Future liability that may arise as a result of self-insurance is not readily determinable and cannot be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements to reflect a contingent liability for future claims.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The School has purchased various insurance policies to safeguard its assets from risk of loss. Insurance coverage appears to be consistent with previous years. During the year ended June 30, 2013 and the two previous fiscal years, no settlements exceeded insurance coverage.

NOTE 9 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Erie County Technical School is a joint venture of eleven member school districts. The School derives a substantial portion of its revenue from the member districts. For the year ended June 30, 2013, revenue from member districts was \$4,404,784, which was 73% of the School's total General Fund revenue.

NOTE 10 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS

In addition to the pension benefits described in note 6, the District provides postemployment health insurance benefits through a single-employer defined benefit plan. The benefits are established in accordance with the requirements set forth by the bargaining unit contracts. The Plan is not allocated for as a trust fund, an irrevocable trust has not been established, the Plan does not issue a separate report and activity of the Plan is reported in the District's General Fund. The School District has implemented GASB Statement No. 45 prospectively for the year ended June 30, 2013.

Hospitalization coverage as a retiree will be equivalent (single or dependent coverage) to that held by the individual at the time of retirement. As of June 30, 2013, 6 retired employees are covered by health insurance. The District's expenses for health insurance benefits were \$39,560 (\$79,931 net of retiree contributions of \$40,371) in 2012/13.

Funding Policy

The benefits are expensed when incurred and are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Retirees currently pay a portion of the monthly premium. The District covers the balance of the premium not paid by the retiree. Retiree and dependent coverage, group plans, and costs to the retiree are subject to change. A spouse may be covered as a dependent until the death of the retiree; thereafter, they are eligible to continue coverage by paying 100% of the monthly insurance premium.

The District's annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employees (ARC), an amount actually determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No 45. The ARC is the normal cost plus the portion of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to be amortized in the current period. The ARC is an amount that is actually determined in accordance with the requirements so that if paid on an ongoing basis, it would be expected to provide sufficient resources to fund both normal cost for each year and the amortized unfunded liability.

NOTE 10 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The following table shows the component of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed, and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation:

Annual Required Contribution	\$ 27,535
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	1,096
Adjustment to Annual Required	
Contributions	(1,495)
Annual OPEB Cost	 27,136
Contribution Made - Estimated	(39,560)
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation	 (12,424)
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	 277
Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	\$ (12,147)

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

	Annual Percentage of		Ν	Net OPEB		
	OPEB Cost AOC		0	bligation		
Fiscal Year Ending	(AOC)		Contributed	(Asset)		
June 30, 2012 June 30, 2013	\$	21,798 27,136	220% 146%	\$	277 (12,147)	

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of the plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

NOTE 10 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The ARC for the current year was computed as of June 30, 2013 using the following actuarial assumptions: (1) actuarial cost method - entry age normal; (2) amortization method level dollar; (3) amortization period 30 years; (4) discount rate of 4.5% compounded annually; (5) 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Tables for men and women, and (6) health care cost trend rates of 7.5%, grading to 5.3% per year.

The schedule of funding progress for the post-employment health insurance benefits is as follows:

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	I	Actuarial Accrued Liability AL)-PUC (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (b)-(a) \$ 213,542 \$ 172,245		Actuarial Accrued Liability Funded (UAAL) Ratio		ActuarialAccruedLiabilityFunded(UAAL)RatioPayroll			
October 1, 2010	-	\$	213,542	\$	213,542	0%	\$	2,599,128	8.22%		
October 1, 2007		\$	173,345	\$	173,345	0%	\$	2,320,441	7.5%		

NOTE 11 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, ADVANCES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2013 is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	A	Amount		
General Fund	Food Service	\$	3,047		
		\$	3,047		

Transfers are used to move fund revenues to finance various other programs and projects in other funds.

Transfer In Fund	Transfer Out Fund	 Total		
Food Service Fund Capital Projects Fund	General Fund General Fund	\$ 2,500 33,900		
		\$ 36,400		

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the date that interfund goods and services are provided to reimbursable expenditures occur and payments between funds are made.

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Revenues								
Local sources	\$	272,100	\$	290,554	\$	346,257	\$	55,703
State sources		923,330		923,330		942,729		19,399
Federal sources		321,861		331,459		331,462		3
Support-local districts		4,568,959		4,568,959		4,404,784		(164,175)
Total Revenues		6,086,250		6,114,302		6,025,232		(89,070)
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses Instruction								
Special education programs		169,765		169,765		151,689		18,076
Vocational education programs		2,623,708		2,626,208		2,667,768		(41,560)
Other instructional programs		738,425		738,425		2,007,708 589,669		(41,500) 148,756
Adult education programs		130,945		144,890		171,768		(26,878)
Total Instruction		3,662,843		3,679,288		3,580,894		98,394
Support Services		3,002,013		3,077,200		3,300,071		70,571
Pupil personnel		414,263		413,415		374,913		38,502
Instructional staff		256,807		253,174		239,127		14,047
Administrative		467,539		468,672		472,048		(3,376)
Pupil health		1,500		1,500		1,494		6
Business		213,335		213,335		195,106		18,229
Operation and maintenance of								
plant services		728,376		708,876		614,251		94,625
Central		273,689		276,189		274,588		1,601
Total Support Services		2,355,509		2,335,161		2,171,527		163,634
Operation of Noninstructional Services								
Student activities		3,020		3,020		2,700		320
Total Noninstructional Services		3,020		3,020		2,700		320
Facilities acquisition, construction and								
improvement services		19,500		36,500		33,658		2,842
Total Expenditures		6,040,872		6,053,969		5,788,779		265,190
Excess of Revenues								
Over/(Under) Expenditures		45,378		60,333		236,453		176,120
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Interfund transfers		(33,900)		(33,900)		(36,400)		(2,500)
Change in inventory		-		-		10,586		10,586
Sale of fixed assets		5,000		5,000		29,608		24,608
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(28,900)		(28,900)		3,794		32,694
Net Change in Fund Balance		16,478		31,433		240,247		208,814
Fund Balance - July 1, 2012		1,588,730		1,588,730		1,588,730		-
Fund Balance - June 30, 2013	\$	1,605,208	\$	1,620,163	\$	1,828,977	\$	208,814



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<u>Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on</u> <u>Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements</u> <u>Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards</u>

To the Members of the Operating Committee Erie County Technical School Erie, Pennsylvania

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Erie County Technical School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Erie County Technical School's basic financial statements and have issued our report, thereon, dated August 14, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A sufficient 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.

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on <u>Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements</u> <u>Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards</u> <u>(Continued)</u>

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

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

Felix and Gloekler, P.C.

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August 14, 2013 Erie, Pennsylvania