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December 28, 2017

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Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.  
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We have reviewed the report prepared by Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. and opined upon by Donovan CPAs, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Per the *Independent Auditors' Report*, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements included in the report present fairly the financial condition of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. as of June 30, 2017 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, on the basis of accounting described in the report.

We call your attention to the Basis for Qualified Opinion in the audit report.

In our opinion, Donovan CPAs prepared all required independent auditor's reports in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

In addition to the report presented herein, a Supplemental Audit Report for Indiana Connections Academy, Inc., was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

The Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report and the Supplemental Audit Report are filed in our office as a matter of public record.

  
Paul D. Joyce, CPA  
State Examiner

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Together with Independent Auditors' Report

For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016



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## *Independent Auditors' Report*

The Board of Directors  
Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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 opinion.

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### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

As presented in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2013, the Indiana Legislature passed amendments to the Indiana Charter Schools Act that resulted in the suspension of funding in the amount of \$6,859,281. The School believes that this was not the intent of the legislation and has appealed this result with its elected officials. The School believes that it will ultimately be successful in restoring this income through legislative channels, and continues to reflect this amount as a receivable on its statements of financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that a potential gain that is contingent upon a future event be recognized when the amount is realized. If the School were to recognize this gain contingency when realized, a write down of receivables in the amount of \$3,848,885 would be required as of June 30, 2017 and 2016. Unrestricted net assets as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 would be reduced by the same amount.

### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 December 19, 2017 on our consideration of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
December 19, 2017

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**June 30, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 4,808,547	\$ 4,866,274
State tuition support receivable	3,848,885	3,848,885
Grants receivable	725,986	842,168
Other receivables	-	200
Prepaid expenses	2,820	-
	<u>9,386,238</u>	<u>9,557,527</u>
<i>Total current assets</i>		
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Leasehold improvements	3,132	3,132
Furniture and equipment	78,950	78,950
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(50,354)</u>	<u>(37,866)</u>
	<u>31,728</u>	<u>44,216</u>
<i>Property and equipment, net</i>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,417,966</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,601,743</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to Connections Academy of Indiana, LLC	\$ 8,668,671	\$ 8,971,088
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	725,617	619,746
Refundable advances	8,229	-
	<u>9,402,517</u>	<u>9,590,834</u>
<i>Total current liabilities</i>		
<b>NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED</b>	<u>15,449</u>	<u>10,909</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,417,966</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,601,743</u></u>

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to the financial statements

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>		
State education support	\$ 24,856,753	\$ 23,152,821
Grant revenue	1,416,667	1,210,721
Other income	544	28
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<i>Total revenue and support</i>	<u>26,273,964</u>	<u>24,363,570</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program services	23,949,272	22,073,700
Management and general	2,320,152	2,289,781
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<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>26,269,424</u>	<u>24,363,481</u>
 <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	 4,540	 89
 <b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	 <hr/> 10,909	 <hr/> 10,820
 <b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	 <hr/> <u>\$ 15,449</u>	 <hr/> <u>\$ 10,909</u>

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to the financial statements

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>			<u>2016</u>		
	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>						
Salaries and wages	\$ 6,565,593	\$ -	\$ 6,565,593	\$ 5,726,894	\$ -	\$ 5,726,894
Employee benefits	1,791,271	-	1,791,271	1,656,420	-	1,656,420
Staff development and recruitment	270,206	4,088	274,294	329,963	6,819	336,782
Authorizer oversight fees	-	553,908	553,908	-	519,136	519,136
Professional services	361,126	358,859	719,985	360,883	320,103	680,986
School administration and support services	3,667,558	1,285,174	4,952,732	3,177,530	1,317,975	4,495,505
Classroom and office supplies	7,138,032	-	7,138,032	6,791,374	-	6,791,374
Technology	3,366,233	-	3,366,233	3,184,226	-	3,184,226
Testing	535,706	-	535,706	563,524	-	563,524
Occupancy	153,669	-	153,669	159,560	-	159,560
Travel	20,525	-	20,525	19,921	-	19,921
Depreciation	12,488	-	12,488	12,552	-	12,552
Equipment	16,031	-	16,031	15,780	-	15,780
Repairs and maintenance	1,648	-	1,648	1,453	-	1,453
Insurance	-	8,820	8,820	-	8,482	8,482
Other	49,186	109,303	158,489	73,620	117,266	190,886
	<u>\$ 23,949,272</u>	<u>\$ 2,320,152</u>	<u>\$ 26,269,424</u>	<u>\$ 22,073,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,289,781</u>	<u>\$ 24,363,481</u>
<i>Total functional expenses</i>						

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to the financial statements

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 4,540	\$ 89
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	12,488	12,552
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	116,182	(553,450)
Other receivables	200	880
Prepaid expenses	(2,820)	16,090
Due to Connections Academy of Indiana, LLC	(302,417)	1,846,220
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	105,871	112,985
Refundable advances	8,229	(35,398)
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<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	(57,727)	1,399,968
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<hr/> 4,866,274	<hr/> 3,466,306
<b>CASH, END OF YEAR</b>	<hr/> <u>\$ 4,808,547</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 4,866,274</u>

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to the financial statements

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

General – Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. (the "School") is a public benefit not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. The School operates a virtual public charter school established under Indiana Code 20-24 and is sponsored by Ball State University. The School, which previously operated as a pilot program established by Rural Community Schools, Inc., commenced operations as a separate entity as of January 1, 2012. The School is available to students residing in the State of Indiana, and provides educational instruction to approximately 4,000 students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

Accounting Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition – Revenues primarily come from resources provided under the Indiana Charter Schools Act. Under the Act, the School receives an amount per student in relation to funding received by other public schools. Funding from the State of Indiana is based on enrollment, and paid in monthly installments in July through June coinciding with the academic school year. Revenue is recognized in the year in which educational services are rendered.

A portion of the School's revenue is the product of cost reimbursement grants. Accordingly, the School recognizes revenue under these grants in the amount of costs and expenses at the time they are incurred.

Grants Receivable – Grants receivable relate primarily to activities funded under federal grants and legislation enacted by the State of Indiana. The School believes that it is operating in compliance with regulatory requirements and as such no allowance for doubtful accounts is deemed necessary with regard to such receivables.

Property and Equipment – Purchases of assets and expenditures that materially increase value or extend useful lives are capitalized and are included in the accounts at cost. Routine maintenance and repairs, minor replacement costs, and equipment purchases with a unit cost of less than \$1,000 are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives generally are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	3 to 7 years
Furniture and equipment	5 to 7 years

Taxes on Income – Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. has received a determination from the U.S Treasury Department stating that it qualifies under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax-exempt organization; however, the School would be subject to tax on income unrelated to its tax-exempt purpose. For the periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, no accounting for federal and state income taxes was required to be included in the accompanying financial statements.

# INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

Professional accounting standards require the School to recognize a tax liability only if it is more likely than not the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax liability that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the more-likely-than-not test, no tax liability is recorded. The School has examined this issue and has determined that there are no material contingent tax liabilities or questionable tax positions. Tax years after 2013 are open to audit for both federal and state purposes.

Subsequent Events – The School evaluated subsequent events through December 19, 2017, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Events occurring through that date have been evaluated to determine whether a change in the financial statements or related disclosures would be required.

### NOTE 2 - LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Pursuant to IC §20-49-7, the State Board of Education was authorized to advance funds to charter schools via the State's Common School Fund thereby allowing charter schools to finance operations for periods when adequate tuition support was not received. These cash advances were made to charter schools through executed loan agreements with repayment terms that were defined in the statute.

In April 2013, the Indiana General Assembly repealed IC §20-49-7 with the passing of House Bill 1001 and established an appropriation to forgive charter schools for cash advances previously made through the Common School Fund. The School obtained a loan in the amount of \$3,594,503 in 2013, and subsequently repaid \$599,084. The School applied for and was forgiven from repaying the balance of the remaining indebtedness plus accrued interest of \$3,010,396 as of June 30, 2013. An allowance has been established against the School's related accounts receivable balance in the amount of the loan forgiven (See Note 3).

In the same session, the Indiana legislature passed amendments to the Indiana Charter Schools Act that altered the manner in which charter schools are funded. Prior to enactment, charter schools received funding in the calendar year following the start of the academic school year. As such, the School followed the practice of recognizing at June 30 a receivable for payments to be made to the School in the subsequent July through December time period, which represented amounts due for services rendered. As of June 30, 2013, total funding remaining due to the School was \$6,859,281. Effective July 1, 2013, school funding is paid following the State of Indiana fiscal year of July to June, which is similar to the School's academic year.

The Indiana legislature has not yet addressed the remaining tuition support in the amount of \$6,859,281 due to the School as of June 30, 2013. Members of the Indiana General Assembly have been informed that a number of charter schools remain with an accounts receivable balance and those charter schools believe that the State remains obligated for amounts not reimbursed through the provisions of House Bill 1001. Legislative and legal efforts are being made to resolve any outstanding obligations of the State. The School believes that these funds are owed and are realizable.

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

**NOTE 3 - STATE TUITION SUPPORT RECEIVABLE**

The School's state tuition support receivable balance consists primarily of amounts due from the State of Indiana for the operating periods in which State funding has not been received. As of June 30, 2013, the State forgave the remaining balance of the School's operating loan made through the Common School Fund. As the loan was provided to finance the School's operations when revenue was not received, the School has established an allowance against the accounts receivable balance in the amount forgiven.

Accounts receivable from the State of Indiana for education support reflect the following amounts as of June 30, 2017 and 2016:

Tuition support		\$ 6,267,272
Special education grant		<u>592,009</u>
		6,859,281
Less: allowance for Common School loan forgiven		<u>(3,010,396)</u>
		<u>\$ 3,848,885</u>

**NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT PLANS**

School personnel are eligible to participate in a 401(k) retirement plan sponsored by Connections Education, LLC. Under the plan, the School matches 100% of employee contributions up to 3% of compensation and 50% of employee contributions for the next 3% of compensation. The School may also make additional discretionary contributions. No discretionary contributions were made in 2017 and 2016. Retirement plan expense for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$107,433 and \$66,268, respectively.

**NOTE 5 - LEASES**

The School leases its operating facilities as well as certain items of office equipment under operating leases. Expense under operating leases for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$153,669 and \$159,560, respectively. Future minimum lease obligations for non-cancelable operating leases with initial lease terms in excess of one year are as follows for the years ending June 30:

2018		\$ 157,860
2019		13,175

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**

**NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS**

The School operates under a charter granted by Ball State University. As the sponsoring organization, Ball State University exercises certain oversight responsibilities. Under this charter, the School has agreed to pay to Ball State University an annual administrative fee equal to 3% of state tuition support received. Expense under this charter agreement was \$553,908 and \$519,136 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The charter remains in effect until June 30, 2019, and is renewable thereafter by mutual consent.

The School has contracted with Connections Academy of Indiana, LLC to provide instructional materials and services as well as administrative and technology services. As compensation for these services, the School negotiates a schedule of fees for services for each year of the term of agreement, which remains in effect until June 30, 2019. Such fees were as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Enrollment/unit based fees	\$ 11,838,523	\$ 11,257,917
Revenue based fees	6,266,742	5,613,921
	<u>18,105,265</u>	<u>16,871,838</u>
Less: discretionary fee reduction	<u>(2,184,000)</u>	<u>(1,894,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 15,921,265</u>	<u>\$ 14,977,838</u>

**NOTE 7 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The School provides educational instruction services in a virtual school environment to families residing in Indiana, and is subject to the risks of economic and competitive forces at work within this geographic area.

The majority of revenues relate to legislation enacted by the State of Indiana and grants awarded under federal programs. Changes in state or federal legislation could significantly affect the School. Additionally, the School is subject to monitoring and audit by state and federal agencies. Those examinations may result in additional liability to be imposed on the School.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of receivables from the State of Indiana. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, substantially all of the receivable balance was due from the State of Indiana. In addition, cash deposits are maintained at PNC Bank, and are insured up to the FDIC insurance limit.

**NOTE 8 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE REPORTING**

The costs of providing the educational activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and change in net assets. Accordingly, certain expenses have been allocated between program services and management and general activities.

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

<u>Federal Grantor Agency/Pass-Through Entity/ Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Total Federal Awards Expended</u>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b>			
Pass-through Indiana Department of Education			
Title I, Part A Cluster			
Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	17-9905	\$ 566,669
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	14217-546-PN01	549,358
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	16-9905	<u>83,699</u>
Total federal awards expended			\$ <u><u>1,199,726</u></u>

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to this schedule

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. (the "School") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the School.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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



# Donovan CPAs

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

The Board of Directors  
Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.

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 Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017 and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2017.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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*.

## **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 School'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
December 19, 2017



# Donovan CPAs

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *UNIFORM GUIDANCE*

The Board of Directors  
Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.'s (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### **Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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## Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
December 19, 2017

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

***Financial Statements***

Type of auditors' report issued:	Qualified Opinion
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness identified?	No
• Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major federal programs:	
• Material weakness identified?	No
• Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	
<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.027	Special Education Cluster Special Education – Grants to States
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

**II. Financial Statement Findings**

No matters were reportable.

**III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No matters were reportable.

**INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, INC.**

**OTHER REPORT**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

The reports presented herein were prepared in addition to another official report prepared for the School as listed below:

Supplemental Audit Report of Indiana Connections Academy, Inc.

The Supplemental Audit Report contains the results of compliance testing required by the Indiana State Board of Accounts under its *Guidelines for the Audits of Charter Schools Performed by Private Examiners* pertaining to matters addressed in its *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools*.