

**The Institute for Excellence in Education**

**Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2018 and 2017**



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## Independent Auditors' Report

Management and the Board of Directors  
The Institute for Excellence in Education  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Institute for Excellence in Education which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities, 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Institute for Excellence in Education as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Yeo & Yeo, P.C.*

Alma, Michigan  
August 7, 2018

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	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 431,313	\$ 376,544
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	348,570	614,450
Accounts receivable - related party		
Central Michigan University	90,910	90,910
The Center for Charter Schools	14,544	16,150
Inventory	36,562	31,222
Prepaid expenses	68,283	110,128
Total current assets	990,182	1,239,404
Property and equipment, net	41,027	61,894
Intangible assets, net	2,059,622	1,886,497
Goodwill, net	685,221	822,265
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,776,052</b>	<b>\$ 4,010,060</b>

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	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 143,604	\$ 302,403
Note payable, current portion	141,486	133,861
Accrued liabilities	307,292	325,820
Compensated absences	113,268	99,117
Deferred revenue	85,929	92,521
Total current liabilities	791,579	953,722
Note payable, net of current portion	442,224	583,572
Total liabilities	1,233,803	1,537,294
Net assets		
Unrestricted	2,542,249	2,472,766
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,776,052</b>	<b>\$ 4,010,060</b>

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	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Operating revenue and other support</b>		
State appropriation - related party		
Central Michigan University	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Service revenue	4,914,606	5,248,242
Contributions	356,601	303,551
Book revenue, net of cost of goods sold	3,980	4,424
Other revenue	45,292	6,341
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>5,820,479</u>	<u>6,062,558</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Compensation	3,427,744	3,735,028
Benefits	608,619	589,546
Interest	32,774	39,893
Occupancy	96,777	93,140
Services and fees	174,959	216,459
Supplies and other	188,322	206,736
Telephone	25,467	23,630
Marketing	76,183	95,300
Travel	383,247	549,164
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	3,521
Total expenses before depreciation and amortization	<u>5,014,092</u>	<u>5,552,417</u>
Change in net assets from operations before depreciation and amortization	806,387	510,141
Depreciation	23,260	23,549
Amortization	713,644	735,520
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>69,483</b>	<b>(248,928)</b>
Unrestricted net assets - beginning of period	<u>2,472,766</u>	<u>2,721,694</u>
<b>Unrestricted net assets - end of period</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,542,249</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,472,766</u></b>

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	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 69,483	\$ (248,928)
Items not requiring cash		
Depreciation and amortization	736,904	759,069
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	(16,026)	-
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	3,521
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	281,906	255,288
Accounts receivable - related party		
The Center for Charter Schools	1,606	6,800
Inventory	(5,340)	(14,624)
Prepaid expenses	41,845	(15,599)
Accounts payable	(158,799)	100,526
Accrued liabilities	(18,528)	45,749
Compensated absences	14,151	21,741
Deferred revenue	(6,592)	(30,918)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>940,610</u>	<u>882,625</u>

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	2018	2017
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	\$ (2,393)	\$ (14,904)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	1,484
Purchases of intangible assets	<u>(749,725)</u>	<u>(678,788)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(752,118)</u>	<u>(692,208)</u>
 <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of note payable	<u>(133,723)</u>	<u>(126,484)</u>
 Net change in cash	<b>54,769</b>	63,933
 Cash - beginning of period	<u>376,544</u>	<u>312,611</u>
 <b>Cash - end of period</b>	<u><b>\$ 431,313</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 376,544</b></u>
 <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</b>		
 Cash paid for interest	<b>\$ 33,229</b>	<b>\$ 40,469</b>

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**Note 1 - Summary of Accounting Policies**

The Institute for Excellence in Education (“Institute”), is a Michigan nonprofit corporation that has an affiliation with Central Michigan University through shared board governance.

The Institute is dedicated to inspiring hearts and minds and delivering world class programs, tools and services that help people win for kids. The Institute provides coaching, consulting, professional development, training, technical assistance, publications and software services to a variety of educational organizations across the nation.

**Basis of Accounting and Presentation**

The Institute reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets and temporarily restricted net assets. The net assets of the Institute have been classified into the following categories:

Unrestricted Net Assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Institute and/or the passage of time. There were no temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2018 and 2017.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the 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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash**

The Institute maintains cash at financial institutions, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to certain amounts. The actual bank balances amounted to \$478,879. Of these balances, \$3,407 was uninsured by the FDIC.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the outstanding principal balance adjusted for any charge-offs and the allowance for doubtful accounts. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on an evaluation of receivables, past and recent experience, current economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. The allowance for doubtful accounts is increased by the provision charged to operations and reduced by charge-offs. The Institute recorded an allowance of \$6,034 and \$22,060 for the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Inventory**

Inventory, which consists of books and other media, is stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is stated at cost when purchased or fair value when donated. Major improvements and renewals are capitalized while ordinary maintenance and repairs are expensed. The Institute's capitalization policy is \$1,000. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the related assets' estimated useful lives, which are as follows.

Furniture	7 years
Equipment	3 – 10 years

**Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are recorded at the cost to acquire the assets and are amortized over the defined life of the assets once the Institute has received the copyright on the assets. The defined life is between three and forty years.

**Goodwill**

The Institute purchased Corporate Computer, Inc. on February 29, 2012 for an amount in excess of the fair market value of its assets. This resulted in goodwill being recorded in the amount of \$1,370,442. Each year management analyzes goodwill to make sure that it has not

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been impaired since goodwill is not amortized. Impairment losses, if any, are recorded in the year the impairment is determined. There was no impairment loss for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. Effective July 1, 2013, the Institute has adopted and early implemented Financial Accounting Standards Board *Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-20, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other: Accounting for Goodwill*. As a result, goodwill will be amortized over a life of ten years.

**Revenue and Deferred Revenue Recognition**

Contributions are recognized as revenue in the period received. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value when received.

Administrative guidelines are recognized generally as resources are expended. 75% of resources are expended on the first draft of the manual, 88% after changes to the first draft have been made and reviewed, with 100% being expended after shipping of the final manual.

For Board Policy Services, 50% of the contract price is received upon execution of the agreement and the remaining 50% is billed after services are completed. Revenue is recognized when the client's board policy manual is entered into a software program and sent electronically to the client.

**Income Taxes**

The Institute is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and comparable state and local taxes. The organization has been classified as a publicly supported organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code. The organization files information returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

**Functional Expenses**

Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to more than one function are charged to programs and supporting services on the basis of periodic time

analysis performed by management. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Institute.

Management estimates the percentage of expenses related to programs services, and management and general are as follows:

	2018	2017
Programs services	86%	88%
Management and general	14%	12%

**Concentrations**

Central Michigan University passes through \$500,000 in annual appropriation from the State of Michigan to the Institute. The Institute continues developing new revenue streams so that the impact of the presence or absence of the appropriation would be minimized; however, if the appropriation were to be eliminated at this time, the impact would be material to the Institute.

The total revenue attributable to services provided to one client for the year ended June 30, 2018 was \$462,430. The total revenue attributable to one client for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$1,477,914. These represented a significant portion of the Institute's total revenue.

**Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 7, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 2 - Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Furniture	\$ 93,840	\$ 95,090
Equipment	115,998	113,604
	<u>209,838</u>	<u>208,694</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(168,811)	(146,800)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 41,027</u>	<u>\$ 61,894</u>

**Note 3 - Intangible Assets and Goodwill**

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Board policies & administrative guidelines	\$ 151,473	\$ 151,473
E-commerce site	1,100	1,100
CSBU book development	8,035	8,035
CSBU 2nd edition book development	6,149	6,149
<i>The Seven Outs</i> book development	16,171	16,171
Virtual Board Policy Web page system	138,074	138,074
Board policies & administrative guidelines improvements	55,431	55,431
Board calendar	23,350	23,350
Websites	11,290	6,580
Epicenter	3,890,611	3,240,850
Board policy program	34,454	34,454
Other developed software and miscellaneous	305,500	305,500
Intangible asset in process	195,209	103,247
	<u>4,836,847</u>	<u>4,090,414</u>
Less accumulated amortization	(2,777,225)	(2,203,917)
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 2,059,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,886,497</u>

Epicenter is a web-based tool for schools, boards, authorizers, service providers, and associations. A 24/7/365 software system, Epicenter positions teams to view and share information, automate workflow and reporting, monitor compliance, make informed decisions, and demonstrate results.

The estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2019	\$ 631,465
2020	495,826
2021	337,714
2022	237,830
2023	92,305
Thereafter	264,482
	<u>\$ 2,059,622</u>

Goodwill consists of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Goodwill	\$ 1,370,442	\$ 1,370,442
Less: accumulated amortization	(685,221)	(548,177)
Goodwill, net	<u>\$ 685,221</u>	<u>\$ 822,265</u>

The estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2019	\$ 137,044
2020	137,044
2021	137,044
2022	137,044
2023	137,045
	<u>\$ 685,221</u>

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Amortization expense is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Intangible assets	\$ 576,600	\$ 598,476
Goodwill	137,044	137,044
Total amortization expense	<u>\$ 713,644</u>	<u>\$ 735,520</u>

**Note 4 - Line of Credit**

On October 5, 2015, the Institute executed an agreement with the bank which provided for secured borrowings of up to \$750,000 through October 5, 2016, upon which the agreement was renewed for another year, expiring October 5, 2017. The agreement was extended once more, expiring October 5, 2018. The line of credit is secured by all assets of the Institute. The line of credit has an interest rate of 5.25%. The Institute did not make any draws on the line of credit for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

**Note 5 - Note Payable**

On February 29, 2012, the Institute borrowed \$1,280,000 to finance the purchase of Corporate Computer, Inc. The note is secured by all assets of the Institute. The agreement was amended on November 17, 2014 to change the interest rate to 5% and the monthly payment amount to \$13,913. The maturity date is April 5, 2022.

The principal due each year is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2019	\$ 141,486
2020	148,367
2021	155,958
2022	137,899
	<u>\$ 583,710</u>

Amounts shown in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Note payable, current portion	\$ 141,486	\$ 133,861
Note payable, net of current portion	442,224	583,572
	<u>\$ 583,710</u>	<u>\$ 717,433</u>

**Note 6 - Leases**

The Institute entered into a lease for office space for the period of August 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017, whereby rent for the period covered under the sublease agreement would be \$266,460. Rental expense was \$96,777 and \$93,140 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. This agreement was renewed for another five years, beginning July 1, 2017, whereby rent for the period covered under the new lease agreement would be \$512,080. Future lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2019	\$ 102,416
2020	102,416
2021	102,416
2022	102,416
	<u>\$ 409,664</u>

**Note 7 - Compensated Absences**

Employees may accrue a maximum of 30 days (240 hours) of vacation leave. Unused vacation time may be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Employees terminating employment for any reason who have given at least two weeks' notice, are entitled to payment for all accrued, unused vacation time, calculated on a pro rata basis not to exceed a maximum of 20 days (160 hours). The liability for compensated absences at June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$113,268 and \$99,117, respectively.

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**Note 8 - Retirement Plan**

The Institute maintains a deferred compensation plan qualified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under this plan, employees are permitted to contribute a percentage of gross compensation into the retirement plan up to a maximum determined by the Internal Revenue Code. The Institute contributes ten percent of compensation for eligible employees. Contributions to this plan were \$236,207 and \$241,721 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Note 9 - Related Party Transactions**

CMU passed through State appropriations in the amount of \$500,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The outstanding receivable was \$90,910 at June 30, 2018 and 2017.

The Institute provides services to The Center for Charter Schools at CMU (The Center). Services to The Center totaled \$207,635 and \$215,050 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The outstanding receivable was \$14,544 and \$16,150 at June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.