HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC.

Financial Statements

June 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. 788 South Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year 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 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 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 audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. as of June 30, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.'s 2017 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 30, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 1, 2018, on our consideration of Hillcrest Educational Centers, 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 Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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November 1, 2018



HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30,

		2018	Comparative 2017
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and equivalents	\$	29,622	\$ 85,688
Accounts receivable, net		4,577,025	4,103,701
Grants receivable		18,945	24,601
Pledge receivable		76,489	50,000
Inventory		17,495	20,894
Prepaid expenses		864,921	 766,141
Total current assets		5,584,497	5,051,025
Long-term investments		7,768,708	6,919,116
Property and equipment, net		14,963,575	12,831,080
Investments held for deferred compensation plan		209,630	162,883
Due from Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc.		94,048	 109,723
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	28,620,458	\$ 25,073,827
LIABILITIES AND NET A	SSETS		
Accounts payable	\$	776,660	\$ 764,411
Accrued expenses		3,222,603	2,526,240
Deposits held in custody for others		12,535	10,935
Deferred income		123,447	234,202
Notes payable due within one year		686,832	661,302
Total current liabilities		4,822,077	 4,197,090
Other liabilities		209,630	162,883
Notes payable, less current portion		11,855,579	10,558,959
TOTAL LIABILITIES		16,887,286	 14,918,932
Net assets			
Unrestricted		3,964,464	3,160,779
Unrestricted - board designated		7,768,708	6,919,116
Temporarily restricted			 75,000
Total net assets		11,733,172	 10,154,895
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	28,620,458	\$ 25,073,827

HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,

	1	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted		Total 2018	0	Comparative Total 2017
REVENUE AND SUPPORT							
Tuition and fees	\$	32,345,624		\$	32,345,624	\$	29,047,071
Psychological services		136,525			136,525		149,403
Food care program credits		210,402			210,402		196,986
Grants		98,345			98,345		133,504
Contributions		93,932			93,932		88,728
Special events, net		105,159			105,159		114,096
Interest income		219			219		223
Rental income		152,399			152,399		118,736
Management fee income		211,170			211,170		184,819
Other income		42,589			42,589		49,249
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT		33,396,364			33,396,364		30,082,815
EXPENSES							
Program services:							
Highpoint Center		9,484,403			9,484,403		8,564,990
Intensive Treatment Unit		7,049,569			7,049,569		6,809,485
Housatonic Day Academy		2,869,682			2,869,682		2,185,942
ASD Unit Program		8,713,313			8,713,313		7,929,038
Psychological Services		186,201			186,201		145,792
Total program services:		28,303,168			28,303,168		25,635,247
Support services:							
Management and general		4,549,678			4,549,678		3,970,788
Fund-raising		172,169			172,169		119,415
TOTAL EXPENSES		33,025,015			33,025,015		29,725,450
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM							
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		371,349			371,349		357,365
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Investment income (loss), net		863,605			863,605		856,440
Contributions for capital project		343,323			343,323		107,050
Releases from restrictions for capital project		75,000	(75,000)				
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES		1,281,928	(75,000)		1,206,928		963,490
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		1,653,277	(75,000))	1,578,277		1,320,855
Net assets, beginning		10,079,895	75,000		10,154,895		8,834,040
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$	11,733,172	<u>\$</u>	\$	11,733,172	\$	10,154,895

HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,

		2018	Comparative 2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	.		• • • • • • • • • •
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	1,578,277	\$ 1,320,855
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets			
to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		007 708	042 296
Depreciation Amortization of bond issue costs		997,708 15,038	943,286 14,600
(Gain) loss on sale of property		(1,600)	14,000
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments		(795,075)	(778,590)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		(193,013)	(778,390)
Accounts receivable		(172 224)	$(1 \ 115 \ 724)$
Grants receivable		(473,324)	(1,115,724)
		5,656	(27,959)
Pledge receivable		(26,489)	(50,000)
Inventory		3,399	(630)
Prepaid expenses		(98,780)	(8,265)
Investments held for deferred compensation plan		(46,747)	(32,922)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		709 (12	705 072
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		708,612	785,273
Deposits held in custody for others		1,600	1,550
Deferred income		(110,755)	(2,496)
Other liabilities		46,747	32,922
Contributions restricted for capital project		(317,323)	(57,050)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		1,486,944	1,024,850
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of long-term investments		800,667	692,157
Purchase of long-term investments		(855,184)	(895,752)
Proceeds from note receivable		15,675	15,675
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		1,600	
Additions of property and equipment		(3,130,203)	(2,787,443)
Contributions restricted for capital project		317,323	57,050
Cash restricted for capital project			981,366
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(2,850,122)	(1,936,947)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Increase (decrease) in line of credit		(50,658)	(730,156)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		1,577,299	1,852,027
Principal payments on long-term debt		(219,529)	(440,302)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		1,307,112	681,569
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS		(56,066)	(230,528)
Cash and equivalents, beginning		85,688	316,216
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$	29,622	\$ 85,688
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Interest paid	\$	497,694	\$ 438,538

See notes to financial statements.

HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,

	Program Services								 Support Services						
				Intensive		Housatonic				Total					
		Highpoint		Treatment		Day		ASD Unit	Psychological	Program	Management				Total
2018		Center		Unit		Academy		Program	 Services	 Services	 and General	F	Fund-raising		2018
Employee compensation and															
related expenses	\$	8,006,371	\$	6,032,320	\$	2,300,906	\$	7,297,373	\$ 142,453	\$ 23,779,423	\$ 2,801,154	\$	108,783	\$	26,689,360
Occupancy		435,101		311,935		205,105		527,918		1,480,059	195,592				1,675,651
Program operating expenses		629,095		394,839		231,825		532,730	43,748	1,832,237	225,131		1,652		2,059,020
Administrative expenses		121,901		107,537		73,831		135,913		439,182	1,047,966		61,734		1,548,882
Other expenses											54,394				54,394
Depreciation		291,935		202,938		58,015		219,379	 	 772,267	 225,441				997,708
Total	\$	9,484,403	\$	7,049,569	\$	2,869,682	\$	8,713,313	\$ 186,201	\$ 28,303,168	\$ 4,549,678	\$	172,169	\$	33,025,015

	Program Services								Support Services							
				Intensive		Housatonic				Total					(Comparative
Comparative		Highpoint		Treatment		Day		ASD Unit	Psychological	Program		Management				Total
2017		Center		Unit		Academy		Program	 Services	 Services		and General		Fund-raising		2017
Employee compensation and																
related expenses	\$	7,127,144	\$	5,875,733	\$	1,713,696	\$	6,556,709	\$ 112,715	\$ 21,385,997	\$	2,527,655	\$	102,607	\$	24,016,259
Occupancy		433,918		306,003		71,255		432,263		1,243,439		199,523				1,442,962
Program operating expenses		590,900		343,654		308,669		564,117	33,077	1,840,417		157,754		899		1,999,070
Administrative expenses		112,895		90,350		40,779		120,486		364,510		924,532		15,909		1,304,951
Other expenses												18,922				18,922
Depreciation		300,133		193,745		51,543		255,463	 	 800,884		142,402				943,286
Total	\$	8,564,990	\$	6,809,485	\$	2,185,942	\$	7,929,038	\$ 145,792	\$ 25,635,247	\$	3,970,788	\$	119,415	\$	29,725,450

HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Organization primarily offers educational and residential services to special needs children ranging from six through twenty-two years of age. The Organization also operates a day program for school age children with special needs. The Organization operates its programs from multiple campuses which offer specialized services for specific groups of special needs children.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and state taxes under applicable state law. In addition, the Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(I)(A)(ii) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation.

Management has evaluated significant tax positions against the criteria established by professional standards and believes there are no such tax positions requiring accounting recognition. The Organization's tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for all years ending on or after June 30, 2015.

Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Revenue Recognition

Contract and grant revenues are recognized when expenses, eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the award, are incurred. The Organizations' students are supported by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Departments of Child, Youth and Family Services, Department of Education, and various Massachusetts cities and towns. Additional support is also provided by out-of-state agencies, cities and towns for students that reside outside of Massachusetts. The majority of the Organization's revenue is from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the states of Connecticut and New York. The Organization is subject to the regulations and rate formulas of the Massachusetts Operational Services Division. Revenue is recorded at the Organization's rate of reimbursement as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Contributions

The Organization accounts for contributions received as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the Organization reports the support as unrestricted.

Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as contribution revenue in the period received and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses depending on the form of the benefits received. Promises to give are recorded at net realizable value if expected to be collected in one year and at fair value if expected to be collected in more than one year.

NOTE 1 - (Continued)

Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. The Organization uses an allowance method for promises to give based upon management's analysis of the accounts and prior collection experience.

Cash and Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. Changes in the valuation allowance have not been material to the financial statements.

Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and consists of food at the residential sites and supplies.

Investments

Investments are presented in the financial statements at fair value, Level 1 input, as described below. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Restricted gains and investment income whose restrictions are met in the same period are recognized and reported as unrestricted revenue and gains.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurement

Fair values for long-term investments are measured on a recurring basis and are determined by quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions.

Property and Equipment

The Organization capitalizes all expenditures for property and equipment with a useful life greater than one year and a cost in excess of \$2,500. Depreciation of buildings and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. Donated equipment is recorded at fair market value at the date of the donation. Purchased equipment is recorded at cost.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets held and used by the Organization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in the circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In the event that facts and circumstances indicate that the cost of any long-lived assets may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability would be performed. No impairments were recorded during the year ended June 30, 2018.

Retirement Plan

The Organization is a member of Hillcrest Educational Foundation, Inc.'s 403(b) retirement plan, which covers all eligible employees. Participating employees are allowed to contribute to the plan. Contributions, which are made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc., were \$865,346 and \$606,363 for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The Organization entered into Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) deferred compensation agreements with its President and CEO and Executive Director. The SERP is a non-governmental 457(b) plan which is limited to groups of highly compensated executives. The 457(b) account remains the property of the Organization and is subject to the claims of creditors until benefits are paid. The 457(b) funds may be withdrawn as benefits at any time following the end of employment with the Organization. The benefits are taxable when paid. The expense of this plan is being recognized over the period of employment of the President and CEO and Executive Director, including \$18,500 and \$15,000 for the year ended June 30, 2018, respectively. The total liability as of June 30, 2018 was \$209,630.

NOTE 1 - (Continued)

Cost Allocation

An indirect cost allocation plan established under the simplified allocation method is utilized in which all costs that are not chargeable directly to a program are allocated to each program based upon direct salaries and fringe benefits charged directly to each program.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing program and support activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated, using management's estimates, among the program and supporting activities benefited.

Advertising and Marketing

The Organization expenses advertising and marketing costs as incurred. Advertising and marketing expense was \$87,882 and \$70,819 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 1, 2018 the date which the financial statements were available for issue, and has determined that there are no additional adjustments or disclosures required.

Summarized Comparative Financial Information

The financial information for the year ended June 30, 2017, presented for comparative purposes, is not intended to be a complete financial statement presentation. Certain items in the prior year totals may have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 2 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash. The Organization maintains its cash in various bank deposit accounts, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. Bank deposits at June 30, 2018 of \$137,321 were fully insured. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Also, the Organization has a material concentration of credit risk with respect to significant accounts receivables that are due from state and federal contracts through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AT JUNE 30:

	2018			omparative 2017
Student tuition and fees	\$	4,467,159	\$	3,914,391
Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc.		34,384		32,516
Other		163,080		260,546
Subtotal		4,664,623		4,207,453
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(87,598)		(103,752)
Accounts receivable, net	\$	4,577,025	\$	4,103,701

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AT JUNE 30:

Investment fair values are measured on a recurring basis and determined by quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions (Level 1).

Investments, which are board-designated endowment funds (see Note 8), are comprised of the following groups as reported at fair value.

	20	10			Comp		/e
	 20 Fair Value		Cost		Fair Value)17	Cost
Invested cash Corporate stock Municipal and corporate bonds Mutual funds	\$ 244,506 6,012,314 1,021,544 490,344	\$	244,506 3,513,594 1,035,596 339,219	\$	562,351 5,120,065 687,359 549,341	\$	562,351 3,189,900 691,300 426,061
Total	\$ 7,768,708	\$	5,132,915	\$	6,919,116	\$	4,869,612

The following summarizes the relationship between fair values and cost of investment assets:

	Fair		Inrealized ppreciation
	 Value	 Cost	 (Loss)
Balance at end of year	\$ 7,768,708	\$ 5,132,915	\$ 2,635,793
Balance at beginning of year	6,919,116	4,869,612	 2,049,504
Increase in unrealized appreciation			\$ 586,289

Investment income consisted of the following for the year ended June 30:

		Co	mparative 2017	
Interest and dividends	\$	117,541	\$	120,567
Realized gains (losses)		208,786		(70,310)
Investment fees		(49,011)		(42,717)
Subtotal		277,316		7,540
Unrealized gains (losses)		586,289		848,900
Investment income (loss), net	\$	863,605	\$	856,440

	2018	Comparative 2017
Land	\$ 2,416,024	\$ 2,416,024
Buildings	9,992,660	6,179,971
Building improvements	11,829,874	11,562,523
Life safety improvements	738,820	732,515
Office furniture and equipment	1,658,663	1,263,996
Residential furnishings	1,372,550	1,302,777
Equipment	2,271,256	2,158,015
Vehicles	45,500	45,500
Construction in progress	428,182	1,967,734
Total	30,753,529	27,629,055
Accumulated depreciation	(15,789,954	(14,797,975)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 14,963,575	\$ 12,831,080

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AT JUNE 30:

Depreciation expense was \$997,708 and \$943,286 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

NOTE 6 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Organization leases vehicles and equipment under various operating leases which expire through fiscal year 2024. Total lease expense for all operating leases was \$216,373 and \$187,928 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Approximate future lease commitments payable during the years ending June 30 are as follows:

2019	\$ 160,837
2020	152,954
2021	129,789
2022	57,855
2023	24,246
Thereafter	 11,970
Total	\$ 537,651

NOTE 7 - NOTES PAYABLE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AT JUNE 30:

\$5,000,000 Series A bond payable to bank dated June 2014, payable in monthly installments of principal and interest, estimated at \$22,882 monthly. Secured by a mortgage on land and buildings as well as an assignment of rents and leases on specified real properties. The interest rate is fixed at 3.47% through June 2024 at which time the bond is required to be purchased by the Borrower in accordance with the bond agreement (Bondowners' Option to Put Bonds). The bond matures in June 2044. The Organization also entered into an Interest Rate Swap agreement with the lender (see below).

\$4,053,581 multiple advance Series B bond payable to bank dated June 2014, monthly installments of principal and interest, estimated at \$19,569 monthly. Secured by a mortgage on land and buildings as well as an assignment of rents and leases on specified real properties. The interest rate is fixed at 3.74% through June 2024 at which time the bond is required to be purchased by the Borrower in accordance with the bond agreement (Bondowners' Option to Put Bonds). The bond matures in June 2044. The Organization also entered into an Interest Rate Swap agreement with the lender (see below).

\$4,260,000 multiple advance term note to bank dated June 2014, payable beginning in July 2018 in monthly payments of principal and interest based on a 30-year amortization period estimated at \$20,012 monthly, with the remaining balance due in full on the maturity date June 2024. Secured by the Organization's investment account. The Organization shall maintain in said investment account assets having a minimum fair market value of not less than the outstanding principal balance of associated Note, from time to time divided by 70%. The interest rate is fixed at 4.25%.

\$3,000,000 revolving line of credit, due on demand. Secured by all of the Organization's accounts, inventories, equipment, general intangibles, investment property, financial assets, documents, instruments, deposit accounts, letter of credit rights and chattel paper and products and proceeds of the foregoing. Interest is at the current One Month Libor rate plus 2.00%, adjusting monthly. The interest rate was 4.08% at June 30, 2018 (3.03% at June 30, 2017).

Comparative

2017

2018

\$ 4,587,925	\$ 4,692,691
3,881,314	3,965,858
4,038,000	2,460,701
381,942	432,600

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NOTE 7 - (Continued)

	 2018	Comparative 2017
\$120,000 multiple advance term note to bank dated February 2015, payable in monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$2,672. Secured by certain cameras and recording systems and all personal properly of the Organization. The interest rate is fixed at 3.25% through maturity in February 2020.	 39,221	69,440
Total notes payable	12,928,402	11,621,290
Amortizable costs of issuance	 (385,991)	(401,029)
Total notes payable less amortizable costs of issuance	12,542,411	11,220,261
Amount due within one year	 686,832	661,302
Amount due after one year	\$ 11,855,579	\$ 10,558,959
The above debt matures during the years ending June 30,		
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Thereafter	\$ 686,832 292,371 295,319 306,754 318,633 11,028,493	
Total	\$ 12,928,402	

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related underlying debt and are reported as interest expense in the Statement of Activities included in administrative expenses.

Interest Rate Swap Agreement

The organization entered into an Interest Rate Swap Transaction (hedge) agreement with the Bank for its \$5,000,000 Series A and \$4,000,000 Series B tax-exempt bonds and is as follows:

The tax exempt bonds are variable rate obligations. The interest rate is calculated as (i) 0.68 times (ii) the sum of (a) the LIBOR Rate plus (b) two hundred twenty-five basis points (2.25%). The hedge is a variable-to-fixed rate swap and is primarily interest based and is swapped to be a 10 year fixed rate.

The Organization is the *fixed interest rate payer* and is paying a fixed interest rate per annum on each of the bonds for the next 10 years through June 2024. The Bank is the *floating interest rate payer*.

NOTE 8 - BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT

The Board of Directors has designated certain funds to function as an endowment. They represent amounts that have been segregated by the Board of Directors for a period of time to provide income to support the Organization's mission. Since the designations are voluntary and may be reversed by the Board at any time, the board-designated endowment is not considered restricted. Accordingly, generally accepted accounting principles require them to be reported as part of the unrestricted class of net assets.

NOTE 8 - (Continued)

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the Board of Directors, for its boarddesignated endowment assets that attempts to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its board-designated endowment funds while also maintaining the purchasing power of those assets over the long-term. Under this policy, the board-designated endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price yield results of the S&P 500 index for its equity component and the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index for it fixed income component while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Organization relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Organization targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Organization's policy is to reinvest all earnings of the board-designated endowment assets. Any expenditure from the endowment assets must be supported by the Investment Committee and approved by the full Board of Directors. The Organization's effort is to ensure that the future growth of the endowment assets is sufficient to offset normal inflation plus reasonable spending, thereby preserving the constant dollar value and purchasing power of the endowment assets held for future generations as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

The unrestricted net assets designated by the board for investment are \$7,768,708 and \$6,919,116 as June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The composition of the board-designated endowment assets are disclosed in Note 4 on page 11.

Changes in the board-designated endowment consisted of the following for the year ended June 30:

	 2018	C	omparative 2017
Board-designated endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 6,919,116	\$	5,885,933
Investment return:			
Investment income	117,541		120,567
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	795,075		778,590
Investment fees	 (49,011)		(42,717)
Total investment return, net	 863,605		856,440
Contributions	52,361		176,743
Withdrawals	 (66,374)		
Subtotal	 (14,013)		176,743
Board-designated endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 7,768,708	\$	6,919,116

NOTE 9 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purpose or periods at June 30:

	2018	 -	parative 017
St. Mark's School:			
Interactive Media Wall	\$	 \$	25,000
Information Technology		 	50,000
Total	\$	 \$	75,000

NOTE 10 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION

Net assets were released from restrictions during the year ended June 30 by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by the donors.

	2018	C	Comparative 2017	
Girls Circle St. Mark's School:	\$	\$	25,000	
Interactive Media Wall Information Technology	25, 50,	000		
Total	<u>\$ 75,</u>	000 <u>\$</u>	25,000	

NOTE 11 - SURPLUS (DEFICIT) REVENUE RETENTION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Not-For-Profit Contractor Surplus Revenue Retention Policy pursuant to 808 CMR 1.03(7) of the Compliance, Reporting and Auditing for Human and Social Services regulations, allows a non-profit contractor (the Organization) to retain, for future use, a portion of annual surplus in an unrestricted net asset account. This net surplus, from the revenues and expenses associated with services provided to purchasing agencies which are subject to 808 CMR 1.00 may not exceed 20% of said revenue annually. Surpluses may be used by the Organization for any of its established charitable purposes, provided that no portion of the surplus may be used for any non-reimbursable cost set forth in 808 CMR 1.05.

The amount of the Organization's annual surplus is within the 20% threshold, and therefore, no liability to the Commonwealth exists.

NOTE 12 - RENTAL INCOME

The Organization leases property it owns on an at-will basis to certain employees who work in the Organization's programs. Rental income was \$47,039 and \$42,736 during fiscal year 2018 and 2017, respectively.

In 2018, the Organization entered into a 60-month lease agreement with Guidewire, Inc. (tenant) to rent the property located at 1450 West Housatonic Street in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Monthly installments are due on the first day of each month in the amount of \$7,655. The tenant shall have the right to extend the lease for two additional 5 year terms. Rental income for the year ended June 30, 2018 was \$22,964. Minimum lease income expected to be received from the tenant for the years ended June 30 are as follows:

2019	\$ 91,856
2020	91,856
2021	91,856
2022	91,856
2023	68,892
Total	\$ 436,316

NOTE 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Organization receives support from state and federal contracts. The contracts require audits of both the financial operation of the programs and compliance with the terms of the agreements. Such audits could result in the disallowance of some costs charged to the contract and, therefore, create a liability to the funding source. Liabilities resulting from these audits, if any, will be recorded in the period in which the amount of the liability is ascertained. Management believes that any adjustment which might result from such an audit would be immaterial.

NOTE 14 - SPECIAL EVENTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	2018					
	Golf Tournament		St. Patrick's Day Event			Total
Special event revenues						
Ticket sales and fees	\$	25,149	\$	10,141	\$	35,290
Sponsorships		68,791		52,562		121,353
Total event revenues		93,940		62,703		156,643
Cost of direct benefits to donors						
Rent and facility costs		15,316		8,157		23,473
Other direct expenses		20,231		7,780		28,011
Total cost of direct benefits to donors		35,547		15,937		51,484
Special events, net	\$	58,393	\$	46,766	\$	105,159

NOTE 14 - (Continued)

	Comparative 2017					
				St. Patrick's Day Event		Total
Special event revenues						
Ticket sales and fees	\$	26,682	\$	7,486	\$	34,168
Sponsorships		66,648		58,761		125,409
Total event revenues		93,330		66,247		159,577
Cost of direct benefits to donors						
Rent and facility costs		15,030		8,473		23,503
Other direct expenses		15,009		6,969		21,978
Total cost of direct benefits to donors		30,039		15,442		45,481
Special events, net	\$	63,291	\$	50,805	\$	114,096

NOTE 15 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A member of the Board of Directors is the Vice President of an automobile association. During fiscal year 2018, the Organization incurred \$1,394 (\$1,394 in 2017) of membership fees to the Automobile Association.

A member of the Board of Directors is also a board member at three local medical centers with which the Organization does business. The Organization incurred \$38,816 of expenses for services by the centers during fiscal year 2018 (\$46,091 in 2017).

A member of the Board of Directors owns a local electrical contracting company with which the Organization does business. The Organization incurred \$80,754 of expenses in fiscal year 2018 (\$51,904 in 2017).

The President and Chief Executive Officer is a Corporator of a local health care organization in which the Organization engages in business activity and incurred \$29,678 of expenses during fiscal year 2018 (\$35,723 in 2017).

In 2018, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer were directors of the Berkshire County Kids Place with which the Organization provided business support and staff training. The Organization received \$25,000 in fiscal year 2018 (\$25,000 in 2017) for services provided.

NOTE 16 - COMMONLY CONTROLLED ENTITY

Hillcrest Educational Foundation, Inc.

Hillcrest Educational Foundation, Inc. has been created to become the sole member of Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc., Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. and Berkshire County Kids' Place and Violence Prevention Center, Inc. (Kids' Place). Its mission is to support the affiliated organizations. Each affiliated organization has its own non-profit tax exempt status and is governed by its own separate Board of Directors. This corporate structure allows each affiliate to benefit from the combined resources of the entire membership. These resources are typically in the form of Operational Management Agreements and, in some cases, Fund Management Agreements. The corporate structure allows, under certain circumstances, with board approval and in accordance with the agreement, transfers of funds between certain affiliates. In accordance with the provisions of the Fund Management Agreement, no contribution was accrued and payable from Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. to Hillcrest Educational Foundation, Inc. in fiscal years 2018 and 2017.

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NOTE 16 - (Continued)

Transactions between Hillcrest Educational Center, Inc. and Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc.

Facilities Lease Agreement

A facilities lease agreement has been entered into between Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. (Landlord) and Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. (Tenant), in which Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. will pay Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. a base rent of \$6,333 per month. The lease commenced on July 1, 2011 and expires on June 30, 2020. The lease agreement can be extended for an additional nine consecutive periods of five years each. Total lease income received from Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. was \$76,000 for each of the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017.

Management Agreement

A management agreement exists between Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. (Manager) and Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. (Licensee), in which Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. will pay Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. an annual management fee to cover the cost of executive, financial and administrative and general support. The determination of the fee is based upon the Manager's projected costs and any other costs of providing the services, including reimbursement for the cost of all salaries, benefits and any other actual and direct costs of providing the services by the Manager. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2011 and expires on June 30, 2020. The agreement shall renew automatically for successive five year terms unless terminated pursuant to the terms of the agreement. Total management fee income received in fiscal year 2018 was \$211,170 (\$184,819 in 2017).

Minimum facilities lease and management fee income expected to be received for the years ended June 30 are as follows:

	acilities Lease greement	anagement greement	Total		
2019 2020	\$ 76,000 76,000	\$ 111,815 111,815	\$	187,815 187,815	
Total	\$ 152,000	\$ 223,630	\$	375,630	

Dental Equipment Agreement

On June 30, 2013, Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. sold dental equipment and office furniture to Hillcrest Dental Care, Inc. in exchange for a receivable of \$156,747. As of June 30, 2018 the outstanding balance was \$94,048 (\$109,723 as of June 30, 2017).

Transactions between Hillcrest Educational Center, Inc. and Kids' Place

Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. (Hillcrest) and Kids' Place are two separate and distinct non-profit organizations. While the organizations are under common control, Hillcrest has no economic interest in Kids' Place. Inter-agency activity during the year ended June 30, 2018 consisted of Hillcrest providing administrative and accounting services for which a management fee was charged.



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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

To the Board of Directors of HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC. 788 South Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

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 Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, 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 November 1, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.'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 Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.'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 Organization'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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November 1, 2018

