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**SOUTHSIDE ACADEMY  
MAHONING COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Southside Academy  
Mahoning County  
1833 Market Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southside Academy, Mahoning County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Southside Academy, Mahoning County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2012 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any other assurance.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Federal Awards Revenues and Expenses Schedule provides additional information required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Federal Awards Revenues and Expenses Schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This Schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

March 2, 2012

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011  
(Unaudited)**

The discussion and analysis of the Southside Academy's (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their **Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments** issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A. Due to the fact that this is the School's first year, comparative information will not be available until next year.

**Financial Highlights**

- In total, net assets were \$117,519.
- Total assets were \$978,786. This number is comprised of the current assets as well as the capital assets net of depreciation.
- Liabilities were \$861,267. This number is made up of all of the School's payables at the end of the year.

**Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of three parts, the MD&A, the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Statement of Net Assets**

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question of how the School did financially during 2011. This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's net assets for fiscal year 2011. In future years, a comparison will be made to previous year.

(Table 1)

**Statement of Net Assets**

	<u>2011</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	\$ 962,616
Capital Assets, Net	<u>16,170</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 978,786</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 861,267</u></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 16,170
Unrestricted	<u>101,349</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 117,519</u></u>

Total assets were \$978,786, primarily comprised of a large amount of current assets such as cash, state funding receivable, and grants funding receivable, at year-end. Liabilities were \$861,267 due to the large grant funding and continuing fees payable amounts at year-end. The School operates under a management agreement with BHA Southside, LLC (WHLS). Under the terms of the management agreement, BHA Southside, LLC is paid a 100% of the School's grant funding that is received. (See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, Note 10).



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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets**

Table 2 shows the change in net assets for fiscal year 2011. In future years, a comparison will be made to previous year.

(Table 2)  
**Change in Net Assets**

	2011
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	
State Aid	\$ 4,104,443
 <b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>	
Grants	1,335,634
Total Revenues	5,440,077
 <b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Purchased Services: Management Fees	3,899,221
Purchased Services: Grant Programs	1,319,002
Sponsorship Fees	82,089
Board of Education	3,155
Legal	12,117
Advertising	426
Insurance	6,086
Depreciation	462
Total Expenses	5,322,558
 Change in Net Assets	 \$ 117,519

The School's operating and non-operating revenues in 2011 were the result of the School's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment and the School's federal grant funding received throughout the year. The School's most significant expenses, "Purchased Services: Management Fees" are a result of the management agreement in place between the School and BHA Southside, LLC. The agreement provides that specific percentages of the revenues received by the School will be paid to BHA Southside, LLC to fund operations. (See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, Note 10.)

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**Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2011 the School had \$16,170 in computers and software. Table 3 shows the balance for fiscal year 2011. In future years, a comparison will be made to the previous year.

(Table 3)

**Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>2011</u>
Computers and Software	<u><u>16,170</u></u>

For more information on capital assets, see Note 8 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**Current Financial Issues**

Southside Academy received revenue for 559 students in 2011. State law governing community schools allows for the School to have open enrollment across traditional school district boundaries.

The School receives its support almost entirely from State Aid. Per pupil revenue from State Aid for the School averaged \$7,342 in fiscal year 2011. The School receives additional revenues from grant subsidies.

Although there is a possibility that State Aid will be cut in future years due to the economic climate, the School feels that the relationship with the management company will insulate them from any significant change.

**Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Fiscal Officer at 121 South Main Street, Suite 200, Akron, Ohio 44308.

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2011**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 200,802
State Funding Receivable	118,873
Grants Funding Receivable	<u>642,941</u>
Total Current Assets	962,616

Noncurrent Assets

Capital Assets, net	<u>16,170</u>
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**Total Assets**

**\$ 978,786**

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,403
Sponsorship Fees Payable	2,377
Grants Funding Payable	744,557
Continuing Fees Payable	<u>112,930</u>

**Total Liabilities**

**\$ 861,267**

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 16,170
Unrestricted	<u>101,349</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 117,519</u></u></b>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

State Aid	<u>\$ 4,104,443</u>
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**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Purchased Services: Management Fees	3,899,221
Purchased Services: Grant Programs	1,319,002
Sponsorship Fees	82,089
Legal	12,117
Advertising	426
Insurance	6,086
Board of Education	3,155
Depreciation	462
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>5,322,558</u>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<u>(1,218,115)</u>

**NON-OPERATING REVENUES**

Grants	<u>1,335,634</u>
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues</b>	<u>1,335,634</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	117,519
<b>Net Assets, July 1, 2010</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Assets, June 30, 2011</b>	<u><u>\$ 117,519</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from State Sources	\$ 3,985,570
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(4,460,829)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(475,259)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Paid for Capital Acquisitions	(16,632)
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**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from Grant Programs	<u>692,693</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	200,802
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 200,802</u>

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH  
USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Loss	<u>\$ (1,218,115)</u>
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**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET  
CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Depreciation	462
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
State Funding Receivable	(118,873)
Sponsorship Fees Payable	2,377
Accounts Payable	1,403
Grants Funding Payable	744,557
Continuing Fees Payable	<u>112,930</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>742,856</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>\$ (475,259)</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

Southside Academy (the School) is a state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School contracts with BHA Southside, LLC for most of its functions. (See Note 10.)

The School signed a contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) (Sponsor) to operate for a period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. The School operates under a self-appointing, seven-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The School has one instructional/support facility, which is leased by BHA Southside, LLC. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel employed by BHA Southside, LLC, who provide services to 559 students.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with GASB pronouncements. The School does not apply FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the School's accounting policies are described on the following pages.

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows.

Auditor of State of Ohio Bulletin No. 2000-005 requires the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-end reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net assets. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**C. BUDGETARY PROCESS**

Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract. In addition, the Board adopted an operating budget at the beginning of fiscal year 2011. However, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

**D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

All cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account.

**E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES**

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program which is reflected under "State Aid" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. Revenue received from this program is recognized as operating revenue in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and contributions. Grants, entitlements, and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.



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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES (Continued)**

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2011 school year totaled \$5,440,077.

**F. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

For purposes of recording capital assets, the Board has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.

The capital assets are recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Assets at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, at \$16,170. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over three years for "Computers and Software".

Aside from those mentioned above, the School has no other capital assets, as the School operates under a management agreement with BHA Southside, LLC. (See Note 10.)

**G. USE OF ESTIMATES**

In preparing the financial statements, management is sometimes required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**H. NET ASSETS**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and unrestricted net assets.

**I. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the School's primary activities. For the School, these revenues are primarily State Aid payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and services that are the primary activities of the School. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**A. Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2011, the carrying amount of all School deposits was \$200,802. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2011, none of the School's bank balance of \$206,858 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, since all of the bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School.

**B. Investments**

As of June 30, 2011, the School had no investments.

**4. STATE FUNDING RECEIVABLE**

The School has recognized on its Statement of Net Assets a "State Funding Receivable" for the amount of State Aid directly related to student full-time equivalent (FTE), estimated to be refunded by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to the School based on the difference in the amount the School actually received versus the amount earned through student FTE enrollment as determined at the end of the year. A receivable reflects that the School was funded on a lower estimated enrollment figure throughout the year than what the actual FTE enrollment figure was calculated to be at year-end. At June 30, 2011, the amount of "State Funding Receivable" was \$118,873.

**5. CONTINUING FEES PAYABLE**

A "Continuing Fees Payable" to BHA Southside, LLC has been recorded by the School in the amount of \$112,930 for 95 percent of the "State Funding Receivable" due from the State for the final FTE calculation. (See Note 4.)

**6. GRANTS FUNDING RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE**

The School has recorded "Grants Funding Receivable" in the amount of \$642,941 to account for the remainder of State and Federal awards allocated to the School, but not received as of June 30, 2011. Part of this receivable is due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding that is outstanding at June 30, 2011.

Additionally, under the terms of the management agreement (See Note 10.), the School has recorded a liability to BHA Southside, LLC in the amount of \$744,557 for 100 percent of any State and Federal monies uncollected or unpaid to BHA Southside, LLC as of June 30, 2011.

**7. SPONSORSHIP FEES PAYABLE**

A "Sponsorship Fees Payable" to OCCS has been recorded by the School in the amount of \$2,377 for two percent (2%) of the "State Funding Receivable" due from the State for the FTE liability. (See Note 4.)

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**8. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	Balance		Balance	
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	6/30/2010	Additions	Deletions	6/30/2011
Computers and Software	\$ -	\$ 16,632	\$ -	\$ 16,632
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Computers and Software	-	(462)	-	(462)
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net</b>	\$ -	\$ 16,170	\$ -	16,170

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Property and Liability** - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with BHA Southside, LLC, BHA Southside, LLC has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance pursuant to the Management Agreement (See Note 10.)

**Director and Officer** - Coverage has been purchased by the School with a \$1,000,000 aggregate limit and a \$5,000 or \$10,000 deductible depending on the claim.

**10. AGREEMENT WITH BHA SOUTHSIDE, LLC**

Effective May 13, 2010, the School entered into a Management Agreement (Agreement) with BHA Southside, LLC, which is an educational consulting and management company. The term of the Agreement with BHA Southside, LLC is for 5 years and will renew for additional, successive five (5) year terms unless one party notifies the other party on or before the February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the expiration of the then-current term of its intention to not renew the Agreement. Substantially all functions of the School have been contracted to BHA Southside, LLC. BHA Southside, LLC is responsible and accountable to the School's Board of Directors for the administration and operation of the School. The School is required to pay BHA Southside, LLC a monthly continuing fee of 95 percent of the School's "Qualified Gross Revenues", defined in the Agreement as, all revenues and income received by the School except for charitable contributions and BHA Southside, LLC shall receive 100 percent of any and all grants or funding of any kind generated by BHA Southside, LLC, and its affiliates beyond the regular per pupil state funding received by the School, subject to any terms and conditions attached to the grants, if any. The continuing fee is paid to BHA Southside, LLC based on the qualified gross revenues.

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**10. AGREEMENT WITH BHA SOUTHSIDE, LLC (Continued)**

The School had purchased service expenses for the year ended June 30, 2011, to BHA Southside, LLC, of \$5,218,223 of which \$857,487 was payable to BHA Southside, LLC at June 30, 2011. BHA Southside, LLC will be responsible for all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the School, which include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, building payments, maintenance, capital, and insurance.

**11. SPONSORSHIP FEES**

Under Paragraph D(4) of the sponsor contract with OCCS, it states that the School "...shall pay to the Sponsor, the amount of two percent (2%) of all state funds received each year, in consideration for the time, organization, oversight, fees and costs of the Sponsor pursuant to this contract." Such fees are paid to the OCCS monthly. As indicated on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets, the School incurred \$82,089 in sponsorship fees to OCCS.

**12. MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

For the year ended June 30, 2011, BHA Southside, LLC and its affiliates incurred the following expenses on behalf of the School:

	<b>2011</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Direct Expenses:</b>	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,984,373
Employees' benefits	561,030
Professional and technical services	512,784
Property services	318,399
Travel	2,813
Communications	44,754
Utilities	140,868
Books, periodicals, and films	18,582
Food and related supplies	212,139
Other supplies	50,397
Depreciation	4,569
Other direct costs	46,577
<b>Indirect Expenses:</b>	
Overhead	473,153
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,370,438</b>

Overhead charges are assigned to the School based on a percentage of revenue. These charges represent the indirect cost of services provided in the operation of the School. Such services include, but are not limited to facilities management, equipment, operational support services, management and management consulting, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support, marketing and communications.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**13. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The School has contracted with BHA Southside, LLC to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the School of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the School ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below (See Note 10.)

**A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Plan Description – BHA Southside, LLC, on behalf of the School, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits; annual cost-of-living adjustments; and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and BHA Southside, LLC, on behalf of the School, is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 11.81 percent. The remaining 2.19 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The School's contributions to SERS for the year ended June 30, 2011, was \$51,406, which equaled the required contributions.

**B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Plan Description – BHA Southside, LLC, on behalf of the School, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a

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**13. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)**

reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. BHA Southside, LLC, on behalf of the School, was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

BHA Southside, LLC' required contributions on behalf of the School for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, was \$154,671; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2011. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2011 were \$0 made by the School and \$0 made by the plan members.

**C. SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages. As of June 30, 2011, there were no members that elected Social Security.

**14. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Postemployment Benefits - In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans.

Medicare Part B Plan – The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2011 was \$96.40 for most participants, but could be as high as \$369.10 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

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**14. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**A. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)**

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2011, the actuarially required allocation is .76 percent. BHA Southside, LLC's contributions on behalf of the School for the year ended June 30, 2011, was \$3,308, which equaled the required contributions that year.

Health Care Plan- ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans. The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2011, the health care allocation is 1.43 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2011, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. BHA Southside, LLC's contributions on behalf of the School assigned to health care for the year ended June 30, 2011, was \$12,925.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

**B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Plan Description – BHA Southside, LLC's, on behalf of the School contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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**14. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**B. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2011, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, was \$11,898; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2011.

**15. CONTINGENCES**

**Grants**

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

As of June 30, 2011, the School had not applied applied for their tax exempt status. However, the School just completed the application to become a 501(c)3 entity. To date, the School has not heard back from the IRS regarding their application.



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**FEDERAL AWARDS REVENUES AND EXPENSES SCHEDULE  
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<b>Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Number</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u></b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
National School Lunch Program	012105-3L60-2011	10.555	\$ 182,305	\$ 182,305
School Breakfast Program	012105-3L70-2011	10.553	87,642	87,642
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Total U.S. Department of Agriculture - Child Nutrition Cluster			269,947	269,947
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<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	012105-3M00-2011	84.010	112,035	112,035
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, Title II-A	012105-3Y60-2011	84.367	3,596	3,596
Educational Technology State Grants, Title II-D	012105-3S20-2011	84.318	57	57
Special Education Grants to States, IDEA - B	012105-3M20-2011	84.027	93,551	93,551
ARRA - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Education State Grants	012105-GRF-2011	84.394	339,852	339,852
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Total U.S. Department of Education			549,091	549,091
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<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 819,038</b>	<b>\$ 819,038</b>
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*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS REVENUES AND EXPENSES SCHEDULE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Federal Awards Revenues and Expenses Schedule (the Schedule) reports the Southside Academy's federal award programs' revenues and expenses. The Schedule presents the grant activity of the School on a cash basis as performed by the Management Company in accordance with the Management Agreement. Grant activity presented on the School's GAAP basis financial statements reflects the receipt of grant monies from the grantors and payment of those monies to the Management Company, also in accordance with the Management Agreement.

**NOTE B – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The School commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenses on this Schedule, the School assumes it expends Federal monies first.

**NOTE C - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS**

The School generally must spend Federal assistance within 15 months of receipt. However, with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approval, a School can transfer (carryover) unspent Federal assistance to the succeeding year, thus allowing the School a total of 27 months to spend the assistance. During fiscal year 2011, the Ohio Department of Education authorized the following transfer:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred from 2011 to 2012</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$ 443,956
Educational Technology State Grants, Title II-D	84.318	18,123
Educational Technology State Grants, Title II-D	84.318	1,796
Special Education Grants to States, IDEA – B	84.027	47,792
Education Jobs Fund	84.410	246,594



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Southside Academy  
Mahoning County  
1833 Market Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Southside Academy, Mahoning County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2012. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, Board of Directors, the Community School's sponsor, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and others within the School. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

March 2, 2012



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Southside Academy  
Mahoning County  
1833 Market Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

To the Board of Directors:

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Southside Academy, Mahoning County, Ohio, (the School) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the Southside Academy's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. The *summary of auditor's results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the School's major federal programs. The School's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to opine on the School's compliance based on our audit.

Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance occurred with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School's compliance with these requirements and performing other procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the School's compliance with these requirements.

In our opinion, the Southside Academy complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

### Internal Control Over Compliance

The School's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined 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, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. 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 federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a matter involving federal compliance or internal control over federal compliance not requiring inclusion in this report, that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated March 2, 2012.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Board of Directors, the Community School's sponsor, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

March 2, 2012

**SOUTHSIDE ACADEMY  
MAHONING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under § .510?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	ARRA - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund- Education State Grants Recovery Act CFDA #84.394  <u>Child Nutrition Cluster</u> National School Lunch Program CFDA #10.555 School Breakfast Program CFDA #10.553
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None





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## Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedure

Southside Academy  
Mahoning County  
1833 Market Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

To the Board of Directors:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Southside Academy (the School) has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board adopted an anti-harassment policy at its meeting on August 4, 2010.
2. We read the policy, noting it included the following requirements from Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666(B):
  - (1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events;
  - (2) A definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that shall include the definition in division (A) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666;
  - (3) A procedure for reporting prohibited incidents;
  - (4) A requirement that school personnel report prohibited incidents of which they are aware to the school principal or other administrator designated by the principal;
  - (5) A requirement that parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident be notified and, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, have access to any written reports pertaining to the prohibited incident;
  - (6) A procedure for documenting any prohibited incident that is reported;

(7) A procedure for responding to and investigating any reported incident;

(8) A strategy for protecting a victim from additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report;

(9) A disciplinary procedure for any student guilty of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, which shall not infringe on any student's rights under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(10) A requirement that the district administration semiannually provide the president of the district board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on its web site, if the district has a web site, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended;

(11) The policy included violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education and the Community School's sponsor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

March 2, 2012



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**SOUTHSIDE ACADEMY**

**MAHONING COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 29, 2012**