



Audit Report, Office of Management and Budget
Circular A-133 Reports Including Supplemental
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as of
and for the Year Ended June 30, 2012



**BENNETT VENTURE
ACADEMY**

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGED BY NATIONAL HERITAGE ACADEMIES



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Bennett Venture Academy
5130 Bennett Road
Toledo, Ohio 43612

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Bennett Venture Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 15, 2013

This page intentionally left blank.

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS'	1-2
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS	3-5
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012:	
Statement of Net Assets	6
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets	7
Statement of Cash Flows	8
Notes to Financial Statements	9-18
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012---	19
Supplemental Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	20-21
NOTE TO SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS	22
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY <i>GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</i>	23-24
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	25-26
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS	27-28
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS	29

This page intentionally left blank.

Rockefeller Building
614 W Superior Ave Ste 1242
Cleveland OH 44113-1306
Office phone - (216) 575-1630
Fax - (216) 436-2411

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Bennett Venture Academy
Lucas County
5130 Bennett Road
Toledo, OH 43612

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, Ohio, (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy'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 that 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 financial position of the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2012, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof 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 January 10, 2013, on our consideration of the Academy'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. 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 Academy's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards provides additional information as required by 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 supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates 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, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

January 10, 2013

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS OF AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

The discussion and analysis of Bennett Venture Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities through June 30, 2012. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements, which immediately follow this section, to enhance their understanding of the Academy'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 Government issued June, 1999.

Financial Highlights

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, total assets were \$377,628, total liabilities were \$360,051, and total net assets were \$17,577.

Using this Financial Report

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

Reporting the Academy as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Academy is, "As a whole, what is the Academy's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, which appear first in the Academy's financial statements, report information on the Academy as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets – as one way to measure the Academy's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Academy's net assets – as reported in the Statement of Net Assets – are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the Academy's operating results. However, the Academy's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the school, to assess the overall health of the Academy.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets report the activities for the Academy, which encompass all the Academy’s services, including instruction, support services, community services, and food services. Unrestricted state aid and state and federal grants finance most of these activities. The Academy has entered into a management agreement (the “Agreement”) with National Heritage Academies, Inc. (“NHA”) which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. Under the terms of the agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources.

The table below provides a summary of the Academy’s net assets for fiscal years ended June 30:

	2012	2011
Assets—current	\$ 377,628	\$ 539,851
Liabilities—current	<u>360,051</u>	<u>511,884</u>
Net assets—unrestricted	<u>\$ 17,577</u>	<u>\$ 27,967</u>

The unrestricted net assets represent the accumulated results of the Academy’s operations to date. These assets can be used to finance day to day operations without constraints, such as legislative or legal requirements. The results of the current year operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, which shows the change in net assets.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

The table below shows the changes in net assets as well as a listing of revenues and expenses for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	2012	2011
Operating revenues:		
Foundation payments	\$ 4,960,471	\$ 4,868,802
Food services	19,868	22,197
Other revenues	<u>27,134</u>	<u>24,992</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>5,007,473</u>	<u>4,915,991</u>
Operating expenses—		
Contracted service fee	<u>6,318,393</u>	<u>6,948,102</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,310,920)</u>	<u>(2,032,111)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:		
Federal grants	1,004,014	1,479,733
State grants	6,061	10,454
Private sources—NHA	<u>290,455</u>	<u>544,269</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>1,300,530</u>	<u>2,034,456</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (10,390)</u>	<u>\$ 2,345</u>

As reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, the cost of business activities was \$6,318,393. These activities were primarily funded by the Academy's state aid (based on student count) and governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants. *Revenue – private sources – NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for the excess of Academy expenses over public revenues available.

The Academy experienced a decrease in net assets of \$10,390 in 2012. Under the terms of the agreement with NHA, NHA provides a spending account to the Board of Directors for discretionary expenditures. The primary reason for the change in net assets is the timing of these discretionary expenditures.

General Economic Factors

The Academy depends on legislative and governmental support to fund its operations. Based on information currently available, no significant changes are expected to occur in the nature of the funding or operations of the Academy in 2013.

Contacting the Academy's Financial Management

The financial report is designed to provide users of the report with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, contact the Chief Financial Officer of National Heritage Academies, Inc., 3850 Broadmoor SE, Ste. 201, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2012

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 17,577
Intergovernmental receivables	<u>360,051</u>

Total assets	<u>377,628</u>
--------------	----------------

LIABILITIES:

Deferred revenue	2,102
Contracted service fee payable	<u>357,949</u>

Total liabilities	<u>360,051</u>
-------------------	----------------

NET ASSETS — Unrestricted	<u>\$ 17,577</u>
---------------------------	------------------

See notes to financial statements.

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Foundation payments	\$ 4,960,471
Food services	19,868
Other revenues	<u>27,134</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>5,007,473</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES — Contracted service fee	<u>6,318,393</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(1,310,920)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
Federal grants	1,004,014
State grants	6,061
Private sources — NHA	<u>290,455</u>
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>1,300,530</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(10,390)
NET ASSETS — Beginning of year	<u>27,967</u>
NET ASSETS — End of year	<u><u>\$ 17,577</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from State of Ohio	\$ 4,959,296
Cash received from food services	19,868
Cash received from other operating revenue	28,456
Cash paid on behalf of the Academy for goods and services	<u>(6,181,093)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,173,473)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Federal grants received	1,157,022
State grants received	<u>6,061</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>1,163,083</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(10,390)
CASH — Beginning of year	<u>27,967</u>
CASH — End of year	<u>\$ 17,577</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating loss	\$ (1,310,920)
Support from private sources — NHA	290,455
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Change in intergovernmental receivables affecting operating revenue	(1,175)
Change in deferred revenue	1,322
Change in contracted service fee payable	<u>(153,155)</u>
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (1,173,473)</u>
NON-CASH ACTIVITY:	
Support from private sources — NHA	<u>\$ 290,455</u>

See notes to financial statements.

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Bennett Venture Academy (the "Academy") is an Ohio Public School Academy which provides education based on rigorous teaching methods, parental involvement, student responsibility, and basic moral values. The Academy operates under an approved charter originally received from Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West ("ESCLEW") which is responsible for oversight of the Academy's operations. Effective July 22, 2005, the sponsorship of the Academy was assigned from ESCLEW to Buckeye Community Hope Foundation ("Buckeye" or the "Sponsor"). The charter expires on June 30, 2015 and will automatically renew on a year-to-year basis, unless at least 90 days written notice is given by either the Academy or the Buckeye. The Academy provides education to students in kindergarten through the eighth grade, at no cost to the parent. Enrollment is open to all appropriately aged children without regard to gender, ethnic background, disability, and/or religious affiliation.

The Academy was established and is operated as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code and believes itself to be exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1) because its income is derived from the exercise of an essential governmental function and accrues to the State of Ohio. Donations to the Academy qualify as a charitable deduction under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1).

The Academy operates under the direction of a Board of Directors (the "Board"). 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 Board has entered into a services agreement (the "Agreement") with National Heritage Academies, Inc. ("NHA") which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the Agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. The facility lease term is from July 1st to June 30th and is renewable on a year to year basis. The Agreement will continue until termination or expiration of the charter contract, inclusive of any charter contract renewal periods, unless at least 90 days written notice of intent to terminate is given by either the Academy or NHA.

Under the terms of the Agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources. NHA provides a spending account to the Board for discretionary expenses on an annual basis. *Revenues — Private sources — NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for the excess of Academy expenses over public revenues available.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) 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 Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy does not apply FASB statements or interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the Academy’s accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The Academy’s 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.

B. 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. The statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprises activities.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of Accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy’s financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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 purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. Budgetary Process

The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast, which is to be updated on an

annual basis. Chapter 5705.391(A) of the Ohio Revised Code also requires the Academy to prepare a 5-year forecast, update it annually, and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education.

E. Estimates

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

F. Cash Deposits

For cash management, all cash received by the Academy is pooled in a non-interest bearing central bank account. Total cash for the Academy is presented as "Cash" on the accompanying Statement of Net Assets. Cash as of June 30, 2012 represents bank deposits, which are covered by federal depository insurance.

G. Current Liabilities

Contracted Service Fee Payable — this amount consists of payments due to NHA for management services rendered in fiscal year 2012.

H. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Intergovernmental Revenues — The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the Student Intervention Services Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as nonoperating revenue in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

I. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. At fiscal year end June 30, 2012, the Academy had no restricted net assets.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At fiscal year end June 30, 2012, the Academy's bank balance was \$18,382. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2012, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed

below and 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 Academy will not be able to recover the deposits. 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 the Federal Reserve Bank 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 Academy.

4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2012, consisted of intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year.

A summary of the principle items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
Title I	\$ 166,888
Race to the Top	96,446
Title I School Improvement	45,082
IDEA Flow-Through	31,134
Title IIA	10,945
National School Lunch and Breakfast	5,276
Title IID	3,105
Due from State	825
Entry Level Teacher	<u>350</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u>\$ 360,051</u>

5. PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – NHA and contractors of NHA, on behalf of certain employees at the Academy, contribute to the School Employees Retirement System (“SERS”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by 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 may be obtained on SERS’ website at www.ohsers.org, under Employers/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy – Plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and NHA is required to contribute at an actuarially

determined rate. NHA's current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of NHA contributions are used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, 12.65 percent and 0.05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The remaining 1.3 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare Funds. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

NHA's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010, were \$36,110, \$36,679, and \$43,831, respectively; and 100 percent was contributed for each fiscal year.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – NHA, on behalf of teachers at the Academy, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (“STRS Ohio”), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on Ohio STRS' website at www.strsoh.org, under Publications.

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 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 – Plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. NHA was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was 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.

NHA's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010, were \$249,038, \$248,000 and \$226,839 respectively; 100 percent was contributed for each fiscal year.

6. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – NHA and contractors of NHA, on behalf of certain employees at the Academy, participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, 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 Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 2012 was \$99.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$319.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which may be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org, under Employers/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For fiscal year 2012, 0.55 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. 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 2.0 percent

of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2012, the actuarially determined amount was \$35,800.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The 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.

NHA's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010 were \$3,221, \$2,158, and \$3,807 respectively, 100 percent was contributed in each fiscal year.

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 2012, the actuarially required allocation is 0.75 percent of covered payroll. NHA's contributions (including surcharge) to the Medicare B Fund for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$3,293, \$1,990, and \$2,379 respectively, 100 percent was contributed in each fiscal year.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - NHA, on behalf of teachers at the Academy, contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by 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, under Publications.

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 2012, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund.

NHA's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$19,157, \$19,077, and \$16,203 respectively; 100 percent was contributed for each fiscal year.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability. Commercial insurance policies to cover certain risks of loss have been obtained through Indiana Insurance Company. General liability coverage provides \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate with no deductible. The Indiana Insurance Company also provides umbrella liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, as well as, in the aggregate. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during fiscal

year 2012, and claims did not exceed coverage less retained risk deductible amounts during the past three fiscal years.

8. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants/Student Attendance Data

The Auditor of State is currently performing a statewide review of supporting documentation for student attendance data reported to the Ohio Department of Education. The results of this review are still pending and will be reported separately to the Ohio Department of Education at a later date.

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. This also encompasses the Auditor of State's ongoing review of student attendance data. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Academy.

B. State Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and FTE calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The results of this review could result in the State funding being adjusted. The Academy does not anticipate any material adjustments to State funding for fiscal year 2012, as a result of such a review.

9. RELATED PARTY

The Board members of Bennett Venture Academy are also the same Board members for Winterfield Venture Academy; both Academies are managed by NHA.

10. CONTRACTED SERVICE FEE

NHA incurred the following actual direct and indirect expenses on behalf of the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2012:

Direct expenses:

Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 3,155,563
Professional and technical services	640,303
Contracted (trade) services	23,660
Property services	1,009,941
Books, periodicals, films	24,231
Supplies	185,882
Utilities	71,560
Food service	279,262
Travel and training	67,385
Purchases services	99,466
Equipment lease and purchases	88,547
Field trips and student activities	19,180
Insurance and property taxes	<u>14,401</u>

Total direct expenses 5,679,381

Total indirect expenses (overhead) 639,012

Total contracted service fee \$ 6,318,393

NHA charges expenses benefiting more than one school (i.e. indirect overhead expenses) based on key cost drivers. These charges represent indirect cost of services provided in the operation of the Academy. Such services include, but are not limited to facilities management, equipment, operational support services, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support and marketing and communications.

11. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

The Academy entered into a sponsorship agreement with the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation on July 22, 2005. This agreement provides that Buckeye receives approximately one percent of State Foundation funds received by the Academy from the State of Ohio. This amounted to \$99,466 for fiscal year 2012.

12. OPERATING LEASE

The Academy has entered into a sub-lease for classroom facilities with NHA located at 5131 Bennett Road, Toledo, Ohio, 43612. The terms of the lease are for one year commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30. For the fiscal year 2012, the rental amounts for the lease were \$806,080 annually, payable in equal monthly installments of \$67,173. In addition, the lease terms require the Academy to be responsible for all costs associated with the facilities including property taxes and maintenance costs.

The Academy subsequently renewed the sub-lease with NHA for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at the same rental rate.

* * * * *

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
U.S. Department of Education—				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Title I Cluster:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2012	84.010	<u>319,576</u>	<u>391,559</u>
			319,576	391,559
ARRA Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2011	84.389	260,784	181,003
Title I School Improvement (Sub A)	2011	84.010	18,394	13,290
Title I School Improvement (Sub A)	2012		<u>13,906</u>	<u>28,985</u>
			<u>32,300</u>	<u>42,275</u>
Total Title I Cluster			<u>612,660</u>	<u>614,837</u>
Title IIA Improving Teacher Quality	2011	84.367	12,486	12,486
Title IID Technology Education	2011	84.318	5,327	5,327
	2012		<u>277</u>	<u>277</u>
			5,604	5,604
Race to the Top	2011	84.395A	27,594	-
Race to the Top	2012		86,618	165,362
Race to the Top - Resident Educator	2012		<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
			114,212	165,712
Special Education Cluster—				
IDEA Part B	2012	84.027	100,142	131,276
ARRA IDEA Part B	2011	84.391	69,083	16,823
ARRA IDEA Preschool	2011	84.392	<u>2,051</u>	<u>365</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>171,276</u>	<u>148,464</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>916,238</u>	<u>947,103</u>

(Continued)

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - continued YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
U.S. Department of Agriculture:				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Direct Program:				
Non-Cash Assistance:				
National School Lunch Program—				
Entitlement Commodities	2012	10.555	<u>17,380</u>	<u>17,380</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Cash Assistance:				
National School Breakfast Program	2011	10.553	773	-
	2012		<u>29,469</u>	<u>30,081</u>
			30,242	30,081
National School Lunch Program	2011	10.555	7,998	-
	2012		<u>197,189</u>	<u>201,853</u>
			<u>205,187</u>	<u>201,853</u>
Total Cash Assistance			<u>235,429</u>	<u>231,934</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>252,809</u>	<u>249,314</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$ 1,169,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,417</u>

See note to supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

(Concluded)

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards is a summary of the activity of the Academy's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

2. Food Distribution

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at entitlement value of the commodities received and disbursed. Monies are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2012, the Academy had food commodities in inventory.

Rockefeller Building
614 W Superior Ave Ste 1242
Cleveland OH 44113-1306
Office phone - (216) 575-1630
Fax - (216) 436-2411

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

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

Bennett Venture Academy
Lucas County
5130 Bennett Road
Toledo, OH 43612

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2013. 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 Controls Over Financial Reporting

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

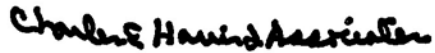
A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy'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 Academy'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 such 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, the Board of Directors, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and others within the Academy. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Harris".

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.

January 10, 2013

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

Bennett Venture Academy
Lucas County
5130 Bennett Road
Toledo, OH 43612

To the Board of Directors:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) compliance 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 Academy's federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2012. The *summary of auditor's results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Academy's major federal programs. The Academy'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 Academy'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 Academy'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 Academy's compliance with these requirements.

In our opinion, the Bennett Venture Academy, Lucas County, Ohio complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2012.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Charles Harris Associates

CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

January 10, 2013

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iii)	<i>Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
(d)(1)(v)	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	<i>Are there any reportable findings under Section .510 (a)</i>	No
(d)(1)(vii)	<i>Major Programs:</i>	Title I - CFDA # 84.010 ARRA Title I - CFDA # 84.389
(d)(1)(viii)	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	No

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS - continued
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

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

None

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
2011-1	The grantee did not perform a search for vendors on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) website prior to incurring an obligation when the individual transaction equaled or exceeded \$25,000	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid
2011-2	The time and effort certification could not be provided for all selections.	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid

This page intentionally left blank.



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY

LUCAS 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 28, 2013**