# CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY MIDDLE CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

# **REGULAR AUDIT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013



# **Constellation Schools**

"The Right Choice for Parents and a Real Chance for Children!"



Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle 4430 State Road Cleveland, OH 44109

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 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 Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

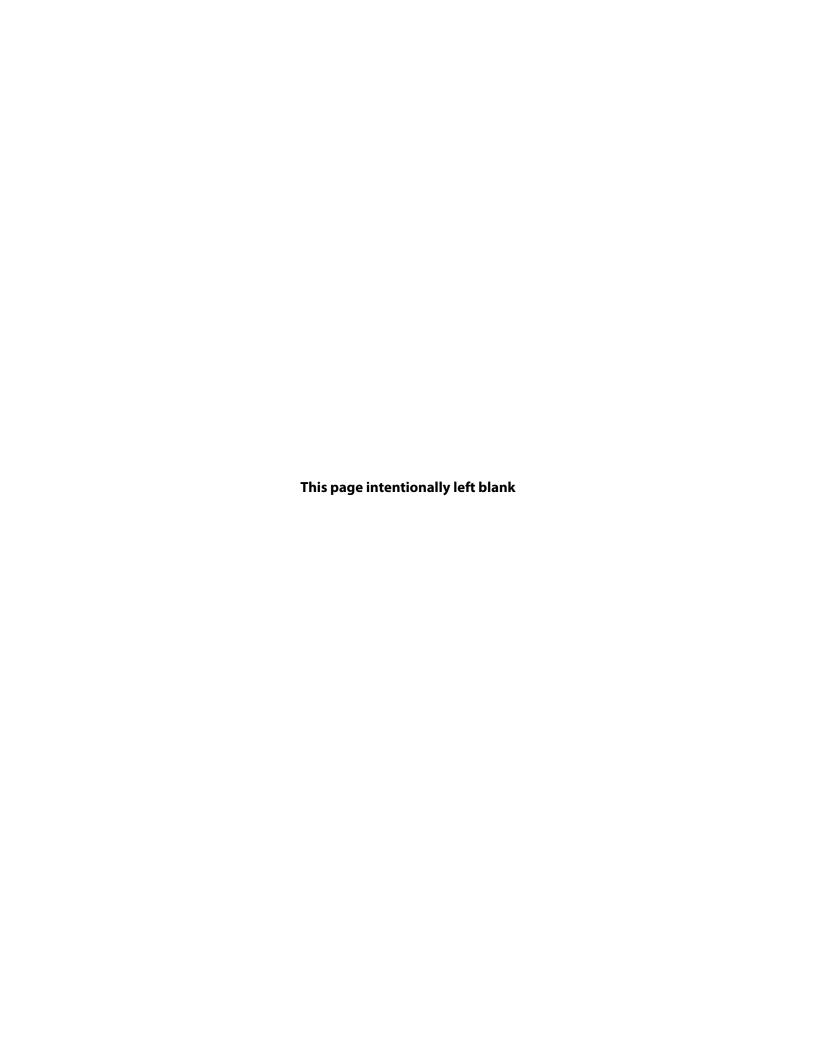
Dave Yost Auditor of State

December 9, 2013

# CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY MIDDLE CUYAHOGA COUNTY

# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

IIILE	PAGE
Independent Auditor's Report	1
Management's Discussion and Analysis	3
Basic Financial Statements	9
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements	13
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i>	27
Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures	29





### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

November 19, 2013

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle 4430 State Road Cleveland, OH 44109

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Independent Auditor's Report Page 2

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the School, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting 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 assurance.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2013 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kea & Chrociater, Inc.

Medina, Ohio

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle's (OBCM) financial performance provides an overall review of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance of OBCM as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the financial performance of OBCM.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2013 include the following:

- In total, net position increased \$37,910, which represents a 31.0% increase from 2012. This increase is due to increased enrollment resulting in increased state basic aid.
- Total assets increased \$42,881, which represents a 32.6% increase from 2012. This increase is from increases in cash, offset by decreases in receivables and capital asset depreciation.
- Liabilities increased by \$4,971, which represents a 53.5% increase from 2012. Increases occurred in accounts payables with a decrease in deferred revenue from last year.
- Operating revenues increased by \$182,284, which represents a 14.7% increase from 2012. This is a direct result of increased enrollment from the previous year.
- Expenses increased slightly by \$12,609 which represents a 0.8% increase from 2012. Operating expense increases are due to increases in personnel, special education services, food services, and student activities and were lowered by reductions in administrative services, textbooks software and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Non-operating revenues decreased by \$22,979 which represents a 12.3% decrease from 2012. This is due to reductions of federal grants and due to the expiration of stimulus funding.

### **Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of three parts, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

### **Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position looks at how well OBCM has performed financially through June 30, 2013. This statement includes all of the assets, liabilities and net assets using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended.

The following schedule provides a summary Statement of Net Position for fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 for OBCM.

	2013	2012	Change	%
Assets				
Cash	\$90,918	\$30,150	\$60,768	201.6%
Other Current Assets	4,398	12,992	(8,594)	-66.1%
Non-Current Assets	25,000	25,000	0	100.0%
Capital Assets	54,091	63,384	(9,293)	-14.7%
Total Assets	174,407	131,526	42,881	32.6%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	14,271	9,300	4,971	53.5%
Total Liabilities	14,271	9,300	4,971	53.5%
Net Position				
Investment in Capital Assets	54,091	63,384	(9,293)	-14.7%
Unrestricted	106,045	58,842	47,203	80.2%
Total Net Position	\$160,136	\$122,226	\$37,910	31.0%

Net Position increased \$37,910, due to a combination of competing factors. Increased enrollment funding was offset by decreased federal stimulus funding. Expenditures increased slightly due to increases in personnel and special education services and decreases in other operating expenses. Cash increased \$60,768; due from other governments decreased \$190; prepaid expenses decreased \$8,404 and net capital assets decreased \$9,293 from 2012. Accounts payable increased \$6,796; and deferred revenues decreased \$1,825 from 2012.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

# Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reports operating and non-operating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

The following schedule provides a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for OBCM for fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012.

	2013	2012	Change	%
Revenues				
Foundation and Poverty Based				
Assistance Revenues	\$1,330,467	\$1,165,424	\$165,043	14.2%
Other Operating Revenues	95,728	78,487	17,241	22.0%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	1,426,195	1,243,911	182,284	14.7%
Federal and State Grants	163,470	186,449	(22,979)	-12.3%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	163,470	186,449	(22,979)	-12.3%
Total Revenues	1,589,665	1,430,360	159,305	11.1%
Expenses				
Salaries	597,660	556,232	41,428	7.4%
Fringe Benefits	165,211	167,273	(2,062)	-1.2%
Purchased Services	678,164	634,155	44,009	6.9%
Materials and Supplies	41,445	74,343	(32,898)	-44.3%
Capital Outlay	13,015	13,353	(338)	-2.5%
Depreciation and Amortization	17,421	59,856	(42,435)	-70.9%
Other Expenses	38,839	33,934	4,905	14.5%
Total Expenses	1,551,755	1,539,146	12,609	0.8%
Changes in Net Position	37,910	(108,786)	146,696	-134.8%
Net Position: Beginning of the Year	122,226	231,012	(108,786)	-47.1%
Net Position: End of Year	\$160,136	\$122,226	\$37,910	31.0%

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Net Position increased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 and decreased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. This is due to increased enrollment, changes in federal stimulus funding and expenditures for both years, as well as decreases in contributions during fiscal years 2012. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase or decrease as the number of classes increase and decrease other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received for capital improvements to our building and to purchase various educational programs and equipment.

Overall, revenues increased by \$159,305 from 2012 to 2013. The most significant revenue differences are increases from Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance funds due to increased enrollment totaling \$160,986, increases in Casino tax collections of \$4,057 and decreases in federal grants and minor state grants totaling \$22,979. Increases also occurred in other operating income totaling \$17,241 from lunch program, materials fees and other income.

Expenses increased slightly from 2012 to 2013 because of increased enrollment and student services. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$39,366 due to staff additions and normal annual increases. Purchased services increased \$44,009 due to increases in student services and food services. Materials and Supplies decreased \$32,898 due to decreased purchases of instructional software and textbooks and Capital Outlay decreased \$338. Depreciation decreased \$42,435 as a result of equipment and furniture reaching the end of their useful lives and are therefore, fully depreciated. Other Expenses increased slightly by \$4,905 from the prior year.

### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2013, OBCM had \$54,091 invested in technology, software, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation. This is a \$9,293 decrease from June 30, 2012.

The following schedule provides a summary of Capital Assets as of June 30, 2013 and 2012 for OBCM:

	2013	2012	Change	%
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)				
Technology and Software	\$9,598	\$6,416	\$3,182	49.6%
Furniture and Equipment	44,493	56,968	(12,475)	-21.9%
Net Capital Assets	\$54,091	\$63,384	(\$9,293)	-14.7%

For more information on capital assets see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

### **Current Financial Issues**

Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle opened in March of 2006. It has grown from 72 students, six teaching staff members and expenses of \$230,680 to a total of 192 students, 15 teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,551,755 (please note that the first year of operations was for only one-third of a school year). Grades 5 through 8 were split off from Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary (OBCE) to form Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle. This is providing more flexibility in the curriculum for each student. During 2008, OBCE sold the property it owned to the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (IDA). During the 2009 fiscal year the school moved into a newly constructed addition to the building it occupies along with OBCE.

During the past year as the nation continues to recover from a major economic downturn, the Board of Directors, school management and school staff have worked diligently to ensure that the school maintains the high level of educational services and financial integrity that we have always provided. Our goal is to provide a strong educational product for our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during our previous years.

# **Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the finances for OBCM and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Treasurer/CFO Thomas F. Babb, CPA, by mail at Constellation Schools LLC, 5730 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio 44134; by e-mail at babb.thomas@constellationschools.com; by calling 216.712.7600; or by faxing 216.712.7601.

This page intentionally left blank

# Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2013

# Assets:

### **Current Assets:**

Cash	\$90,918
Due from Other Governments	4,398
Total Current Assets	95,316
Non-Current Assets:	
Security Deposits	25,000
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	54,091
Total Non-Current Assets	79,091
Total Assets	174,407
<u>Liabilities:</u> <u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	7,206
Deferred Revenue	7,065
Total Liabilities	14,271_
Net Position:	
Investment in Capital Assets	54,091
Unrestricted	106,045
Total Net Position	\$160,136

# Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

### **Operating Revenues:**

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues Other Operating Revenues	\$1,330,467 95,728
Total Operating Revenues	1,426,195
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	597,660
Fringe Benefits	165,211
Purchased Services	678,164
Materials and Supplies	41,445
Capital Outlay	13,015
Depreciation	17,421
Other Operating Expenses	38,839
Total Operating Expenses	1,551,755
Operating Loss	(125,560)
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Federal and State Grants	163,470
Total Non-Operating Revenues	163,470
Change in Net Position	37,910
Net Position at Beginning of the Year	122,226
Net Position at End of Year	\$160,136

# Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

# **Increase (Decrease) in Cash:**

# **Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$1,330,467
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(921,719)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(597,660)
Other Operating Revenues	93,903
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(95,009)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Federal and State Grants Received	163,905
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	163,905
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(8,128)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(8,128)
Net Increase in Cash	60,768
Cash at Beginning of Year	30,150
	***
Cash at End of Year	\$90,918

# Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 (Continued)

# Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:

Operating Loss	(\$125,560)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to <a href="Net Cash Used for Operating Activities">Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</a> :	
Depreciation	17,421
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(245)
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	8,404
Increase in Accounts Payable	6,796
(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(1,825)
Total Adjustments	30,551
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$95,009)

- A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle (OBCM) is a nonprofit corporation established on December 5, 2003 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. On March 28, 2006, OBCM received a determination letter confirming tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the tax-exempt status of OBCM. OBCM, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. OBCM may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of OBCM.

OBCM was approved for operation as Village Community School (VCS) under a contract dated January 20, 2004 between the Governing Authority (Board) of OBCM and the Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC). On July 22, 2005 OBCM (as VCS) entered in to a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to replace LCESC as the sponsor. The contract with BCHF has been renewed with a current expiration date of June 30, 2015. Sponsorship fees payable to BCHF are calculated as 3% of the Foundation payments received by OBCM, from the State of Ohio. See Note XI for further discussion of the sponsor services.

OBCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide legal, financial, business and educational management services for fiscal year 2012. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2012. See Note XI for further discussion of this management agreement.

OBCM operates under a five member Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualification of teachers. The Board of Directors controls OBCM instructional facility staffed by fifteen certificated full time teaching personnel and three support staff who provided services to 192 students. During 2013, the board members for OBCM also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary, Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Elementary, Constellation Schools: Stockyard Community Middle and Constellation Schools: Madison Community Elementary.

### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of OBCM have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (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 more significant of OBCM's accounting policies are described below.

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### 1. Basis of Presentation

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, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

### 2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment 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 Position. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total position.

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. OBCM prepares financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which OBCM receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when the use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which OBCM must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to OBCM on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

# 3. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2013, OBCM has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position".

GASB Statement No. 63 provides financial and reporting guidance for *deferred outflows* of resources and *deferred inflows of resources* which are financial statement elements that are distinct from assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 63 standardizes the presentation of deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 63 has changed the presentation of OBCM's financial statements to incorporate

# - A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

the concepts of net position, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

### 4. Cash

All monies received by OBCM are deposited in demand deposit accounts.

### 5. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391 OBCM prepares and adopts an annual budget which includes estimated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year and a five year forecast of revenues and expenditures. OBCM will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

### 6. Due From Other Governments

Moneys due OBCM for the year ended June 30, 2013 are recorded as Due From Other Governments. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the moneys to be due.

### 7. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the dates received. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of \$1,000 or more are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation of technology, software, furniture and equipment is computed using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to fixed assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets or less. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Capital Asset Classification	Years
Technology & Software	3 to 5
Furniture and Equipment	10

- A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### 8. Intergovernmental Revenues

OBCM currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Poverty Based Assistance Program and Casino Tax Distribution. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. OBCM also participates in Federal Entitlement Programs, the Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program, Race to the Top and various State Grant Programs. State and Federal Grants and Entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2013 school year totaled \$1,493,937.

### 9. Private Grants and Contributions

OBCM receives grants and contributions from private sources to support the schools programs. Private grants and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are received. The school did not receive any grants and contributions for the 2013 school year.

### 10. Compensated Absences

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, OBCM does not accrue vacation time as a liability.

Sick leave benefits are earned at the rate of one and one-quarter day per month and can be accrued up to a maximum of one hundred twenty days. OBCM will accept the transfer of sick days from another school district up to the maximum accrual amount. No financial accrual for sick time is made since unused sick time is not paid to employees upon employment termination.

### 11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

### 12. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. The deferred revenue for OBCM consists of materials fees received in the current year which pertains to the next school year.

- A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2013, the carrying amount of OBCM's deposits totaled \$90,918 and its bank balance was \$102,679. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2013, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$40,759 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, OBCM 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 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 OBCM.

### IV. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$163,420
Pupil Support Services	63,703
Staff Development & Support	16,006
Administrative	137,585
Occupancy Costs	264,135
Food Services	20,528
Student Activities	2,049
Transportation	10,738
Total Purchased Services	\$678,164

# - A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### V. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2013 follows:

	Balance			Balance
	6/30/12	Additions	Deletions	6/30/13
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Technology and Software	\$295,841	\$10,471	(\$25,672)	\$280,640
Furniture and Equipment	115,008	0	(738)	114,270
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	410,849	10,471	(26,410)	394,910
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Technology and Software	(289,425)	(5,327)	23,710	(271,042)
Furniture and Equipment	(58,040)	(12,094)	357	(69,777)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(347,465)	(17,421)	24,067	(340,819)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$63,384	(\$6,950)	(\$2,343)	\$54,091

# VI. Operating Lease

OBCM leases its facility from Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary (OBCE) under a one-year sub-lease agreement with the ability to renew annually. Under the terms of the sub-lease OBCM made monthly lease payments of \$22,000. OBCE charged a total of \$264,000 from OBCM for rent during the year. As of June 30, 2013, all monies due OBCE from OBCM have been paid.

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

On January 23, 2008 OBCE closed a multi-school, multi-property bond financing arrangement with the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (IDA). Under terms of the bond agreement IDA acquired the property owned by OBCE for the remaining mortgage balance carried by OBCM at the time. In addition IDA financed a multi-million dollar building expansion to meet increasing demand for enrollment. The property is leased back to OBCE through annual lease renewals through January 2038. Effective with the sale of the property to IDA, OBCM was provided a sublease, and as part of the bond financing arrangement, OBCM, as sub-lessor, is required to provide various reports with OBCE to IDA. The Bond Indenture requires OBCE to meet certain covenants. As of June 30, 2013 OBCE is in compliance with those covenants.

### VII. Risk Management

# 1. Property and Liability Insurance

OBCM is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2013, OBCM contracted with Indiana Insurance Company for all of its' insurance.

General property and liability is covered at \$10,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$11,000,000 aggregated. Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles are covered at \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Other coverage includes Employee Crime, School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, Electronic Data Processing and Business Interruption. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been any significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

### 2. Workers' Compensation

OBCM makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There has been one claim filed by OBCM employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2013. There have not been any payments made for the claim. In the opinion of management, these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of OBCM as June 30, 2013.

### 3. Employee Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Benefits

OBCM provides medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. Total insurance benefits paid by OBCM for the fiscal year is \$67,456.

- A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

### 1. State Teachers Retirement System

OBCM 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 stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

The DB Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the "formula benefit" or the "money-purchase benefit" calculation. Under the "formula benefit," the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the members' three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years until 100% of the final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the "money-purchase benefit" calculation, a member's lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. The total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

- A Community School -Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

DC Plan benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members' accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the members' designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Member contributions in the Combined Plan are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A members' defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the members' final average salary by the members' years of service credit. The defined portion of the Combined Plan is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

The DB and Combined Plan offer access to health coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 (the latest year available), were 10% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The amount required to fund pension obligations during the year is 13%.

OBCM's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were \$74,435, \$68,644 and \$69,799 respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011. Member and employer contributions actually made for DB, DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

# 2. School Employees Retirement System

OBCM 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. The report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and OBCM is required to contribute 14% 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, 2012 (the latest year available), the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10%. The remaining 0.90% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. OBCM's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were \$3,512, \$3,948 and \$3,548, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011.

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### IX. Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits

### 1. State Teachers Retirement System

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plans. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Section 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

Under Ohio law funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contribution rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 OBCM's contributions to post-employment health care were \$5,726, \$5,280 and \$5,369, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011.

### 2. School Employees Retirement System

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio administers two post-employment benefit plans. The Medicare B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 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 2013 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2012 the actuarially required allocation is .74%. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 OBCM contributions to Medicare Part B were \$186, \$214 and \$183, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011.

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Ohio Revised Code 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 Ohio Revised Code provides a statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employee contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment 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% contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2012 the health care allocation is 0.16%. 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% of that employer's SERS covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2013, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,525. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 OBCM contributions to the Health Care Plan, including the surcharge were \$550 \$813 and \$745, respectively; 7.30% has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and 100% for fiscal years 2012 and 2011. \$510 representing the unpaid surcharge due for fiscal year 2013 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

### X. Contingencies

### 1. Grants

OBCM received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs requires compliance with terms and conditions, specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of OBCM. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of OBCM at June 30, 2013.

- A Community School - Cuyahoga County

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

### 2. Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment and full-time equivalency (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 conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. Adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2013 have not been calculated as of the audit date and will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2014.

### XI. Sponsorship and Management Agreements

OBCM entered into an agreement with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement is effective September 18, 2005 and was amended to continue through June 30, 2015. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 3% of the Fiscal Year 2013 Foundation payments received by OBCM, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from OBCM for fiscal year 2013 was \$39,698 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2013.

OBCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide legal, financial, and business management services for fiscal year 2013. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2012. Management fees are calculated as 6.25% of the Fiscal Year 2013 Foundation payment received by OBCM from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$101,075. In June 2013 CS issued a \$100,000 credit to OBCM to reduce total management fees. After application of the credit, the total amount due from OBCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 was \$84,388 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2013.

### XII. Subsequent Events

On September 30, 2013 OBCM finalized a lease for technology equipment. The principal amount of lease is \$69,984 with a term of three years and an interest rate of 0.5%

On October 15, 2013 OBCM obtained a loan to purchase technology equipment. The principal amount of the loan is \$2,134 with a term of four years and an interest rate of 3.99%.

This page intentionally left blank



November 19, 2013

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle 4430 State Road Cleveland, OH 44109

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2013.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control 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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle Independent Auditors Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lea & Associates, Inc.

Medina, Ohio



November 19, 2013

Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle 4430 State Road Cleveland, OH 44109

### **Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

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 procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle (the School) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board adopted its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on June 17, 2010 to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student "on a school bus" or by an "electronic act."

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 and School's sponsor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Lea & Associates, Inc.

Medina, Ohio





# CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY MIDDLE CUYAHOGA 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED DECEMBER 24, 2013