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**PROJECT REBUILD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Project REBUILD Community School
Stark County
406 Shorb Avenue NW
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Project REBUILD Community School, Stark County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Project REBUILD Community School, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As more fully discussed in Note 14, the School restated the July 1, 2006 net assets for a prior period receivable.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 3, 2008, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
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March 3, 2008

**PROJECT REBUILD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STARK COUNTY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(Unaudited)**

The discussion and analysis of Project REBUILD Community School's (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

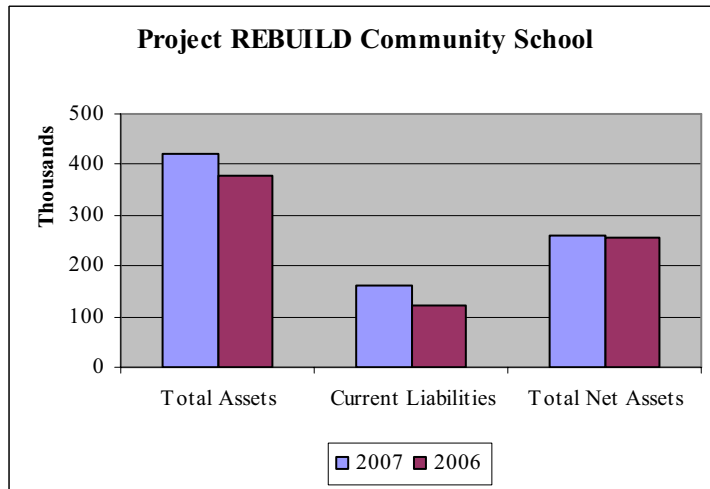
Project REBUILD is in its 3rd year of existence. Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

- Total net assets increased \$18,082 in fiscal year 2007.
- Total revenue decreased from \$814,254 in fiscal year 2006 to \$665,707 in fiscal year 2007.
- Total expenses increased from \$642,399 in fiscal year 2006 to \$647,625 in fiscal year 2007.
- Current liabilities increased \$43,392 with current assets also increasing \$77,507 in fiscal year 2007.
- The School has no long term liabilities as of June 30, 2007.

Using this Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets reflect how the School did financially during fiscal year 2007. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.



These statements report the School's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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(Unaudited)**

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question of how the School did financially during 2007. This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year.

(Table 1)
Statement of Net Assets

	2007	Restated 2006	
Assets:			
Current Assets	\$281,096	\$203,589	
Capital Assets, Net	140,261	156,294	
Total Assets	\$421,357	\$359,883	
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities	\$166,603	\$123,211	
Net Assets:			
Invested in Capital Assets	\$140,261	\$156,294	
Unrestricted	114,493	80,378	
Total Net Assets	\$254,754	\$236,672	

Current assets increased in 2007. Capital assets, net, decreased as a result of depreciation. Liabilities increased by \$43,392 due to intergovernmental payables liabilities due at year end. Total Net Assets increased by \$18,082.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(Unaudited)**

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether, for the school as a whole, the financial position of the school has improved or diminished. The cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from federal entitlement programs. Foundation payments made up 71% of revenues for the School in fiscal year 2007. Grant revenues decreased due to the decrease of federal startup funding. Enrollment was approximately 52 students. Enrollment is projected to increase to 60 for fiscal year 2008; and to increase to 75 in the final year of this contract.

(Table 2)
Change in Net Assets

	2007	2006
Operating Revenues		
Foundation	\$473,291	\$401,839
Other Operating Revenue	1,588	59,964
 Non-Operating Revenue		
Grants	190,828	352,451
Total Revenues	665,707	814,254
 Operating Expenses		
Salaries	274,742	293,699
Fringe Benefits	56,747	65,726
Purchased Services	133,630	98,706
Materials and Supplies	59,522	78,252
Insurance	16,415	17,717
Rent	32,593	32,899
Sponsor Fees	14,199	14,886
Depreciation	44,934	39,154
Other Operating Expenses	1,343	1,360
 Non-Operating Expenses		
Forgiveness of Receivable Due	13,500	-
Total Expenses	\$647,625	\$642,399
 Total Increase in Net Assets	\$18,082	\$171,855

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(Unaudited)**

Budgeting Highlights

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the Community School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. The School has developed a one year spending plan and a five-year projection that is reviewed periodically by the Board of Trustees. The five-year projections are also submitted to the Sponsor and the Ohio Department of Education.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2007, the School has \$140,261 in net capital assets. These purchases represent computer technology (both in the lab and in the classrooms) as well as vocational education tools and instructional equipment. See Note 4 for additional information.

Debt

At June 30, 2007, the School had no long term debt.

Current Financial Related Activities

The School's financial outlook over the next several years shows continued growth as enrollment is projected to increase.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide all citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Cherie Cox CFO, Project REBUILD Community School, 406 Shorb Ave., Canton, Ohio 44703.

**Project REBUILD Community School
Stark County**

**Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$170,713
Receivables:	
Accounts	1,552
Grants	<u>108,831</u>
 Total Current Assets	 281,096

Noncurrent Assets

Capital Assets:	
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>140,261</u>

Total Assets \$421,357

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$81,071
Accrued Wages and Benefits	36,949
State Funding Payable	<u>48,583</u>

Total Liabilities \$166,603

Net Assets

Invested in Capital Assets	\$140,261
Unrestricted	<u>114,493</u>

Total Net Assets \$254,754

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Project REBUILD Community School
Stark County**

**Statement of Revenues,
Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Operating Revenues	
Foundation	\$473,291
Miscellaneous	1,588
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Total Operating Revenues	474,879
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Operating Expenses	
Salaries	274,742
Fringe Benefits	56,747
Purchased Services	133,630
Materials and Supplies	59,522
Insurance	16,415
Rent	32,593
Sponsor Fees	14,199
Depreciation	44,934
Other	1,343
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Total Operating Expenses	634,125
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Operating Income (Loss)	(159,246)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Grants	190,828
Forgiveness of Receivable Due	(13,500)
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Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	177,328
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Change in Net Assets	18,082
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Net Assets Beginning of Year (Restated, See Note 14)	236,672
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Net Assets End of Year	\$254,754
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Project REBUILD Community School
Stark County**

**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from State	\$525,033
Other Cash Receipts	1,588
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(278,313)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(78,585)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(255,168)
Other Cash Payments	<u>(1,343)</u>

Net Cash (Used in) Operating Activities (86,788)

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Grants Received 222,630

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Capital Assets Purchased (28,900)

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents 106,942

Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year 63,771

Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year \$170,713

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

Operating Loss (\$159,246)

**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET
CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Depreciation 44,934

Changes in Assets and Liabilities:

Accounts Receivable (1,552)

Intergovernmental Receivable 3,159

Accounts Payable 2,743

Accrued Wages (3,170)

Intergovernmental Payable 26,344

Net Cash (Used in) Operating Activities (\$86,788)

The School had a receivable due from Project REBUILD, Inc. in the amount of \$13,500 forgiven on May 24, 2007.

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**PROJECT REBUILD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Project REBUILD Community School (the School) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School's objectives are to carry out the academic training component of the Project REBUILD, Inc. (PR) YouthBuild program and to advance underserved youth through education, job training, personal development, leadership development, and community service. The Project REBUILD program helps dropouts from traditional high schools in a year round program that enables students to gain employable skills by building and rehabilitating houses in Canton Zone that are sold to low-income families. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations.

The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School. The School was approved for operation from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009 under a contract by and between the Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS), as Sponsor, and the Governing Authority of Project REBUILD Community School, dated April 7, 2004. The School commenced official operation on July 1, 2004. The six member 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 qualifications of teachers. The Board oversees the School's principal, four certified full-time and two part time teaching personnel who provided services to approximately 52 students during the school year.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets; and a Statement of Cash Flows. The School uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. Enterprise accounting may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

B. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net assets. The Statement of Cash Flows reflects how the School finances and meets its cash flow needs.

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STARK COUNTY**

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

B. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenue resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements and donations, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

C. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5075, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and the Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract; however, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

D. Cash

All cash received by the School is deposited in an account in the School's name. The School did not have any investments during fiscal year 2007.

E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets and improvements are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars for all assets. The School does not possess any infrastructure.

The School does not capitalize interest. 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. Improvements, however, are capitalized. Buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. The following is the estimated useful lives for property, vehicles, furniture and equipment:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings and Improvements	25-40 years
Land Improvements	10-20 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-10 years

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Intergovernmental Revenues

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program and State Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid 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, non-exchange transactions in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. The School participates in the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Planning Program through the Ohio Department of Education. Revenue received from this program is recognized as non-operating revenue. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2007 school year totaled \$664,119.

G. Compensated Absences

Leave benefits are not accrued as a liability for the School. All leave is to be used during the contract year with no provisions for carry over from one school year to the next. Vacation leave is scheduled in advance according to the school calendar. Sick leave must be used during the school year, is non-accumulative, and is not paid out at the end of the school year.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

I. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. The School had no restricted net assets at June 30, 2007.

J. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the School. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the School. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2007, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase by the School and an expense is recorded when used. The School had no prepaid items at June 30, 2007.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

3. CASH

At June 30, 2007, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$170,713. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40 "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2007 the bank balance was \$177,333 and \$100,000 of the total bank balance was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which left \$77,333 exposed to custodial risk (described below). The School had no investments at June 30, 2007 or during the fiscal year.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. The school has an available line of credit totaling \$70,000, of which \$0 was outstanding at June 30, 2007.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the School's capital assets is a follows:

<u>Capital Assets Being Depreciated</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/06</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/07</u>
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 195,769	\$ 28,901	\$ -	\$ 224,670
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(39,475)</u>	<u>(44,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(84,409)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 156,294</u>	<u>\$ (16,033)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 140,261</u>

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2006, the School contracted with Indiana Insurance Company for property and general liability insurance with limits of \$5,000,000 each occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

B. Worker's Compensation

The School pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State. The School had paid all premiums as of June 30, 2007.

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

A. School Employees Retirement System

The School contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476 or by calling (800) 878-5858 or by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for the fiscal year 2007, 10.68% of annual covered salary was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS Retirement Board. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$4,122, \$7,129 and \$4,824 respectfully; 100% has been contributed for fiscal year 2007.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The School 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 financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (614) 227-4090 or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% 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 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. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. 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 dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salaries. The School was required to contribute 14%; 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$28,055, \$36,719 and \$19,073 respectively, 100% has been contributed for fiscal year 2007.

7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or combined plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the School, this amount equaled \$2,158 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2007, the balance in the Fund was \$4.1 billion. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$265,588,000 and STRS Ohio had 122,934 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14% contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.42% of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2007, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at 2% of each employer's SERS salaries. For the 2007 fiscal year, the School paid \$1,935 to fund health care benefits.

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7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), were \$158,751,207. At June 30, 2006, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. SERS has approximately 59,492 participants eligible to receive health care benefits.

8. MEDICAL AND DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Project REBUILD, Inc. (PR) has contracted with Hometown Network for a group eligible medical policy including full-time employees of the School. All full-time employees are eligible to select coverage under this plan, once they have been employed by the School for thirty days.

Employees pay a portion of the premium as a payroll withholding in a flat amount depending on the type of coverage chosen. Project REBUILD, Inc. paid for the remaining employer portion of the premiums for the School employees. There was no dental plan available in fiscal year 2007.

9. PURCHASED SERVICES

For the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, purchased service expenses were for the following services:

Professional Services	\$ 84,833
Property Services	4,504
Travel and Meetings	12,641
Communications	7,965
Utilities	17,222
Trade Services	3,483
Pupil Transportation	<u>2,982</u>
Total	<u>\$133,630</u>

10. SPONSORSHIP FEES

Under Paragraph D(4) of the sponsor contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS), it States that a School "...shall pay to the Sponsor the amount of three percent (3%) of the total per-pupil. Funds received each year with the following exceptions: planning and start-up funds, and grants the School may receive, in consideration for the time, organization, oversight, fees and costs of the Sponsor pursuant to this contract." Such fees are paid to the OCCS monthly. As indicated on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, the School incurred \$14,199 in sponsor fees to OCCS.

11. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

In June 2005, the School completed its application and filed for tax exempt status under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. On May 10, 2006, the School received notification of IRS approval for tax exempt status under 501(c)3 effective as of March 11, 2004.

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12. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS/RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The School is a related organization to Project REBUILD, Inc., a non-profit organization affiliated with YouthBuild USA. A description of the School's relationship with these entities follows.

Two of the School Board members are also Board Members of Project REBUILD, Inc. The School Board President is the Executive Director of Project Rebuild, Inc. and the CFO splits her time between the School and Project REBUILD, Inc. Project REBUILD does not impose its will on the School Board. The School Board sets its own budget, hires/terminates personnel, and authorizes all expenditures. Related party transactions with PR were as follows:

<u>Description of Transaction</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Disbursements to PR:	
Medical Insurance	\$11,439

During fiscal year 2006, the school accrued \$13,500 in accounts receivable due from Project REBUILD, Inc. for vocational education training. During fiscal year 2007, the school forgave the \$13,500 accounts receivable.

13. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally 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 the School. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2007.

B. State School Funding Decision

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school funding decision is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...". The School is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

C. Full Time Equivalency

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the School. These reviews are conducted to ensure the School is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. A fiscal year 2007 FTE review was conducted by ODE. Errors were identified during the FTE review process, which resulted in an adjustment which is reflected in the accompanying financial statement as State Funding payable of \$48,583.

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13. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

D. Litigation

A lawsuit entitled Beverly Blount-Hill, et al. v. State of Ohio, et al., Case#:3:04CV197 was filed in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, in October, 2004. The suit alleges that the funding provisions of the Ohio Community Schools Act, O.R.C. Section 3314, violate both the Ohio and Federal constitutions. If the funding scheme is determined to be unconstitutional, it could have financial ramifications for all community/charter schools. The case is still currently pending, and the effect of this suit, if any, on Project REBUILD Community High School cannot presently be determined.

14. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During fiscal year 2005, the School accrued grants receivable in the amount of \$17,784. During fiscal year 2006, the School received the cash from these receivables but credited the amounts to revenue instead of reducing the receivable. As a result of these changes, net assets have been restated and grants receivable have been reduced. These changes had the following effect on net assets as previously reported at June 30, 2006:

June 30, 2006	\$254,456
Restatement	<u>(17,784)</u>
Restate June 30, 2006	<u>\$236,672</u>

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Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

Project REBUILD Community School
Stark County
406 Shorb Avenue NW
Canton, Ohio 44703-2617

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Project REBUILD Community School, Stark County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2008, wherein we noted net assets were restated due to a prior period receivable. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the School's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be 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.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated March 3, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated March 3, 2008.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Trustees, and the School Sponsor. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 3, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

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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
APRIL 22, 2008**