REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc. Trumbull County 458 Franklin Street S.E. Warren, Ohio 44483

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc., Trumbull County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc., Trumbull County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 20, 2009, 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the 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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March 20, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of the Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc.'s (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Boards (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 **Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments** issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- In total, net assets increased \$99,979, which represents a 17.6 percent increase from 2007. This was primarily the result of an increase in both cash and an increase in grants funding receivable from the previous year.
- Total assets increased \$116,741, which represents a 15.3 percent increase from 2007. This increase is also a direct result of the increase in cash and grants funding receivable from the previous year.
- Liabilities increased \$16,762, which represents an 8.5 percent increase from 2007. The increase in liabilities is primarily the result of an increase in both grants funding payable and state funding payable from the previous year.

Using this Financial Report

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

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question of how the School did financially during 2008. This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's net assets for fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2007.

(Table 1)				
Stateme	nt of	Net Assets		
		2008		2007
Assets				
Current Assets	\$	880,279	\$	763,538
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	\$	213,765	\$	197,003
Net Assets				
Unrestricted	\$ 666,514		\$	566,535

Total assets increased \$116,741. This increase directly corresponds to the increase in grant receivables due from the State of Ohio. Liabilities increased by \$16,762 from 2007. This increase is the result of an increase in the School's current year grants funding payable.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2007, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

(Table 2) Change in Net Assets

	2008	2007		
Operating Revenues				
State Aid	\$ 2,683,199	\$ 2,207,279		
Non-Operating Revenue				
Grants	209,318	206,195		
Interest	5,051			
Miscellaneous	14,059	425		
Total Revenues	2,911,627	2,413,899		
Operating Expenses	/ -			
Purchased Services: Management Fees	2,279,719	1,877,188		
Purchased Services: Grant Programs	209,318	206,195		
Purchased Services: Health Care Training Program	75,000	75,000		
Sponsorship Fees	26,832	20,716		
Facility Costs	128,549	114,880		
Legal	13,969	6,606		
Auditing & Accounting	3,787	8,054		
Insurance	9,872 11,630			
Board of Education	2,663 27,288			
Pupil Transportation	61,343 -			
Advertising	351 559			
Miscellaneous	245	1,611		
Total Expenses	2,811,648	2,349,727		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 99,979	\$ 64,172		

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u> Cash and Cash Equivalents Continuing Fees Receivable Sponsorship Fees Receivable Grants Funding Receivable	\$ 711,070 80,105 942 88,162
Total Assets	\$ 880,279
LIABILITIES	
<u>Current Liabilities</u> Accounts Payable Sponsorship Fees Payable State Funding Payable Grants Funding Payable	\$ 25 59 94,242 119,439
Total Liabilities	\$ 213,765
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 666,514
Total Net Assets	\$ 666,514

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

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES

State Aid	\$ 2,683,199
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Purchased Services: Management Fees	2,279,719
Purchased Services: Grant Programs	209,318
Purchased Services: Health Care Training Program	75,000
Sponsorship Fees	26,832
Facility Costs	128,549
Insurance	9,872
Advertising	351
Legal	13,969
Board of Education	2,663
Auditing and Accounting	3,787
Pupil Transportation	61,343
Miscellaneous	 245
Total Operating Expenses	 2,811,648
Operating Loss	 (128,449)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES	
Miscellaneous	14,059
Grants	209,318
Interest	 5,051
Total Non-Operating Revenues	 228,428
Change in Net Assets	99,979
Net Assets, July 1, 2007	 566,535
Net Assets, June 30, 2008	\$ 666,514

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from State Sources Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	\$ 2,690,778 (2,809,982)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(119,204)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
	44.050
Cash Received from Miscellaneous Cash Received from Grant Programs	 14,059 199,979
Net Cash Received from Noncapital Financing Activities	 214,038
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Interest	 5,051
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	99,885
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	 611,185
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 711,070
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Loss	\$ (128,449)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities: Continuing Fees Receivable Sponsorship Fees Receivable Accounts Payable Sponsorship Fees Payable State Funding Payable Grants Funding Payable	 (7,442) (75) (5,080) (58) 7,579 14,321
Total Adjustments	 9,245
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	\$ (119,204)

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

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School contracts with WHLS of Ohio, LLC (WHLS) for most of its functions. (See Note 11.)

The School signed a contract with Saint Aloysius Orphanage (Sponsor) to operate for a period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010. The School operates under a self-appointing, five-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The School has one instructional/support facility. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel employed by WHLS, who provide services to 352 students.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

C. BUDGETARY PROCESS

Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract. In addition, the Board adopted an operating budget at the beginning of fiscal year 2008. However, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

All cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account and STAROhio. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Assets, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

During fiscal year 2008, investments were limited to the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, STAROhio. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2008.

E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the Career Based Intervention (CBI) Program, which are reflected under "State Aid" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES (Continued)

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2008 school year totaled \$2,892,517.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

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

As of June 30, 2008, the School's capital assets had a net book value of zero, with accumulated depreciation of \$1,031. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over three years for "Computers & Software."

Aside from those mentioned above, the School has no other capital assets, as the School operates under a management agreement with WHLS. (See Note 11.)

G. USE OF ESTIMATES

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

H. NET ASSETS

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. All of the School's net assets were unrestricted at June 30, 2008.

I. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

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

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all School deposits was \$42,929. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "<u>Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures</u>", as of June 30, 2008, none of the school's bank balance of \$83,428 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, since \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions (Continued)

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

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the School had the following investments and maturities:

			Investment Maturities						
Investment type	Balance at Fair Value		6 months or less		7 to 12 months		_	Greater th 24 month	
STAROhio	\$	668,141	\$	668,141	\$		_	\$	-

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the School's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor's has assigned STAROhio an AAAm money market rating.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The School places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the School at June 30, 2008:

Investment type	Fai	r Value	<u>% to Total</u>		
STAROhio	\$	668,141	100.00		

4. STATE FUNDING PAYABLE

The School has recognized on its Statement of Net Assets a "State Funding Payable" for the amount of State Aid directly related to FTE, estimated to be repaid by the School to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) based on the difference in the amount the School actually received versus the amount earned through student full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment as determined at the end of the year. A payable reflects that the School was funded on a higher estimated enrollment figure throughout the year than what the actual FTE enrollment figure was calculated to be at year-end. At June 30, 2008, the amount of "State Funding Payable" was \$94,242.

5. CONTINUING FEES RECEIVABLE

A "Continuing Fees Receivable" from WHLS has been recorded by the School in the amount of \$80,105 for 85 percent of the "State Funding Payable" due to the State for the FTE liability. (See Note 4.)

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

6. GRANTS FUNDING RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE

The School has recorded "Grants Funding Receivable" in the amount of \$88,162 to account for the remainder of State and Federal awards allocated to the School, but not received as of June 30, 2008.

Additionally, under the terms of the management agreement (See Note 11.), the School has recorded a liability to WHLS in the amount of \$119,439 for 100% of any State and Federal monies uncollected or unpaid to WHLS as of June 30, 2008.

7. SPONSORSHIP FEES PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE

A "Sponsorship Fees Payable" to St. Aloysius has been recorded by the School in the amount of \$59, due to the underpayment of Sponsorship Fees throughout the year.

A "Sponsorship Fees Receivable" from St. Aloysius has been recorded by the School in the amount of \$942 for one (1) percent of the State Funding Payable due to the State for the FTE liability. (See Note 4.)

8. LEASE AGREEMENT

The School entered into a five-year operating lease agreement with Tri-State Realty for the school building on August 7, 2000. The School exercised its option to renew the lease for another five years thru 2010. The new lease agreement terms call for the School to pay \$72,250 annually. The Lease may be renewed for a subsequent five-year term by the lessee if there are no defaults and lessee has provided written notice to the lessor of their intention to renew.

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount		
2009	\$ 72,250		
2010	72,250		
2011	72,250		
Total	\$ 216,750		

9. FACILITY COSTS

Under the terms of the management agreement (See Note 11.), the School is responsible for all costs associated with the facility and its upkeep. The following are the School's facility costs for the year ended June 30, 2008:

Amount		
\$ 72,250		
40,777		
15,522		
\$ 128,549		

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

Property and Liability - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with WHLS, WHLS has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance pursuant to the Management Agreement. (See Note 11.) There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

Director and Officer - Coverage has been purchased by the School with a \$1,000,000 aggregate limit and no deductible.

11. AGREEMENT WITH WHLS

Effective October 24, 2005, the School entered into a revised Management Agreement (Agreement) with WHLS, which is an educational consulting and management company. The Agreement's term is renewed yearly as of June 30, 2006 unless one party notifies the other party at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the then-current term of its intention to not renew the agreement. Substantially all functions of the School have been contracted to WHLS. WHLS is responsible and accountable to the School's Board of Directors for the administration and operation of the School. The School is required to pay WHLS a monthly continuing fee of 85 percent of the School's "Qualified Gross Revenues", defined in the Agreement as, "...all revenues and income received by the School except for charitable contributions" and "WHLS shall receive 100 percent of any and all grants or funding of any kind generated by WHLS, and its affiliates beyond the regular per pupil state funding received by the School, subject to any terms and conditions attached to the grants, if any." The continuing fee is paid to WHLS based on the previous month's qualified gross revenues.

The School had purchased service expenses for the year ended June 30, 2008, to WHLS of \$2,489,037 of which \$119,439 was payable to WHLS at June 30, 2008. WHLS will be responsible for all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the School, which include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, capital, and insurance.

12. SPONSORSHIP FEES

Under Paragraph D(5) of the sponsor contract with St. Aloysius, it states that the School "...shall pay to the Sponsor the amount of one percent (1%) of the total state funds received each year, in consideration for the time, organization, oversight, fees and costs of the Sponsor pursuant to this contract." Such fees are paid to St. Aloysius monthly. As indicated on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets, the School incurred \$26,832 in sponsorship fees to St. Aloysius.

13. HEALTH CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

The School has contracted with the Warren-Trumbull Urban League to provide health care training to students at an annual cost of \$75,000. The School decided to discontinue the health care training program as of July 1, 2008.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

14. MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES

For the year ended June 30, 2008, WHLS of Ohio, LLC and its affiliates incurred the following expenses on behalf of the School.

	2008		
Expenses			
Direct Expenses:			
Salaries & wages	\$	735,266	
Employees' benefits		224,643	
Professional & technical services		115,685	
Property services		87,730	
Travel		7,231	
Communications		18,528	
Books, periodicals, & films		2,177	
Other supplies		164,272	
Depreciation		16,192	
Other direct costs		47,371	
Indirect Expenses:			
Overhead		504,357	
Total Expenses	\$	1,923,452	

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

15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – WHLS, on behalf of the School, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer 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 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 43215-3746.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School rate is 14 percent 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 fiscal year 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$7,070, \$7,838, and \$19,242 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

15. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. WHLS, on behalf of the School, was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

WHLS' required contributions, on behalf of the School, for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$81,509, \$69,343, and \$82,576 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$6,953 made by the School and \$12,500 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages. As of June 30, 2008, there were no members that elected Social Security.

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16. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – WHLS, on behalf of the School, participates in two cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$35,800.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

WHLS' contributions on behalf of the school for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$4,391, \$3,044, and \$7,129 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The School's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$509, \$499, and \$1,470 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

16. **POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$6,270, \$5,334, and \$6,352 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

17. CONTINGENCES

Grants

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

18. ACCOUNTABILITY

Change in Accounting Policies

For fiscal year 2008, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "<u>Accounting and Financial</u> <u>Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions</u>" and GASB Statement No. 50, "<u>Pension</u> <u>Disclosures</u>".

GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representation in the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (see Note 16) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements.

GASB Statement No. 50 establishes standards that more closely align the financial reporting requirements for pensions with those of other postemployment benefits. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 50 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

19. FEDERAL TAX STATUS

The School filed for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code in November 2006.



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*

Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc. Trumbull County 458 Franklin Street S.E. Warren, Ohio 44483

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of Educational Development Center of Trumbull County, Inc., Trumbull County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2009. 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 certain matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated March 20, 2009.

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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 noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated March 20, 2009.

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

Mary Jaylor

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

March 20, 2009





EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, INC.

TRUMBULL COUNTY

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

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED APRIL 16, 2009

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