

***MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO***

***AUDIT REPORT***

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008***

***Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.***  
**Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants**





Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Miami Valley Academies  
5656 Springboro Pike  
Moraine, Ohio 45449

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Miami Valley Academies, Montgomery County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. 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 Miami Valley Academies is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

*Mary Taylor*

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Auditor of State

March 17, 2009

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

Miami Valley Academies  
Montgomery County  
5656 Springboro Pike  
Moraine, Ohio 45449

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Miami Valley Academies (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 *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 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 provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 10, 2009 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, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***

February 10, 2009



**Miami Valley Academies**  
Managements Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

The discussion and analysis of Miami Valley Academies' (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statement and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

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

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2008 are as follows:

- Total net assets of the Academy increased by \$44,166, excluding \$105,200 of depreciation expense for the fiscal year. In fiscal year 2007, the Academy reported a slight increase in net assets of \$44 excluding \$121,544 of depreciation expense.
- Total assets decreased \$91,352, which represents a 67.1 percent decrease from the prior year due to the decrease in net capital assets which is attributable to recording current year depreciation.
- Overall, the Academy's total revenue was \$78,131 more than the total revenue received than the prior year primarily resulting from charges for food sales. While expenses increased by \$17,655 compared with the prior year expenses. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to the Academy's increase in fringe benefits costs from the prior year.

**Using this Financial Report**

This financial report contains the basic financial statements of the Academy, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis and notes to the basic financial statement. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. As the Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting, all financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity, therefore the entity wide and the fund presentation information is the same.

*Statement of Net Assets*

The statement of Net Assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during the fiscal year?" 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.

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This statement reports the Academy's net assets, however, in evaluating the overall position and financial viability of the Academy, non-financial information such as the condition of the Academy building and potential changes in the laws governing charter schools in the State of Ohio will also need to be evaluated.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2008 compared with fiscal year 2007.

(Table 1)  
**Net Assets**

	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$39,128	\$27,280
Capital Assets, Net	5,594	108,794
Total Assets	44,722	136,074
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	209,765	194,125
Non-Current Liabilities	66,402	112,360
Total Liabilities	276,167	306,485
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets	(108,061)	(48,072)
Restricted	5,478	27,271
Unrestricted	(128,862)	(149,610)
Total Net Assets	(\$231,445)	\$(170,411)

The Academy's total net assets decreased by \$61,034 during fiscal year 2008. The decrease resulted in the recognition of \$105,200 of depreciation on the Academy's capital assets.

As noted in Table 1 above, total current assets of the Academy increased by \$11,848 from those reported at June 30, 2007. The increase resulted from the Academy recognizing grants receivable for fiscal year 2008. Cash on hand at June 30, 2008 was \$1,497 compared with \$27,220 reported the prior year. The decrease in cash is attributable to increase in fringe benefits costs and the Academy still expending more funds than what was received for fiscal year 2008.

Total liabilities of the Academy decreased \$30,318 over those reported at June 30, 2007. The Academy paid down \$43,211 on the note payable which resulted in the reduction in liabilities for the fiscal year.

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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**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Foundation payments	\$1,177,161	\$1,164,418
Other operating revenues	75,373	9,859
Non Operating Revenues		
State and federal grants	154,900	155,026
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>1,407,434</u>	<u>1,329,303</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	705,205	673,895
Fringe Benefits	178,532	135,580
Management and Fiscal Services	140,240	175,795
Building rental	145,307	158,083
Other purchased services	110,813	54,097
Materials and supplies	38,936	74,024
Depreciation	105,200	121,554
Other expenses	32,601	42,404
Non Operating Expenses:		
Interest and fiscal charges	11,634	15,381
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,468,468</u>	<u>1,450,813</u>
<b>Changes in net assets</b>	(61,034)	(121,510)
Net assets, beginning of year	(170,411)	(48,901)
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<u>(\$231,445)</u>	<u>\$(170,411)</u>

Total revenue for the Academy increased \$78,131 in fiscal year 2008 compared with fiscal year 2007. Decreases in the number of students enrolled in the Academy was not enough to benefit the Academy from a slight increase in the per-pupil funding amount; however, the additional revenue from food sales allowed the Academy to bring in more revenue than 2007. State and Federal grant programs were slightly less than the previous year as the Academy has some grants that were not renewed for 2008.

Total expenses of the Academy reported the fiscal year were \$17,655 more than those reported for the previous fiscal year. The increases in payroll and related benefits account for the majority of the increases in expenses. Payroll and related benefit costs increased by \$74,262 over fiscal year 2007 as the cost associated with benefits rose and the additional instructional staff that was added.

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**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2008, the capital assets of the Academy consisted of \$765,405 of equipment and leasehold improvements offset by \$759,811 in accumulated depreciation resulted in net capital assets of \$5,594. The \$103,200 decrease in total net capital assets from the prior year is due to current year depreciation of \$105,200 combined with \$2,000 of equipment acquired during fiscal year 2008.

See Note 4 of the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the Academy's capital assets.

**Debt**

At June 30, 2008 the debt obligations of the Academy consisted of a note payable of \$113,655, of which \$47,253 is due within the next year. See Note 5 to the basic financial statement for additional details.

**Contacting the Academy**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of the Miami Valley Academy, Inc. and to show the Academy's accountability for the monies it receives to all vested and interested parties, as well as meeting the annual reporting requirements of the State of Ohio. Any questions about the information contained within this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to: Miami Valley Academies, 5656 Springboro Pike, Moraine, OH 45449.

**MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES**  
**Statement of Net Assets**

**JUNE 30, 2008**

**Assets:**

Current assets:

Cash	\$ 1,497
Intergovernmental receivable	37,631
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>39,128</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, net depreciation	5,594
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<u>5,594</u>

**Total Assets** 44,722

**Liabilities:**

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	37,390
Accrued wages and benefits	92,916
Intergovernmental payable	32,206
Notes Payable, Due within one year	47,253
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>209,765</u>

Long Term Notes Payable, Due in more than one year 66,402

**Total Liabilities** 276,167

**Net Assets:**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(108,061)
Restricted	5,478
Unrestricted	<u>(128,862)</u>

**Total net assets** \$ (231,445)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets**

**Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
State foundation	\$ 1,123,071
Poverty Based Assistance	54,090
Tuition and Fees	6,617
Charges for services	59,921
Other operating revenues	<u>8,835</u>
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<u>1,252,534</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries and wages	705,205
Fringe benefits	178,532
Purchased Services:	
Contract Management and fiscal services	140,240
Property services	145,307
Other	110,813
Materials and supplies	38,936
Depreciation	105,200
Other expenses	<u>32,601</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<u>1,456,834</u>
Operating Loss	(204,300)
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expense):</b>	
Federal grants	148,204
State grants	6,696
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>(11,634)</u>
<b>Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>	<u>143,266</u>
Change in net assets	(61,034)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>(170,411)</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ (231,445)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**Cash flows from operating activities:**

Cash received from State of Ohio - Foundation	\$ 1,123,071
Cash received from State of Ohio - DPIA	54,090
Cash received from customers	66,538
Cash received from other operating revenues	8,895
Cash payments for personal services	(859,143)
Cash payments for contract services	(446,503)
Cash payments for supplies and materials	(33,095)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(86,147)</u>

**Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:**

Cash received from state and federal grants	<u>117,269</u>
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**Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:**

Acquisition of Capital Assets	(2,000)
Principal paid on debt obligations	(43,211)
Interest paid on debt obligations	(11,634)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(56,845)</u>

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(25,723)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of year	<u>27,220</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of year	<u><u>1,497</u></u>

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:

Operating loss	(204,300)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	105,200
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	60
Accounts payable	(15,853)
Accrued wages and benefits	11,523
Intergovernmental payable	<u>17,223</u>

Net cash used by operating activities	<u><u>\$ (86,147)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
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1. Description of the Academy and Reporting Entity:

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

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio State Board of Education (Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing with fiscal year July 1, 2001 through June 1, 2005 after which the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation sponsored the Academy through May 2006. From May 2006 to the present, Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio has sponsored the Academy.

The Academy operates under a self-appointing five-member Board of Trustees (the Board). The Academy's Code of Regulations specifies that vacancies that arise on the Board be filled by the appointment of a successor trustee by a majority vote of the then existing trustees. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor which includes but is not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Academy has one instructional/support facility to provide educational services to an enrollment of 180 students.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The financial statement of the Academy 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 Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards (FASB) statements and interpretations on or before November 30, 1989, provided that they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements; however the Academy has elected not to follow any FASB statements or interpretations after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of presentation

Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in 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 appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

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**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. The difference between total assets and liabilities are defined as net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made.

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 other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in the Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the Schools contract with the sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract, however, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.

The Academy's Board adopts a formal budget at the beginning of the school year. Spending limits are set based on projected revenue from the State of Ohio and other known sources. The Board's adoption of the budget states that actual expenditures are "not to exceed" budget amounts. The Academy Principal and Treasurer are responsible for ensuring that purchases are made within these limits. However, any variances from the budgetary amounts are presented to the Board for subsequent approval.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All monies received by the Academy are maintained in a demand deposit account. For internal accounting purposes, the cash is segregated into various funds.

**E. 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.

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F. Capital assets and depreciation

Capital assets 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 Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are expensed.

Depreciation of furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of five to ten years. Improvements to capital are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the life of the lease agreement of six years.

G. Intergovernmental revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. The foundation funding is recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned, essentially the same as the fiscal year. Federal and State educational grants are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements of the grants have been met.

H. Operating and non-operating revenues and expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly to the Academy's primary mission. For the Academy, operating revenues include foundation payments received from the State of Ohio and certain charges to students recorded as tuition and fees. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to support the Academy's primary mission, including depreciation.

Non-operating revenues and expenses are those that are not generated directly by the Academy's primary mission. Various state and federal grants and interest expense comprise the non-operating revenues and expenses of the Academy.

I. Accrued liabilities payable

The Academy has recognized certain liabilities on its statement of net assets relating to expenses, which are due but unpaid as of June 30, 2008, including:

Wages Payable – salary payments made after year-end that were for services rendered in rendered in fiscal year 2008. Teaching personnel are paid in 26 equal installments, ending with the last pay period in August, for services rendered during the previous school year. Therefore, a liability has been recognized at June 30, 2008 for all salary payments made to teaching personnel during the months of July and August 2008.

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Intergovernmental payable – payment for the employer’s share of the retirement contribution (\$12,602), associated with services rendered during fiscal year 2008, but were not paid until the subsequent fiscal year is the major expense in this category.

J. Federal tax exemption status

The Academy is a non-profit organization that has been determined by the internal Revenue Service to be exempt from federal income taxes a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

K. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation less any outstanding capital related debt. Net assets are reported as restricted when they are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

3. Deposits and Investments:

The Academy does not have a policy addressing custodial credit risk for its deposits. At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the Academy’s deposits was \$1,497 and the bank balance was \$8,629, the entire balance of which was covered by federal depository insurance.

4. Capital Assets:

A summary of the Academy’s capital assets at June 30, 2008, follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Leasehold Improvements	\$557,579	\$0	\$0	\$557,579
Equipment	205,826	2,000	0	207,826
Total Capital Assets	<u>763,405</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>765,405</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation on:				
Leasehold Improvements	(464,649)	(92,930)	0	(557,579)
Equipment	(189,962)	(12,270)	0	(202,232)
Total Depreciation	<u>(654,611)</u>	<u>(105,200)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(759,811)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$108,794</u>	<u>(\$103,200)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,594</u>

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5. Debt Obligations:

The following is a summary of the note activity for the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	Balance 6/30/07	Additions	Deletions	Balances 6/30/08	Amount Due within One Year
Farmers and Merchants Bank, 9.10%	\$156,866	\$-	\$43,211	\$113,655	\$47,253

During fiscal year 2002, the Academy entered into a note agreement with Farmers and Merchants Bank in order to finance leasehold improvements. On September 4, 2004, the Academy refinanced the balance of the 2002 note payable to the Farmers and Merchants Bank to payoff the existing loan and finance the purchase and renovation of a new school building.

Future principal and interest payments associated with the long-term notes payable are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$47,253	\$8,679
2010	50,170	5,762
2011	16,232	130
Total	<u>\$113,655</u>	<u>\$14,571</u>

6. Risk Management:

Property and liability – The Academy 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. During fiscal year 2008, the Academy contracted with the Cincinnati Insurance Company for business personal property and general liability insurance. Business personal property coverage carries \$2,000,000 limit, and has a \$1,000 deductible. General liability coverage is set at \$1,000,000 in the aggregate with a \$5,000 deductible. Errors and Omissions insurance is provided through National Union Fire Insurance Company with a \$1,000,000 limit and \$5,000 deductible.

There has been no significant reduction in coverage in relation to the prior fiscal year. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

Employee insurance benefits – The Academy provides medical benefits through Aetna.

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7. Defined Benefits Pension Plan:

**A. State Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - The School District 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 District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District'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 District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$1,229, \$2,878 and \$12,554 respectively; 82.27 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

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

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

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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. The School District 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.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$90,523, \$90,868 and \$70,656 respectively; 87.41 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

8. Postemployment Benefits

**A. School Employee Retirement System**

Plan Description – The School District 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

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surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$0.

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.

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$561, \$895, and \$3,067 respectively; 82.27 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 District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 (first year required disclosure) was \$89, 82.27 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

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

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 District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$6,963, \$6,990, and \$5,047 respectively; 87.41 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

9. Restricted Net Assets:

At June 30, 2008 the Academy reported restricted net assets totaling \$5,478. The nature of the net asset restrictions are as follows:

School Net Professional Grant	\$2,709
IDEA Part I Grant	717
Title VI Grant	970
Drug Free Act Grant	1,082
Total	<u>\$5,478</u>



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12. Agreements with Keys to Improving Dayton Schools (KIDS) School Resource Center:

The Academy is a party to management agreement with Keys to Improving Dayton Schools (KIDS) School Resource Center, which is an education consulting and management company.

The Management Agreement's term coincides with the Academy's charter agreement and provides that KIDS School Resource Center will perform four functions reasonably required to manage the operation of the Academy. These three agreements are as follows:

1. CSADM/EMIS support for reporting to the Ohio Department of Education in the required electronic formats for information about the students attending the Academy. These services began on July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2008. KIDS School Resource Center receives a monthly management fee of \$1,500 for these Services.
2. Standard Treasurer services, including general ledger entries, basic record keeping required documents for state and federal governments, payroll processing, and basic accounting reports to Director and Board. This agreement is for an 18-month period starting July 1, 2005. KIDS School Resource Center receives a monthly management fee of \$1,667 for these services.
3. Basic Financial Management Services, including all of the functions in Standard Treasurer Services Package plus SRC Financial Management Support Services, ongoing budgeting, accounting, purchasing, financial reporting, cash flow analysis, and resource call support. This agreement is for an 18-month period beginning July 1, 2005. KIDS School Resource Center receives a monthly management fee of \$1,000 for these services.

11. Contingencies:

A. Grants

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

B. State Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and FTE calculations made by the Academy. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The results of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. The Ohio Department of Education completed its review of the Academy's enrollment data for fiscal year 2008 which did not result in any adjustment to the funding received.

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C. 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 the School cannot presently be determined.

12. Operating Leases:

The Academy leases its facilities from B.F. Hill Investments, Inc. under a six –year lease agreement beginning July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2008. Rent for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$116,478. The terms of the lease are not expected to change significantly during fiscal year 2009.

13. Other Purchased Services:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, other purchased services rendered by various vendors were as follows:

Professional and technical services	\$140,240
Property Services	145,307
Utilities	45,270
Contracted Craft or Trade Service	42,089
Meeting and travel	13,446
Communications	9,164
Pupil transportation	844
	<u>\$396,360</u>

14. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2008, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 48, “Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues”.

GASB Statement No. 48 addresses how to account for the exchange of an interest in expected cash flows from collecting specific receivables or specific future revenues for immediate cash payments. The statement established criteria used to determine whether the transaction should be recorded as revenue or as a liability (a sale or a collateralized borrowing). The implementation of this statement did not result in any change to the financial statements.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE  
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Miami Valley Academies  
Montgomery County  
5656 Springboro Pike  
Moraine, Ohio 45449

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Miami Valley Academies (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued a report thereon dated February 13, 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Controls 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 auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency 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 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 generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, item 2008-MVA-01 to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe the significant deficiency described above to be a material weakness.

#### 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, grants agreements and other matters, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Trustees and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***  
February 10, 2009

**MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2008**

<p><b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b></p>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2008-MVA-01  
SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY**

**Incorrect Accounting Transactions**

During the audit of the Village's financial records for the year ended June 30, 2008 we noted that the School reported incorrect balances for long-term debt principal and interest. The financial statements have been adjusted to present the accounting information correctly and the School has agreed with the required reclassifications and adjustments.

We recommend that the School's accounting personnel review all transactions, including supporting documentation and classify properly in the financial records.

**Management Response:**

Management will review all transactions when they occur and record properly in the financial records.

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT'S CITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The prior audit report, as of June 30, 2007, reported no material citations or recommendations.



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**MIAMI VALLEY ACADEMIES**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 31, 2009**