CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: OUTREACH ACADEMY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES CUYAHOGA COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities 3326 Broadview Road Cleveland, Ohio 44109

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Rea & 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 Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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January 21, 2009

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November 26, 2008

The Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities 3326 Broadview Road Cleveland, Ohio 44109

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements 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 provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and 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 November 26, 2008 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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.

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The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 7 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. 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.

Lea & Cassociates, Inc.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities' (OASD) financial performance provides an overall review of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance of OASD as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the financial performance of OASD.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 include the following:

- In total, net assets increased \$69,344, which represents a 41.2% increase from 2007. This increase is due effective operating of the school. OASD also received revenue by providing services to affiliated schools.
- Total assets decreased \$128,098, which represents a 34.1% decrease from 2007. This is from a decrease in cash used to pay off year end 2007 payable and a reduction of accounts receivable due to collections from other schools receiving services from OASD.
- Liabilities decreased \$197,442 which represents a 94.2% decrease from 2007. Vendor payables and payroll payables were paid off during the year.
- Operating revenues increased by \$68,324, which represents a 5.3% increase from 2007. This increase is from an increase in services income for services provided to other schools.
- Expenses decreased by \$127,102 which represents an 8.7% decrease from 2007. Decreases in materials, supplies and capital outlay totaling \$151,922 occurred because 2007 purchases were made using Federal Charter School Start-Up funding. Other expenses increases were normal annual increases.
- Non-operating revenues decreased \$297,186, which represents an 88.1% decrease from 2007. This is from receipt of a one-time \$300,000 Federal Charter School Start-Up grant in 2007.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net 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 looks at how well OASD has performed financially through June 30, 2008. This statement includes all of the assets, liabilities and net assets using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended.

The following schedule provides a summary Statement of Net Assets for fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 for OASD.

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash	\$ 96,364	\$ 186,274
Other Current Assets	6,258	48,030
Capital Assets	145,268	141,684
Total Assets	247,890	375,988
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	12,097	209,539
Total Liabilities	12,097	209,539
Net Assets		
Investments in capital assets net of related debt	145,268	141,684
Unrestricted	90,525	24,765
Net Assets	<u>\$ 235,793</u>	<u>\$ 166,449</u>

Net Assets increased \$69,344, due to effective operating of the school and revenue for providing services to affiliated schools. For assets, cash decreased \$89,910; due from other governments decreased \$30,765; accounts receivable decreased \$11,007, and net capital assets increased \$3,584 from 2007. For liabilities, accounts payable decreased \$196,175 (Hattie Larlham was owed \$132,013 at year-end 2007) and accrued wages and benefits decreased \$1,267.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets reports operating and non-operating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

The following schedule provides a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for OASD for fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

	2008	2007
Revenues		
Foundation and Poverty		
Based Assistance Revenues	\$1,238,041	\$1,251,488
Other Operating Revenues	131,460	49,689
Operating Revenues	1,369,501	1,301,177
Interest	309	630
Federal and State Grants	39,743	336,608
Non-Operating Revenues	40,052	337,238
Total Revenues	1,409,553	1,638,415
Expenses		
Salaries	566,237	554,740
Fringe Benefits	180,306	153,343
Purchased Services	518,435	552,620
Materials and Supplies	22,043	96,610
Capital Outlay	11,070	88,425
Depreciation	29,232	11,755
Other Operating Expenses	12,886	9,818
Total Expenses	1,340,209	1,467,311
Net Income/(Loss)	69,344	171,104
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	166,449	(4,655)
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 235,793</u>	<u>\$ 166,449</u>

Net Assets increased in both fiscal years 2008 and 2007. This is due to operating the school for a full year in 2007 as well as receipt of federal start-up monies and purchases of capital equipment and services provided to other schools in 2008. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase or decrease as the number of classes increase and decrease other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received for capital improvements to our building and to purchase various educational programs and equipment.

Overall, revenues decreased by \$228,862 from 2007 to 2008. The most significant revenue item was a decrease of \$296,865 from Federal and State Grants. A one-time \$300,000 Federal Charter School Start-Up Grant was received in 2007. Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance funds decreased \$13,447 due to a change in the mix of special education categories for the students served in 2008. Other revenues also increased \$81,771 because the school provided services to affiliated schools during the 2008 year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

Total expenses decreased from 2007 to 2008 due to expenditure of the Federal Charter School Start-Up Grant monies in fiscal year 2007. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$38,460 due to normal annual increases. Purchased services decreased \$34,185 due to improvements in service, delivery of instructional services, pupil support services and administrative services. Materials and Supplies decreased \$74,567 and Capital Outlay decreased \$77,355 because 2007 purchases of books, supplies, furniture and equipment for the classrooms were made with the Federal Charter School Start-Up Grant funds. Depreciation increased \$17,477 as a result of equipment and furniture being in service during the entire 2008 year. Other Operating Expenses increased \$3,068 due to increased audit fees in 2008 and other minor items.

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2008, OASD had \$145,268 invested in computers and office equipment, furniture, equipment, and materials, net of depreciation. This is a \$3,584 increase over June 30, 2007.

The following schedule provides a summary of Fixed Assets as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 for OASD.

	2008	2007
Capital Assets (net of depreciation	n)	
Computers and Office Equipment Furniture, Equipment & Materials	\$ 23,613 <u>121,655</u>	\$ 30,460 <u>111,224</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 145,268</u>	<u>\$ 141,684</u>

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

Current Financial Issues

Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities opened on May 24, 2007. In its third year of operations it has grown from 48 students, seven teaching staff members and expenses of \$97,482 to a total of 48 students, seventeen teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,340,209 (please note that the first year of operations was for only one month of the school year). OASD is currently limited by contract to a maximum of 48 students, which will create challenges as revenues and expenses increase with inflation in future years. As the School matures we will continue to maintain the high level of services we currently offer, to provide a strong educational product to our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during these initial years.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the finances for OASD and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Thomas F. Babb, CPA, Treasurer, by mail at Constellation Schools, 5983 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129; by e-mail at <u>babb.thomas@constellationschools.com</u>; by calling 440.845.7688; or by faxing 440.845.7689.

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Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities Cuyahoga County Statement of Net Assets As of June 30, 2008

<u>Assets:</u> <u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash	\$96,364
Due from Other Governments	6,258
Total Current Assets	102,622
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	145,268
Total Non-Current Assets	145,268
Total Assets	247,890
<u>Liabilities:</u> <u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	12,097
Total Liabilities	12,097
<u>Net Assets:</u>	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	145,268
Unrestricted	90,525
Total Net Assets	\$235,793

Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities Cuyahoga County Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Operating Revenues:

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues Other Operating Revenues	\$1,238,041 131,460
Total Operating Revenues	1,369,501
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	566,237
Fringe Benefits	180,306
Purchased Services	518,435
Materials and Supplies	22,043
Capital Outlay	11,070
Depreciation	29,232
Other Operating Expenses	12,886
Total Operating Expenses	1,340,209
Operating Income	29,292
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Interest	309
Federal and State Grants	39,743
Total Non-Operating Revenues	40,052
Net Income	69,344
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	166,449
Net Assets at End of Year	\$235,793

Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Increase (Decrease) in Cash:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received from State of Ohio Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	\$1,238,041 (943,577)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services Other Operating Revenues	(567,504) 142,467
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(130,573)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Federal and State Grants Received	73,170
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	73,170
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(32,816)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(32,816)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest	309
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	309
Net (Decrease) in Cash	(89,910)
Cash at Beginning of Year	186,274
Cash at End of Year	\$96,364

Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 (Continued)

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net	
Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$29,292
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to <u>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Depreciation	29,232
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(2,662)
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	11,007
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(196,175)
(Decrease) in Accrued Wages and Benefits	(1,267)
Total Adjustments	(159,865)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$130,573)

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

I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities (OASD), previously Ohio City Community School (OCCS) and Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities (OACD), is a nonprofit corporation established on January 30, 2001 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. On May 29, 2008, OASD was issued a determination letter of tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the tax-exempt status of OASD. OASD, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. OASD may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of OASD.

OASD (as OCCS) was approved for operation under a contract dated July 22, 2004 between the Governing Authority of OASD (as OCCS) and the Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) (the Sponsor). On July 22, 2005 OASD (as OCCS) entered into a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to have BCHF replace LCESC as their sponsor. Under the terms of the contract BCHF will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XI for further discussion of the sponsor services. OASD entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide management agreement. On March 27, 2007 the school name was changed to Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students with Disabilities.

OASD operates under a five-member Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualification of teachers. The Board of Directors controls the OASD instructional facility staffed by seventeen certificated full time teaching personnel who provided services to 48 students. During 2008, the board members for OASD also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Mansfield Community Elementary.

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

II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of OASD 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. OASD also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of OASD's accounting policies are described below.

1. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. OASD prepares financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which OASD receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when the use is first permitted;

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matching requirements, in which OASD must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to OASD on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

3. Cash

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

4. Budgetary Process

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

5. Due From Other Governments and Accounts Receivable

Monies due OASD for the year ended June 30, 2008 are recorded as Due From Other Governments and as Accounts Receivable. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the monies to be due.

6. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the dates received. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of \$500 or more are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation of building improvements, computers, office equipment and furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to fixed assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

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Capital Asset Classification	Years	
Computers and Office Equipment	3	
Furniture, Equipment and materials	10	

7. Intergovernmental Revenues

OASD currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the State Poverty Based Assistance Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. OASD also participates in Federal Entitlement Programs and various State Grant Programs. State and Federal Grants and Entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2008 school year totaled \$1,277,784.

8. **Private Grants and Contributions**

OASD receives grants and contributions from private sources to support the schools programs. Private grants and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are received. OASD did not receive any grants and contributions for the 2008 school year.

9. Compensated Absences

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

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

10. Use of Estimates

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

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

III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of OASD's deposits totaled \$96,364 and its bank balance was \$101,680. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2008, \$1,680 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

IV. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2008 follows:

	Balance 6/30/07	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/08
Capital Assets Being Deprec	ciated:			
Computers/Office Equipment	nt \$ 39,410	\$ 9,057	\$ 0	\$ 48,467
Furniture and Equipment	114,029	23,759	0	137,788
Total Capital Assets				
Being Depreciated:	153,439	32,816	0	186,255
Less Accumulated Depreciat	tion:			
Computers/Office Equipment	nt (8,950)	(15,904)	0	(24,854)
Furniture and Equipment	(2,805)	(13,328)	0	(16,133)
Total Accumulated				
Depreciation:	(11,755)	(29,232)	0	(40,987)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>\$ 141,684</u>	<u>\$ 3,584</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 145,268</u>

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V. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$158,704
Pupil Support Services	158,283
Staff Development & Support	14,422
Administrative	185,526
Student Activities	1,500
Total	<u>\$518,435</u>

VI. Facilities

OASD utilizes space provided by Hattie Larlham at no charge for instructional purposes as part of an overall agreement for services at their facility. Space was provided by Constellation Schools (the management company) for administrative support of the school at no charge.

VII. Risk Management

1. Property and Liability Insurance

OASD is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2008, OASD contracted with Indiana Insurance Company for all of its' insurance.

General property and liability is covered at \$10,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$11,000,000 aggregated. Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles are covered at \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Other coverage includes Employee Crime, School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, Electronic Data Processing and Business Interruption.

2. Workers' Compensation

OASD makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There have been two claims filed by OASD employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2008. The total payments made for these claims have been \$611. In the

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opinion of management, these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of OASD as June 30, 2008.

3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Benefits

OASD provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. Total insurance benefits paid by OASD for the fiscal year is \$76,946.

VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

1. State Teachers Retirement System

OASD participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

The DB Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the "formula benefit" or the "money-purchase benefit" calculation. Under the formula benefit the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the members' three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5% with an additional one-tenth of a percent added to the calculation for every year over 31 years until 100% of the final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio

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contributing services, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5%. Under the money-purchase benefit, members' lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. The total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance. Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount.

The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation among various investment choices. Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. Employer contributions into members' accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the members' designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and OASD was required to contribute 14%. Member and employer contributions were established by the State Teachers

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Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Of the 14% contributed by OASD, 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations.

OASD's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$73,611, \$72,116 and \$0, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$0 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2008 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds. Member and employer contributions actually made for DB, DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

IX. Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits

Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plan to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

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

Under Ohio law funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contribution rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 OASD's contributions to post-employment health care were \$5,662, \$5,547 and \$0, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$0 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2008 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

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X. Contingencies

1. Grants

OASD received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs requires compliance with terms and conditions, specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of OASD. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of OASD at June 30, 2008.

2. Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. As of the date of this report adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2008 are reflected in the financial statements.

XI. Sponsorship and Management Agreements

OASD entered into an agreement with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement is effective September 18, 2005. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 2% of the Fiscal Year 2008 Foundation payments received by OASD, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from OASD for fiscal year 2008 was \$24,760, all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2008

OASD entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools to provide legal, financial, and business management services for fiscal year 2008. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2007. Management fees are calculated as 5.5% of the Fiscal Year 2008 Foundation payment received by OASD from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$72,000. The total amount due from OASD for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 was \$140,094 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2008.



November 26, 2008

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students With Disabilities 3326 Broadview Road Cleveland, OH 44109

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

We have audited the financial statements of Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students With Disabilities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 26, 2008. 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 Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students With Disabilities' internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion 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 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 entity'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 entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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 entity's internal control.

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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 internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of Constellation Schools: Outreach Academy for Students With Disabilities in a separate letter dated November 26, 2008

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED APRIL 16, 2009

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