CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: WESTPARK COMMUNITY MIDDLE CUYAHOGA COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle 4400 West 140th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44135

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle, 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: Westpark Community Middle is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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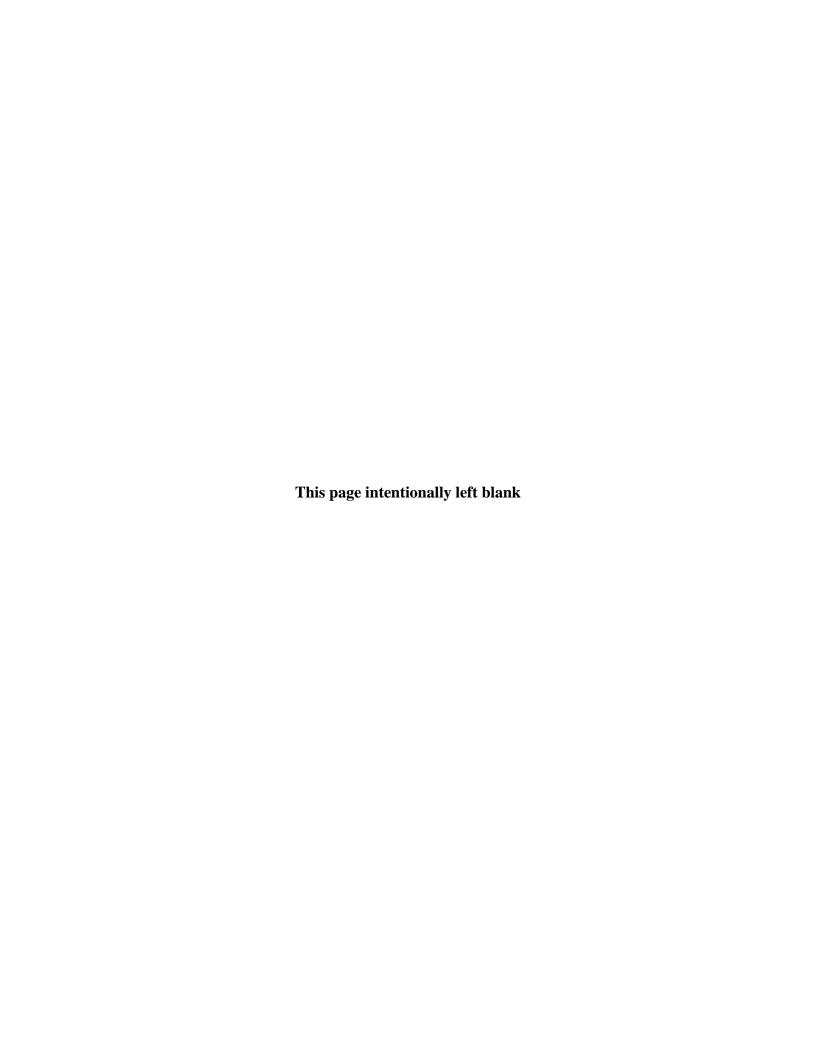
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November 26, 2008

The Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle 4400 West 140th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44135

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle (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: Westpark Community Middle, 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 & Associates, Inc.

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

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle's (WCM) 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 WCM 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 WCM.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 include the following:

- In total, net assets increased \$128,385, which represents a 27.2% increase from 2007. This increase is due entirely to enrollment increases over the previous year.
- Total assets increased \$135,905, which represents a 28.3% increase from 2007. All of this increase is in cash.
- Liabilities increased by \$7,520, which represents a 112.2% increase from 2007. Increases occurred in all categories of current liabilities from last year.
- Operating revenues increased by \$214,470, which represents a 32.9% increase from 2007. This is a direct result of increased enrollment as well as annual increases in state funding levels.
- Expenses increased by \$54,128 which represents a 6.9% increase from 2007. Operating expense increases are due to increases in staffing levels, increases in services provided and normal annual cost increases. These increases were necessitated by the increase in enrollment form the prior year.
- Non-operating revenues decreased by \$358,106, which represents a 77.5% decrease from 2007. This is due to receipt of a private grant in 2007 and receipt of the final 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 WCM 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 WCM.

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash	\$ 500,704	\$ 364,505
Other Current Assets	12,702	1,659
Capital Assets	<u>101,974</u>	113,311
Total Assets	615,380	479,475
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	14,222	6,702
Total Liabilities	14,222	6,702
Net Assets		
Investments in capital assets net of related debt	101,974	113,311
Unrestricted	499,894	359,462
Net Assets	<u>\$ 601,158</u>	<u>\$ 472,773</u>

Net Assets increased \$128,385, due to enrollment increases over the prior year. The school received additional revenue from the state of Ohio but also incurred increased operating costs directly related to the enrollment increase. For assets, cash increased \$136,199; due from other governments increased \$12,224; accounts receivable decreased \$1,181 and net capital assets decreased \$11,337 from 2007. For liabilities, accounts payable increased \$3,645; accrued wages and benefits increased \$3,233 and deferred revenues increased \$642 from 2007.

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

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 WCM for fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

	2008	2007
Revenues		
Foundation and Poverty		
Based Assistance Revenues	\$ 824,998	\$ 611,078
Other Operating Revenues	40,395	39,845
Operating Revenues	865,393	650,923
Interest	9,375	1,861
Federal and State Grants	94,484	229,804
Private Grants and Contributions	0	230,300
Non-Operating Revenues	103,859	461,965
Total Revenues	969,252	1,112,888
Expenses		
Salaries	309,610	252,699
Fringe Benefits	85,817	73,708
Purchased Services	349,207	237,681
Materials and Supplies	33,379	125,097
Capital Outlay	1,514	52,017
Depreciation	37,418	30,741
Other Operating Expenses	23,922	14,796
Total Expenses	840,867	786,739
Net Income/(Loss)	128,385	326,149
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	472,773	146,624
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 601,158</u>	<u>\$ 472,773</u>

Net Assets increased in both fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 and 2008. This is due to increased enrollment for both years as well as an unexpended grant received in 2007. 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.

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Overall, revenues decreased by \$143,636 from 2007 to 2008. The most significant revenue item is an increase from Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance funds which increased \$213,920 due to increased enrollment from 2007. Significant revenue decreases totaling \$365,620 occurred in Federal and State Grants and Private Grants. WCM received a \$230,000 private grant in 2007. The school also received the final Federal Charter School Start-Up Grant during the 2007 fiscal year.

Total expenses increased from 2007 to 2008 because of increased enrollment from 2007. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$69,020 due to personnel additions and annual increases. Purchased services increased \$111,526 due to additional pupil support services, administrative services and occupancy costs. Materials and Supplies decreased \$91,718 and Capital Outlay decreased \$50,503 due to substantial purchases of text books, classroom supplies, furniture and equipment for classroom expansion during 2007 using Federal Charter School Start-Up grant funds. Depreciation increased \$6,677 as a result of equipment and furniture being in service during the entire 2008 year. Other Operating Expenses increased \$9,126 due to increases in expenses associated with the growth of the school.

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2008, WCM had \$101,974 invested in computers and office equipment, furniture and equipment, and building improvements, net of depreciation. This is a \$11,337 decrease over June 30, 2007.

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

	2008	<u>2007</u>	
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)			
Computers and Office Equipment Furniture, Equipment & Materials	\$ 42,684 59,290	\$ 48,016 65,295	
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 101,974</u>	<u>\$ 113,311</u>	

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

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Current Financial Issues

Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle opened in January of 2006. In its second year of operations it has grown from 61 students, four teaching staff members and expenses of \$240,088 to a total of 120 students, 10 teaching staff members and expenses of \$840,867 (please note that the first year of operations was for only one-half of a school year). Grades 5 through 8 were split off from Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Elementary (WCE) to form Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle. This is providing more flexibility in the curriculum for each student. During 2008 WCE sold the property it owned and the schools operated from to the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (IDA). IDA is currently in the process of constructing an addition to accommodate increasing enrollment and allow both schools to cohabit the same property.

As the School matures to full enrollment 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.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the finances for WCM 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 babb.thomas@constellationschools.com; by calling 440.845.7688; or by faxing 440.845.7689.

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Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Net Assets As of June 30, 2008

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash Due from Other Governments Accounts Receivable	\$500,704 12,641 61
Total Current Assets	513,406
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	101,974
Total Non-Current Assets	101,974
Total Assets	615,380
<u>Liabilities:</u> <u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	3,645
Accrued Wages and Benefits	3,233
Deferred Revenue	7,344
Total Liabilities	14,222
Net Assets:	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	101,974
Unrestricted	499,184
Total Net Assets	\$601,158

Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle 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	\$824,998 40,395
Total Operating Revenues	865,393
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	309,610
Fringe Benefits	85,817
Purchased Services	349,207
Materials and Supplies	33,379
Capital Outlay	1,514
Depreciation	37,418
Other Operating Expenses	23,922
Total Operating Expenses	840,867
Operating Income	24,526
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Interest	9,375
Federal and State Grants	94,484
Total Non-Operating Revenues	103,859
Net Income	128,385
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	472,773
Net Assets at End of Year	\$601,158

Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle 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	\$824,998
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(488,639)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(306,810)
Other Operating Revenues	41,096
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	70,645
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Federal and State Grants Received	82,260
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	82,260
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(26,081)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(26,081)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest	9,375
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	9,375
Net Increase in Cash	136,199
Cash at Beginning of Year	364,505
Cash at End of Year	\$500,704

Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 (Continued)

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net <u>Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</u>

Operating Income	\$24,526
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	37,418
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	1,181
Increase in Accounts Payable	3,645
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits	3,233
Increase in Deferred Revenue	642_
Total Adjustments	46,119
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$70,645

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

I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle (WCM), previously Garfield Heights Community School (GHCS) and Westpark Community Middle School (WCMS), is a nonprofit corporation established on December 5, 2003 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under \$501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. On March 28, 2006, WCM 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 WCM. WCM, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. WCM may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of WCM.

WCM (as GHCS) was approved for operation under a contract dated January 20, 2004 between the Governing Authority of WCM (as GHCS) and the Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) (the Sponsor). On August 18, 2005 WCM (as GHCS) entered into a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to have BCHF replace LCESC as their sponsor. Under the terms of the contract BHCF will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XI for further discussion of the sponsor services. WCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools (CS) to provide management services for the fiscal year. See Note XI for further discussion of this management agreement. On March 27, 2007 the school name was changed to Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle.

WCM 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 WCM instructional facility staffed by ten certificated full time teaching personnel who provided services to 120 students. During 2008, the board members for WCM also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Elementary.

II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of WCM 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. WCM

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

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 WCM'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. WCM 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 WCM receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when the use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which WCM must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to WCM on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

3. Cash

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

4. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391 WCM 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. WCM will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

5. Due From Other Governments and Accounts Receivable

Moneys due WCM 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 moneys 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 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:

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

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7. Intergovernmental Revenues

WCM 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. WCM 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 \$919,482.

8. Private Grants and Contributions

WCM 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. Amounts received for the 2008 school year were \$-0- and the 2007 school year totaled \$230,300.

9. Compensated Absences

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, WCM 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. WCM 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.

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11. Deferred Revenue

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

III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of WCM's deposits totaled \$500,704 and its bank balance was \$506,627. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2008, \$406,627 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, WCM 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 WCM.

IV. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$83,090
Pupil Support Services	38,258
Staff Development & Support	9,857
Administrative	125,306
Occupancy Costs	92,696
Total	\$349,207

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

V. 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 Deprecia	ted:			
Computers/Office Equipment	90,750	25,343	0	116,093
Furniture and Equipment	66,818	<u>738</u>	0	67,556
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated:	157,568	26,081	0	183,649
Less Accumulated Depreciation	on:			
Computers/Office Equipment	(42,734)	(30,675)	0	(73,409)
Furniture and Equipment	(1,523)	(6,743)	0	(8,266)
Total Accumulated				
Depreciation:	(44,257)	(37,418)	0	(81,675)
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated, Net	113,311	<u>\$ (11,337)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 101,974</u>

VI. Operating Lease

WCM leased its facilities from Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Elementary (WCE) under a one-year lease agreement with the ability to renew annually. Under the terms of the sub-lease WCM made monthly lease payments of \$5,000. On January 23, 2008 WCE closed a multi-school, multi-property bond financing arrangement with the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (IDA). Under terms of the bond agreement IDA acquired the property owned by WCE for the remaining mortgage balance carried by WCE at the time. In addition IDA is financing a multi-million dollar building expansion to meet increasing demand for enrollment. The property is leased back to WCE through annual lease renewals through January 2038. Effective with the sale of the property to IDA, the lease was amended to be a sub-lease at a monthly rate of \$10,960 effective February 1, 2008. Also, as part of the bond financing arrangement, WCM, as sub-lessor, is required to provide various reports with WCE to IDA. WCE charged a total of \$89,800 from WCM during the year, all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2008.

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

VII. Risk Management

1. Property and Liability Insurance

WCM 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, WCM 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

WCM makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There has been one claim filed by WCM employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2008. There have not been any payments made for this claim. In the opinion of management, this claim will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of WCS as June 30, 2008.

3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Benefits

WCM 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 WCM for the fiscal year is \$29,510.

VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

1. State Teachers Retirement System

WCM 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.

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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 onetenth 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 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

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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 WCM was required to contribute 14%. Member and employer contributions were established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Of the 14% contributed by WCM, 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations.

WCM' required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$37,012, \$29,719 and \$5,840, respectively; 99.02% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$364 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.

2. School Employees Retirement System

WCM contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits; annual cost-of-living adjustments; and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 E. Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio

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43215-3746 or by calling toll free 1-800-878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Forms and Publications*.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and WCM is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. WCM's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$3,486, \$3,373, and \$1,610, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

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 WCM's contributions to post-employment health care were \$2,847, \$2,286 and \$449, respectively; 99.02% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$28 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2008 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

SERS administers two post-employment benefit plans, the Medicare Part B Plan and the Health Care Plan as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3309.69 and 3309.375. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses for Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees. The Health Care Plan provides health care and prescription drug plans administered by two third-party administrators. The Retirement Board establishes rules for premiums paid by retirees for health care coverage and varies depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

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The Medicare Part B premium reimbursement plan reimburses eligible retirees for the lesser of January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premiums or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2007 (most recent information available) was \$93.50. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. The Retirement Board, with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2007 (most recent information available) the actuarially required allocation was .68%. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 WCM's contributions to Medicare Part B were \$168, \$167 and \$78, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

The Health Care Plan is funded through employer contributions. Each year after allocations for required benefits the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employers' 14% contribution. At June 30, 2007 (the most recent information available) the health care allocation was 3.32%. The actuarially required contribution (ARC), as of December 31, 2006 annual valuation, was 11.50% of covered payroll. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years.

An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2008, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800.

For fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 WCM contributions to the Health Care Plan, including the surcharge were \$1,202, \$1,166 and \$566, respectively; 68.72% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal year s 2007 and 2006. \$376 representing the unpaid surcharge due for fiscal year 2008 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

X. Contingencies

1. Grants

WCM 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

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such audits could become a liability of WCM. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of WCM 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

WCM 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 WCM, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from WCM for fiscal year 2008 was \$16,500, all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2008

WCM 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 WCM from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$50,000. The total amount due from WCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 was \$95,374 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2008.

XII. Capital Commitments

As of June 30, 2008 WCM had an outstanding encumbrance to purchase laptop computers from CDWG in the amount of \$172,974. Subsequent to year-end the computers were received and the encumbrance was liquidated.



November 26, 2008

To the Board of Trustees Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Middle 4400 West 140th Street Cleveland, OH 44135

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: Westpark Community Middle 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: Westpark Community Middle's 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: Westpark Community Middle in a separate letter dated November 26, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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.

Lea & Associates, Inc.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED APRIL 16, 2009