

**CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: LORAIN COMMUNITY MIDDLE  
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

January 11, 2011

The attached audit report was completed and prepared for release prior to the commencement of my term of office on January 10, 2011. Thus, I am certifying this audit report for release under the signature of my predecessor.

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DAVE YOST  
Auditor of State

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Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle  
5983 West 54th Street  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle, Lorain County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. 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: Lorain Community Middle is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

*Mary Taylor*

Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

December 28, 2010



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The Board of Trustees  
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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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: Lorain Community Middle, as of June 30, 2010, 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 24, 2010, 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.

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.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

## **CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS: LORAIN COMMUNITY MIDDLE**

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

The discussion and analysis of Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle's (LCM) financial performance provides an overall review of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance of LCM 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 LCM.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2010 include the following:

- In total, net assets increased \$18,667, which represents a 15.5% increase from 2009. This increase is due to the increased receipt of federal stimulus funds less decreases in the state foundation funding formula.
- Total assets increased \$15,197, which represents an 11.0% increase from 2009. This is due to increases cash and due from other governments less decreases in net capital assets.
- Liabilities decreased by \$3,470, which represents a 19.8% decrease from 2009. Decreases occurred in accrued wages and benefits and deferred revenues. An increase occurred in accounts payable.
- Operating revenues increased by \$2,608, which represents a 0.3% increase from 2009. This is a direct result of revenues from increased services to other schools less decreases in the state funding formula.
- Expenses increased by \$38,461 which represents a 3.2% increase from 2009. Operating expense increases are due to increased salaries, fringe benefits and other cost offset by decreases in purchased services, supplies capital outlay and depreciation.
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$88,013, which represents a 71.4% increase from 2009. This is due to receipt of federal stimulus grants.

### **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.

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### Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets looks at how well LCM has performed financially through June 30, 2010. 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, 2010 and 2009 for LCM.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$63,247	\$34,885	\$28,362	81.3%
Other Current Assets	4,098	1,546	2,552	165.1%
Capital Assets	<u>85,891</u>	<u>101,608</u>	<u>(15,717)</u>	<u>-15.5%</u>
Total Assets	<u>153,236</u>	<u>138,039</u>	<u>15,197</u>	<u>11.0%</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current Liabilities	<u>14,028</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>(3,470)</u>	<u>-19.8%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,028</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>(3,470)</u>	<u>-19.8%</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	85,891	101,608	(15,717)	-15.5%
Unrestricted	<u>53,317</u>	<u>18,933</u>	<u>34,384</u>	<u>181.6%</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$139,208</u>	<u>\$120,541</u>	<u>\$18,667</u>	<u>15.5%</u>

Net Assets increased \$18,667, due primarily to receipt of federal stimulus funds less decreases in the state foundation funding formula. For assets, cash increased \$28,362; due from other governments increased \$2,552; and net capital assets decreased \$15,717 from 2009. For liabilities, accounts payable increased \$4,593; accrued wages and benefits decreased \$7,360 and deferred revenues decreased \$703 from 2009.

### 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, 2010.

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

The following schedule provides a summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for LCM for fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$725,980	\$767,405	(\$41,425)	-5.4%
Other Operating Revenues	318,026	273,993	44,033	16.1%
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,044,006</u>	<u>1,041,398</u>	<u>2,608</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
Federal and State Grants	211,359	123,346	88,013	71.4%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>211,359</u>	<u>123,346</u>	<u>88,013</u>	<u>71.4%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,255,365</u>	<u>1,164,744</u>	<u>90,621</u>	<u>7.8%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries	551,289	476,955	74,334	15.6%
Fringe Benefits	171,977	156,237	15,740	10.1%
Purchased Services	437,926	447,682	(9,756)	-2.2%
Materials and Supplies	34,479	54,853	(20,374)	-37.1%
Capital Outlay	1,373	10,164	(8,791)	-86.5%
Depreciation and Amortization	21,752	39,656	(17,904)	-45.1%
Other Operating Expenses	17,902	12,690	5,212	41.1%
Total Expenses	<u>1,236,698</u>	<u>1,198,237</u>	<u>38,461</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>18,667</u>	<u>(33,493)</u>	<u>52,160</u>	<u>155.7%</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	<u>120,541</u>	<u>154,034</u>	<u>(33,493)</u>	<u>-21.7%</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$139,208</u>	<u>\$120,541</u>	<u>\$18,667</u>	<u>15.5%</u>

Net Assets increased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and decreased in fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This is due to receipt of federal stimulus funds less reductions in states funding formulas payments for 2010 and increased facility and food services costs in 2009. 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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### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

The most significant changes in revenues from 2009 to 2010 are decreases of \$41,425 in Foundation funding due to formula changes and increases in federal funding due to the introduction of \$87,774 in federal stimulus funding to the school through the state of Ohio and \$47,250 for services provided to other schools. Other Operating Revenues decreased slightly and Federal and State Grants (other than stimulus funding) increased \$239.

Expenses increased from 2009 to 2010 by \$38,461. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$90,074 due to staff increases and annual salary increases. Purchased services decreased \$9,756 due to changes in pupil support services, administrative services, food services and occupancy costs. Materials and Supplies decreased \$20,374 and Capital Outlay decreased \$8,791 due to reduced purchases of text books, classroom supplies, furniture and equipment. Depreciation decreased \$17,904 as a result of equipment and furniture becoming fully depreciated during the year. Other Operating Expenses increased \$5,212 due to reduced miscellaneous expenses.

#### Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2010, LCM had \$85,891 invested in computers, technology, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation. This is a \$15,717 decrease from June 30, 2009.

The following schedule provides a summary of Fixed Assets as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 for LCM.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Capital Assets (net of depreciation)</b>				
Computers and Technology	\$6,638	\$10,553	(\$3,915)	-37.1%
Furniture and Equipment	<u>79,253</u>	<u>91,055</u>	<u>(11,802)</u>	<u>-13.0%</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$85,891</u>	<u>\$101,608</u>	<u>(\$15,717)</u>	<u>-15.5%</u>

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

#### Current Financial Issues

Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle opened in January of 2006. It has grown from 57 students, four teaching staff members and expenses of \$254,136 to a total of 106 students, 14 teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,236,698 (please note that the first year of operations was for only one-half of a school year). In January 2006 grades 5 through 8 were split off from Lorain Community School to form Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle. This is providing more flexibility in the curriculum for each student and improving our options for limited facilities space. Up until fiscal year 2009, the school shared its current facility to split occupancy costs and food service was provided by the other school. Beginning with fiscal year 2009 the school solely occupies the building it leases and has assumed all of the occupancy and food service expenses. Enrollment increases in future year continues to an issue which needs to be resolved.

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During the past year as the nation has experienced a major economic downturn, the Board of Directors, school management and school staff have worked diligently to ensure that the school maintains the high level of educational services and financial integrity that we have always provided. Our goal is to provide a strong educational product for our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during our previous years.

### **Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the finances for LCM and to show accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Treasurer/CFO Thomas F. Babb, CPA, by mail at Constellation Schools LLC, 5730 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio 44134; by e-mail at [babb.thomas@constellationschools.com](mailto:babb.thomas@constellationschools.com); by calling 216.712.7600; or by faxing 216.712.7601.

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**Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle  
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Statement of Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2010**

**Assets:**

**Current Assets:**

Cash	\$63,247
Due from Other Governments	4,098
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	67,345

**Non-Current Assets:**

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	85,891
<i>Total Non-Current Assets</i>	85,891

<i>Total Assets</i>	153,236
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**Liabilities:**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	10,068
Deferred Revenue	3,960
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	14,028

**Net Assets:**

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	85,891
Unrestricted	53,317
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	\$139,208

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Net Assets  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010**

**Operating Revenues:**

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$725,980
Other Operating Revenues	318,026
	1,044,006

**Operating Expenses:**

Salaries	551,289
Fringe Benefits	171,977
Purchased Services	437,926
Materials and Supplies	34,479
Capital Outlay	1,373
Depreciation	21,752
Other Operating Expenses	17,902
	1,236,698
Operating Loss	(192,692)

**Non-Operating Revenues:**

Federal and State Grants	211,359
	211,359
Net Income	18,667
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	120,541
Net Assets at End of Year	\$139,208

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

**Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010**

**Increase (Decrease) in Cash:**

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$725,980
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(659,617)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(558,649)
Other Operating Revenues	<u>317,323</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(174,963)</u>

**Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:**

Federal and State Grants Received	<u>209,360</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>209,360</u>

**Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:**

Payments for Capital Acquisitions	<u>(6,035)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(6,035)</u>

Net Increase in Cash	28,362
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>34,885</u>

Cash at End of Year	<u><u>\$63,247</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net  
Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss	(\$192,692)
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to  
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Depreciation	21,752
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Changes in Assets and Liabilities:

(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(553)
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Increase in Accounts Payable	4,593
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(Decrease) in Accrued Wages and Benefits	(7,360)
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(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(703)
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Total Adjustments	17,729
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Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$174,963)
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity**

**Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle** (LCM), previously Mansfield Academy for Gifted Students (MAGS) and Lorain Community Middle School (LCMS), 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, LCM 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 LCM. LCM, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. LCM may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of LCM.

LCM (as MAGS) was approved for operation under a contract dated January 20, 2004 between the Governing Authority of LCM (as MAGS) and the Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) (the Sponsor). On August 18, 2005 LCM (as MAGS) entered into a contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to have BCHF replace LCESC as their sponsor, which was amended January 22, 2009 to extend the term of the original contract until June 30, 2010. Under the terms of the contract BCHF will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XI for further discussion of the sponsor services. LCM 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: Lorain Community Middle.

LCM 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 LCM instructional facility staffed by fourteen certificated full time teaching personnel who provided services to 106 students. During 2010, the board members for LCM also serve as the board for Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Elementary.

**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of LCM 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

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standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles to its governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. LCM also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its proprietary activities unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. LCM has elected not to follow FASB guidance issued after November 30, 1989 for its proprietary activities. The more significant of LCM'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. LCM 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 LCM 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 LCM must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided

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to LCM on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**3. Cash**

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

**4. Budgetary Process**

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

**5. Due From Other Governments and Accounts Receivable**

Moneys due LCM for the year ended June 30, 2010 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 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:

<b>Capital Asset Classification</b>	<b>Years</b>
Computers and Technology	3
Furniture and Equipment	10

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**7. Intergovernmental Revenues**

LCM currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Poverty Based Assistance Program and the Federal State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. LCM also participates in Federal Entitlement Programs, the Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 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 2010 school year totaled \$937,339.

**8. Private Grants and Contributions**

LCM 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. LCM did not receive any grants and contributions for the 2010 school year.

**9. Compensated Absences**

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, LCM 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. LCM 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 LCM consists of materials fees received in the current year which pertains to the next school year.

**III. Deposits**

At fiscal year end June 30, 2010, the carrying amount of LCM' deposits totaled \$63,247 and its bank balance was \$79,027. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2010, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$79,027 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, LCM 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 LCM.

**IV. Purchased Services**

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$57,300
Pupil Support Services	62,251
Staff Development & Support	8,504
Administrative	137,212
Occupancy Costs	144,596
Food Services	27,325
Extracurricular Activities	<u>738</u>
Total Purchased Services	<u><u>\$437,926</u></u>

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**V. Capital Assets**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2010 follows:

	Balance 6/30/09	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/10
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Computers and Technology	\$93,718	\$6,035	\$0	\$99,753
Furniture and Equipment	118,020	0	0	118,020
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	211,738	6,035	0	217,773
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Computers and Technology	(83,165)	(9,950)	0	(93,115)
Furniture and Equipment	(26,965)	(11,802)	0	(38,767)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(110,130)	(21,752)	0	(131,882)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$101,608	(\$15,717)	\$0	\$85,891

**VI. Operating Lease**

Effective July 1, 2008 LCM assumed the lease at 309 Seventh Street, Lorain from Constellation Schools: Lorain Gifted Academy at St. Mary Church. Under terms of the lease the rental of the facility continued until June 30, 2009 and was subsequently renewed for fiscal year 2010. Rents paid to St. Mary's Church during the fiscal year totaled \$105,415.

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**VII. Risk Management**

**1. Property and Liability Insurance**

LCM 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 2010, LCM 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. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been any significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

**2. Workers' Compensation**

LCM makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. There have been no claims filed by LCM employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2010.

**3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Benefits**

LCM 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 LCM for the fiscal year is \$79,681.

**VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**1. State Teachers Retirement System**

LCM 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](http://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. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. 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 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years until 100% of the final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s 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 for DB Plan participants.

DC Plan benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may

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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.

Member contributions in the Combined Plan are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A 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 a member 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.

The DB and Combined Plan offer access to health coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not

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to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 (the latest year available), were 10% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The amount required to fund pension obligations during the year is 13%.

LCM's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$64,778, \$55,211 and \$46,619, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008. Member and employer contributions actually made for DB, DC and Combined Plan participants will be provided upon written request.

**2. School Employees Retirement System**

LCM 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 43215-3746 or by calling toll free 1-800-878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and LCM is required to contribute 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. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 12.78%. The remaining 1.22% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. LCM's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$7,419, \$7,315 and \$3,100, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008.

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**IX. Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits**

**1. State Teachers Retirement System**

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plans. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage 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 Ohio. 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. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 LCM's contributions to post-employment health care were \$4,983, \$4,247 and \$3,586, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008.

**2. School Employees Retirement System**

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio administers two post-employment benefit plans. The Medicare B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2010 was \$96.40 for most participants, but could be as high as \$353.60 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2010 the actuarially required allocation is .76%. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 LCM contributions to Medicare Part B were \$403,

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\$392 and \$150, respectively; 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008.

Ohio Revised Code 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code provides a statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employee contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14% contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2010 the health care allocation is 0.46%. 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 2010, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 LCM contributions to the Health Care Plan, including the surcharge were \$1,045, \$2,962 and \$1,069, respectively; 23.3% has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100% for fiscal years 2009 and 2008. \$801 representing the unpaid surcharge due for fiscal year 2010 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

**X. Contingencies**

**1. Grants**

LCM 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



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subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of LCM. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of LCM at June 30, 2010.

**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. Adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2010 are immaterial and are not reflected in the financial statements but will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2011.

**XI. Sponsorship and Management Agreements**

LCM 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 and was amended to continue through June 30, 2010. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 2% of the Fiscal Year 2010 Foundation payments received by LCM, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from LCM for fiscal year 2010 was \$14,401, all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2010.

LCM entered into an agreement with Constellation Schools to provide legal, financial, and business management services for fiscal year 2010. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2009. Management fees are calculated as 6% of the Fiscal Year 2010 Foundation and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds payment received by LCM from the State of Ohio plus a fixed fee of \$55,000. The total amount due from LCM for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 was \$101,469 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2010.

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November 24, 2010

To the Board of Trustees  
Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle  
201 West Erie Street  
Lorain, OH 44052

**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 the governmental activities of the Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2010. 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 the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses as defined above.

### **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 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 we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Constellation Schools: Lorain Community Middle in a separate letter dated November 24, 2010.

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 these specific parties.

*Rea & 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.

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JANUARY 11, 2011**