# Rushmore Academy Marion County

General Purpose External Financial Statement For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010



Board of Directors Rushmore Academy 910 East Church Street Marion, Ohio 43302

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Rushmore Academy, Marion 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. Rushmore Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

February 1, 2011



# Rushmore Academy General Purpose External Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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December 13, 2010

The Board of Directors Rushmore Academy 910 East Church Street Marion, Ohio 43302

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rushmore Academy (the "Academy"), a component unit of Marion City School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy'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 Rushmore Academy, as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof 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 December 13, 2010 on our consideration of the Academy'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 4 through 6 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Lea & associates, Inc.

# Rushmore Academy Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Rushmore Academy's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

#### **Highlights**

The Academy began operations in July 2009. The Academy is a standalone brick and mortar school which served 87 students during fiscal year 2010. The Academy hires and provides specialized training for its entire staff.

# **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements.

The statement of net assets and the statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net assets reflect how the Academy did financially during fiscal year 2010. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to that which is used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current fiscal years' revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the Academy's net assets and the change in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the Academy has increased or decreased from the prior fiscal year. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2010:

# Table 1 Net Assets

	2010
Assets:	
Current Assets	\$273,544
Capital Assets, Net	98,100
Total Assets	371,644
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<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Current Liabilities	44,645
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets	98,100
Unrestricted	228,899
Total Net Assets	\$326,999

# Rushmore Academy Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010 Unaudited

Table 2 reflects the change in net assets for fiscal year 2010.

Table 2 Change in Net Assets

	2010		
Operating Revenues:			
Foundation	\$559,067		
Other Operating Revenues	2,873		
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Grants	324,315		
Total Revenues	886,255		
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased Services	449,127		
Materials and Supplies	89,831		
Depreciation	20,298		
Total Expenses	559,256		
Increase in Net Assets	326,999		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	0		
Net Assets at End of Year	\$326,999		

Fiscal year 2010 was the first year of operation for Rushmore Academy; therefore, comparisons to the prior fiscal year are not relevant. For fiscal year 2010, resources obtained through State foundation and grants exceeded operating costs.

# **Budgeting**

Rushmore Academy is not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.

### **Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2010, the Academy had \$98,100 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). For further information regarding the Academy's capital assets, refer to Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

# **Current Issues**

The Academy is sponsored by the Marion City School District. The Academy relies on State foundation funding as well as federal grants to provide the monies necessary to operate a drop-out/credit recovery oriented educational program. These funds will continue to help expand the current program.

The future of the Academy is dependent upon continued funding from the State as no local revenue can be generated through tuition or property taxes.

# Rushmore Academy Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010 Unaudited

The Academy has committed itself to providing a service to those students who have either dropped-out of school or for those students in search of credit recovery. The management will aggressively pursue adequate funding to secure the financial stability of the Academy.

For the 2009/2010 school year, the Academy is committed to providing all students and staff with the necessary resources to help promote a safe and learning environment. The Academy will work independently from its sponsor to provide professional development and learning opportunities to all staff members.

# **Contacting MCDA's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to reflect the Academy's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Hueston Lauderman, Treasurer, Rushmore Academy, 910 East Church Street, Marion, Ohio 43302.

# Rushmore Academy Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

Assets:	
<u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$209,593
Intergovernmental Receivable	63,951
Total Current Assets	273,544
Non-Current Assets:	
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	98,100
Total Assets	371,644
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	1,922
Due to Primary Government	42,723
Total Current Liabilities	44,645
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets	98,100
Unrestricted	228,899
Total Net Assets	\$326,999

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

# Rushmore Academy Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

Operating Revenues:	
Foundation	\$559,067
Other Operating Revenues	2,873
Total Operating Revenues	561,940
Operating Expenses:	
Purchased Services	449,127
Materials and Supplies	89,831
Depreciation	20,298
Total Operating Expenses	559,256
Operating Income	2,684
Non-Operating Revenues	
Grants	324,315
Change in Net Assets	326,999
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	0
Net Assets at End of Year	\$326,999

# Rushmore Academy Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Foundation	\$559,067
Cash Received from Other Revenues	2,873
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(494,313)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	67,627
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Cash Received from Grants	260,364
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Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities:	(119 209)
Cash Payments for Capital Acquisition  Not Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(118,398) 209,593
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	209,393
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$209,593
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Reconciliation of Operating Income	
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$2,684
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income	
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	20,298
-	20,298
Changes in Assets and Liabilities: Increase in Accounts Payable	1,922
Increase in Due to Primary Government	42,723
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$67,627
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# **Note 1 - Description of the School**

Rushmore Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy is an approved tax-exempt organization 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 Academy's tax exempt status. The Academy's objective is to deliver a comprehensive educational program of high quality, tied to state and national standards, which can be delivered to high school dropouts, formerly home schooled students, students who have experienced consistent lack of success in traditional high school settings, and other students age sixteen through twenty-one. It is to be operated in cooperation with the public schools to provide an open, non-discriminatory environment where students are encouraged to work at their own pace while staff helps to overcome barriers that have hindered past academic success. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the school.

Rushmore Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Marion City School District (the Sponsor) for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2009. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration. The Sponsor is also the fiscal agent of the Academy with the Assistant Treasurer of the Sponsor performing the role of Treasurer for the Academy.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member Board of Directors made up of community members within the area served by the Academy. The board members are appointed by the Marion City Board of Education. Because the Marion City Board of Education is financially accountable for the Academy, the Academy is considered a component unit of the Marion City School District. The Board of Directors of the Academy 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 qualifications of teachers. During fiscal year 2010, the Academy purchased services from the Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA).

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The basic financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The FASB has codified its standards and the standards issued prior to November 30, 1989 are included in the codification. The Academy does not apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. Following are the more significant of the Academy's accounting policies.

### A. Basis of Presentation

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets; a statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net assets; and a statement of cash flows.

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Academy uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, change in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. Enterprise accounting may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

### **B.** Measurement Focus

The Academy is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Academy are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net assets presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs.

### C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, are recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy 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 use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

### **D.** Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe a budget requirement.

# E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash held by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net assets. Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments. During fiscal year 2010, the Academy had no investments.

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# F. Capital Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Capital assets, currently consisting of equipment, are depreciated over five to twenty years.

#### G. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. The Academy did not have any restricted net assets at fiscal year end.

# **H.** Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

The amount of these grants is directly related to the number of students enrolled in the Academy. The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the Academy. These reviews are conducted to ensure that accurate student enrollment data is reported to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated.

The remaining grants and entitlements received by the Academy are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which eligibility requirements have been met.

### I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the Academy. For the Academy, these revenues are generally foundation payments from the State. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the Academy. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### J. 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 those estimates.

# **Note 3 - Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2010, the Academy has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 53, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments", Statement No. 55, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments", Statement No. 56, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards", Statement No. 57, "OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans", and Statement No. 58, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies".

GASB Statement No. 53 addresses the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of information regarding derivative instruments entered into by state and local governments. It requires governments to measure derivative instruments, with the exception of synthetic guaranteed investment contracts that are fully benefit-responsive, at fair value in the economic resources measurement focus financial statements. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 55 incorporates the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments into the GASB authoritative literature. The GAAP hierarchy consists of the sources of accounting principles used in the preparation of financial statements and the framework for selecting those principles. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 56 incorporates accounting and financial reporting guidance previously only contained in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) auditing literature into the GASB's accounting and financial reporting literature. This guidance addresses related party transactions, going concern considerations, and subsequent events from the AICPA literature. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 57 addresses issues related to the use of the alternative measurement method and the frequency and timing of measurements by employers that participate in agent multiple-employer other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans (that is, agent employers). The requirements in this statement will allow more agent employers to use the alternative measurement method to produce actuarially based information for financial reporting and clarify that OPEB measures reported by agent multiple-employer OPEB plans and the participating employers should be determined at the same minimum frequency and as of a common date to improve the consistency of reporting with regard to funded status and funding progress information. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the financial statements.

# **Note 3 - Change in Accounting Principles** (continued)

GASB Statement No. 58 provides accounting and financial reporting guidance for governments that have petitioned for protection from creditors by filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The requirements in this statement will provide more consistent recognition, measurement, display, and disclosure guidance for governments that file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the financial statements.

# **Note 4 - Deposits**

At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$209,593 and the bank balance was \$357,469. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

### Note 5 - Receivables

At June 30, 2010, the Academy had intergovernmental receivables, in the amount of \$63,951. The receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

	Amount	
Idea Part - B	\$13,577	
Title I	39,045	
Title II-A	1,096	
Title II-D	206	
Title IV-A	10,027	
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$63,951	

# **Note 6 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, was as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/09	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/10
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Furniture and Equipment	\$0	\$118,398	\$0	\$118,398
Less Accumulated Depreciation	0	(20,298)	0	(20,298)
Capital Assets, Net	\$0	\$98,100	\$0	\$98,100

# Note 7 - Risk Management

The Academy 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. During fiscal year 2010, the Academy obtained the following insurance coverage through Marion City School District's insurance policy.

Coverage provided by Ohio Casualty Insurance Company:

General Liability

Each Occurrence \$1,000,000 Aggregate \$2,000,000

#### **Note 8 - Fiscal Agent**

The sponsorship agreement states the Assistant Treasurer of the Sponsor shall serve as the fiscal officer of Rushmore Academy.

The Assistant Treasurer of the Sponsor shall perform the following functions while serving as the Treasurer of the Academy:

- A. Maintain the financial records of the Academy in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the Auditor of State;
- B. Comply with the policies and procedures regarding internal financial control of the Academy; and
- C. Comply with the requirements and procedures for financial audits by the Auditor of the State.

# **Note 9 - Contract with TRECA**

Rushmore Academy entered into a contract on February 5, 2010, with Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) for management consulting services. Under the contract, the following terms were agreed upon:

- 1. TRECA shall provide instructional, supervisory/administrative, and technical services sufficient to effectively implement the Academy's educational plan.
- 2. All personnel providing services to the Academy on behalf of TRECA under the agreement shall be employees of TRECA and TRECA shall be solely responsible for all payroll functions, including retirement system contributions, and all other legal withholding and/or payroll taxes with respect to such personnel. All shall possess any certification or licensure which may be required by law.

# **Note 9 - Contract with TRECA** (continued)

- 3. The technical services provided by TRECA to the Academy shall include access to, and the use of, computer software, computer hardware, networking hardware, network services, and the services of technical support personnel necessary to implement the plan of operation.
- 4. The Academy shall provide a key contact person who shall oversee and coordinate the daily operation of the Academy and serve as a liaison between the Academy and TRECA.
- 5. Curricular services provided by TRECA shall be limited to the standardized curriculum developed by TRECA and requested curricular electives which are developed and agreed to by TRECA.
- 6. In exchange for the services and support provided by TRECA, the Academy shall pay to TRECA \$150 per full-time student enrolled in the Academy per year.
- 7. For elective courses beyond the core curriculum, the Academy shall pay to TRECA \$250 per semester per student per half (.5) credit course.
- 8. Under a separate agreement, any professional development provided by TRECA to the Academy for instructional training shall be a the rate of \$650 per day.

For fiscal year 2010, \$16,292 was paid to TRECA.

To obtain TRECA's June 30, 2010, audited financial statements contact Scott Armstrong, Treasurer, at scott@treca.org.

### **Note 10 - Related Party Transactions**

Rushmore Academy is a component unit of the Sponsor (Marion City School District). The Academy and Marion City School District entered into a five-year sponsorship agreement on March 9, 2009, whereby terms of the sponsorship were established. Pursuant to this agreement, Marion City School District's Assistant Treasurer serves as the Academy's fiscal officer.

In fiscal year 2010, other payments made by the Academy to Marion City School District were \$483,245. These represent payments of \$334,868 for administrative and support services provided by Marion City School District to the Academy and \$148,377 for reimbursements for supplies and equipment purchases made by Marion City School District for the Academy.

Payments made by the Academy to TRECA in fiscal year 2010 for purchased services were \$16,292. This consists of the \$14,415 in student charges and \$1,877 in miscellaneous fees.

# **Note 11 - Contingencies**

### A. Grants

Rushmore Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2010.

### **B.** Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School District as a defendant.

# C. Full Time Equivalency

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community 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 conclusion of this review resulted in state funding being adjusted by an immaterial amount not reflected in the financial statements.



December 13, 2010

To the Board of Directors Rushmore Academy 910 East Church Street Marion, Ohio 43302

# 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 Rushmore Academy, a component unit of Marion City School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 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 Rushmore Academy'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 Rushmore Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rushmore Academy'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 to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Rushmore Academy'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 Directors, sponsor and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Lea & Associates, Inc.



# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Rushmore Academy 910 East Church Street Marion, Ohio 43302 December 13, 2010

#### To the Board of Directors:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Rushmore Academy (the "Academy") has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

- 1. We noted the Board adopted an anti-harassment policy at its meeting on May 5, 2009.
- 2. We read the policy, noting it included the following requirements from Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666(B):
  - (1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events;
  - (2) A definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that shall include the definition in division (A) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666;
  - (3) A procedure for reporting prohibited incidents;

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- (4) A requirement that school personnel report prohibited incidents of which they are aware to the school principal or other administrator designated by the principal;
- (5) A requirement that parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident be notified and, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, have access to any written reports pertaining to the prohibited incident;
- (6) A procedure for documenting any prohibited incident that is reported;
- (7) A procedure for responding to and investigating any reported incident;
- (8) A strategy for protecting a victim from additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report;
- (9) A disciplinary procedure for any student guilty of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, which shall not infringe on any student's rights under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
- (10) A requirement that the Academy administration semiannually provide the president of the Academy board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on its web site, if the Academy has a web site, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

Kea & Associates, Inc.





#### **RUSHMORE ACADEMY**

#### **MARION COUNTY**

#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

**CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 15, 2011**