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Betty Montgomery**

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Eagle Academy
Lucas County
1501 Monroe Street
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To the Governing Board:

We have audited the Balance Sheet of Eagle Academy, Lucas County, (Academy) as of June 30, 2002, and the related Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Accumulated Deficit, and the Statement of Cash Flows for the period August 21, 2001 through June 30, 2002, 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 financial position of Eagle Academy, Lucas County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 13, 2003 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 13, 2003

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2002**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 63,115
Intergovernmental Receivable	<u>9,331</u>
Total Current Assets	72,446

Non-Current Assets

Fixed Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>26,699</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>26,699</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 99,145</u></u>

Liabilities and Fund Equity

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 92,400
Contracts Payable	<u>36,735</u>
Total Current Liabilities	129,135

Fund Equity

Accumulated Deficit	<u>(29,990)</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>(29,990)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u><u>\$ 99,145</u></u>

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

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 21, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Operating Revenues

Foundation Payments	\$ 263,484
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	93,904
Food Services	2,422
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Total Operating Revenues	359,810

Operating Expenses

Salaries	184,279
Fringe Benefits	58,767
Purchased Services	238,561
Materials and Supplies	120,904
Depreciation	1,511
Other Operating Expenses	2,345
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Total Operating Expenses	606,367
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Operating Loss	(246,557)

Non-Operating Revenues

Grants - Federal	162,287
Grants - State	54,000
Interest Earnings	28
Contributions and Donations	252
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Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	216,567
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Net Loss	(29,990)
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Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year	<hr/>
Accumulated Deficit at End of Year	<u><u>\$ (29,990)</u></u>

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

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 21, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 352,383
Cash Received from Food Services	2,422
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(246,076)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(172,297)
Cash Payments to Employee Benefits	<u>(57,348)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(120,916)</u>

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities

Grants - Federal	157,961
Grants - State	54,000
Contributions and Donations	<u>252</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>212,213</u>

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities

Payments for Capital Acquisitions	<u>(28,210)</u>
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(28,210)</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Interest on Investments	<u>28</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>28</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	63,115
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	<u> </u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	<u><u>\$ 63,115</u></u>

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EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 21, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002
(Continued)

**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities**

Operating Loss \$ (246,557)

**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities**

Depreciation 1,511
Changes in Liabilities:
 (Increase) in Intergovernmental Receivable (5,005)
 Increase in Accounts Payable 92,400
 Increase in Contract Payable 36,735

Total Adjustments 125,641

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities \$ (120,916)

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

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Eagle Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy's mission is to provide an atmosphere where students will develop a thirst for learning, creative expression and awareness of new horizons. As a family of learners, students and staff exhibit depth of understanding, acceptance of others, personal integrity and responsibility, and a willingness to exercise leadership in their educational and social interactions. Staff, students and their families are committed to facing the challenges of the new century, believing that there is no problem too complex nor goal too lofty that cannot be mastered. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission 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 Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the University of Toledo Charter School Services (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing August 21, 2001. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five member Governing Board. The Governing 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 qualifications of teachers. The Governing Board controls the Academy's instructional/support facility staffed by four non-certified personnel and three certificated teaching personnel who provide services to 61 students.

The Governing Board has entered into a management contract with The Leona Group, LLC (TLG), a for-profit limited liability corporation, for management services and operation of its school. TLG operates the Academy's instructional/support facility, is the employer of record for all personnel and supervises and implements the curriculum. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee and year-end fee. (See Note 15.)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Academy 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. The Academy 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 the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise Accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in 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.

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. 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 balance sheet. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

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

The accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

C. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the state of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast which is to be updated on an annual basis. The Academy follows a budget that is adopted and revised as needed.

D. Cash

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's management company, The Leona Group. All cash received by the Fiscal Officer is maintained in a bank account in the Academy's name or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments. For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the balance sheet, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are considered to be cash equivalents.

E. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the dates received. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure.

Depreciation of furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of five years for equipment, seven years for furniture and three years for EDP equipment.

F. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Intergovernmental Revenues (continued)

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the 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.

The Academy also participates in the Federal Charter Academy Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Education. Under this program, the Academy was awarded \$150,000 to offset start-up costs of the Academy. Revenue received from this program is recognized as non-operating revenue in the accompanying financial statements.

Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the period August 21, 2001 through June 30, 2002 totaled \$568,670.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2002, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expense in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2002, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$63,115 and the bank balance was \$91,570. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2002, consisted of intergovernmental receivables. The intergovernmental receivables are considered collectible in full.

5. FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the Academy's fixed assets at June 30, 2002, follows:

Furniture and Equipment	\$ 28,210
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,511)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$ 26,699</u></u>

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

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. For the fiscal period ended June 30, 2002, the Academy contracted with EMC Insurance Companies for property and general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$2,000,000 aggregate limit and no deductible. Excess Liability coverage of \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$2,000,000 aggregate limit and no deductible is also held.

Professional liability is protected by insurance coverage through EMC Insurance with a \$2,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$5,000,000 aggregate limit and no deductible. Vehicle coverage is protected by EMC Insurance with a \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability.

B. Workers' Compensation

The Academy pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is established by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll; 5.46 percent was the portion to fund pension obligations for the fiscal period 2002. 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 Academy's required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the year ended June 30, 2002 was \$1,046; 90.63 percent has been contributed for fiscal period 2002. The unpaid contribution for the fiscal period 2002, in the amount of \$ 98 is recorded as a liability.

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
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7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The Academy contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute 14 percent; 9.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations for fiscal period 2002. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The Academy's required contribution for pension obligations to STRS for fiscal period 2002 was \$17,637; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal period 2002.

8. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Academy provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

For STRS, all benefit recipients are required to pay a portion of health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio Law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal period 2002, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 4.5 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the Academy, this amount equaled \$8,355 during the fiscal period.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$3,256 million at June 30, 2001 (the latest information available). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$300,772,000, and STRS had 102,132 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989, with less than twenty-five years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

For the fiscal period June 30, 2002, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.54 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal period 2002, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. For the Academy, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$1,637 for fiscal period 2002.

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
(Continued)**

8. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), were \$161,439,934, and the target level was \$242.2 million. At June 30, 2001, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$315.7 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

9. STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school-funding plan is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient". The Academy is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and its financial operations.

10. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the funds. 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, 2002.

B. Ohio Community School Program

A suit was filed in Franklin County Common Pleas court on May 14, 2001, alleging that Ohio's Community (i.e. Charter) Schools program violates the State constitution and State law. On April 21, 2003, the Court dismissed the counts containing constitutional claims and stayed the other counts pending appeal of the constitutional issues.

C. State Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data 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 results of this review resulted in the state funding being adjusted. The Academy foundation payments were increased by \$5,005 and this has been recorded as an intergovernmental receivable on the financial statements.

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
(Continued)**

11. PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENSES

For the period ended June 30, 2002, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Accounting	\$	19,327
Legal		2,760
Insurance		9,862
Employment Services		9,799
University of Toledo Charter School Council		8,408
The Leona Group, LLC (See Note 15)		68,385
Cleaning Services		5,201
Utility		50,973
Other Professional Services		12,733
Building Lease Agreements		51,113
Total Purchased Services	<u>\$</u>	<u>238,561</u>

12. OPERATING LEASES

The Academy has entered into a lease for the period August 1, 2001 through August 31, 2006 with Luttenberger and Company to lease 24,000 square feet of space for a school facility. Payments made totaled \$36,954 for the fiscal period. The building which houses the Academy is owned by Luttenberger and Company. The Academy has the option to renew the lease at an inflation-adjusted rate at the end of the contract period.

The Academy entered into 2 leases for copiers with Albin Business Centers, one for the period July 3, 2001 through July 2, 2004 and one for the period September 20, 2001 through September 19, 2005. Payments made totaled \$932 and \$3,133 for the fiscal period.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments required under the operating leases as of June 30, 2002.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Facility Lease	Copier Leases
2003	\$ 177,120	\$ 4,091
2004	183,324	4,091
2005	188,820	3,149
2006	194,484	787
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 743,748</u>	<u>\$ 12,118</u>

13. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The Academy has not filed for its tax exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy is considering incorporating the school as an Ohio Public Benefit Corporation, a tax exempt organization in accordance with § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, in accordance with HB 364.

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LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002
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14. RELATED PARTIES

Three Board members of the Academy are employees of The Leona Group, LLC (TLG). The Academy contracts with TLG for the operation of its school, including program evaluation; human resources; staffing, supervision and performance review; fiscal services and accounting; and compliance. As stated in Note 11 the Academy paid TLG \$68,385 which includes \$19,741 that was due to TLG and presented as a contracts payable as of June 30, 2002.

15. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Academy entered into a five-year contract, effective August 21, 2001 through August 20, 2006, with The Leona Group, LLC for educational management services for all of the management, operation, administration, and education at the Academy. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee of 12 percent of the per pupil expenditures and a Year-End fee of 50 percent of the audited financial statement excess of revenues over expenses, if any. The amount paid to TLG for fiscal period 2002 totaled \$68,385, \$19,741 was payable at June 30, 2002. Terms of the contracts require TLG to provide the following:

- Implementation and administration of the Educational Program.
- Management of all personnel functions, including professional development.
- Operation of the school building and the installation of technology integral to school design.
- All aspects of the business administration of the Academy.
- The provision of food service for the Academy.
- Any other function necessary or expedient for the administration of the Academy.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On July 1, 2002, the Academy converted \$57,201 of Accounts Payable into a Note to repay J. L. Hammett Company for furnishings purchased. The Note is payable over twelve months at 12 percent interest.

On October 10, 2002, Eagle Academy has provided a loan to the Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy in the amount of \$7,600. This amount was repaid to the Academy on December 17, 2002.



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Eagle Academy
Lucas County
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Toledo, Ohio 43624

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of Eagle Academy, Lucas County, (Academy) for the period August 21, 2001 through June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated May 13, 2003. 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 of America.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Academy in a separate letter dated May 13, 2003.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy'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 assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Academy's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2002-001 and 2002-002.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we consider item 2002-2002 to be a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report that we have reported to management of the Academy in a separate letter dated May 13, 2003.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 13, 2003

**EAGLE ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 21, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2002-001

Reportable Condition - Tax Exempt Status

The Academy has not applied for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Without approval of the tax exempt status, the net income consequently is subject to taxation by the IRS. Further, the Academy has not filed any tax returns. The accompanying financial statements do not include amounts associated with an income tax liability or associated fines or penalties.

We recommend the Academy establish provisions for federal and local and accrued taxes. We also recommend the Academy immediately file the appropriate tax forms with the IRS, pay any outstanding taxes due and negotiate a settlement concerning any fees and/or penalties which may be assessed.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-002

Material Weakness - Fixed Assets

The following conditions over fixed asset controls and procedures exist:

- The Academy has not developed a fixed asset accounting system which maintains fixed asset listings with tag identification numbers.
- The Academy has not accurately developed and implemented procedures to assist in recording assets as additions when purchased, and deletions when disposed of throughout the fiscal year.
- The Academy has not developed and implemented procedures to perform periodic inventory of assets.
- The Governing Board has not developed a fixed asset policy wherein it sets forth the capitalization criteria for the Academy.

Failure to obtain timely records or employ adequate controls over the acquisition and disposal of fixed assets could result in misappropriation of assets and misstatements of recorded assets.

To maintain adequate safeguards over fixed assets, and to reduce the risk that the Academy's assets will be misstated, we recommend:

- The Governing Board develops and implements procedures to be performed throughout the year, for the recording and updating of fixed assets. These procedures should include tagging all assets meeting the Academy's capitalization criteria. Further, addition and disposal forms should be completed by the Academy and approved by management when assets are acquired or disposed of. This information should then be entered on a fixed asset accounting system, recording such information as the tag number, a description of the item, the cost, the acquisition date, location and any other supporting documentation. A copy of the invoice for the fixed asset should be maintained in a fixed asset additions file.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-002
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- The Academy develops and implements procedures for performing periodic (annual) physical inventory. The physical inventory can be performed by submitting a list of all fixed assets recorded to each location and having individuals responsible for that location perform the inventory of all assets in that location, and independently verified by a member of management. The assets in each location should be compared to the listing provided, and any assets no longer used should be deleted and any assets not included on the listing should be added. Any significant deficiency should be investigated and documented accordingly.



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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

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JUNE 26, 2003**