



**GREATER CLEVELAND ACADEMY FOR GIFTED STUDENTS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students
Cuyahoga County
3200 West 65th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, 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 opinions 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2005 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 December 23, 2005, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

December 23, 2005

GREATER CLEVELAND ACADEMY FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005
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Management's discussion and analysis of Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students' financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2005 include the following:

- The school began operations during the 2004-2005 school year with lower than desired enrollment. Constellation Community Schools (CCS) supplemented the finances of the school for the year in anticipation of improving enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year. Although the enrollment for 2005-2006 increased it remains lower than what we would like to ensure an improved financial position for the school to build upon. The school will be closely managed to ensure that it remains financially viable for future years.
- In total, net assets increased \$75,452 from 2004. This increase is due to CCS support (\$106,422) offset by the lower than anticipated first year enrollment. Enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year increased, but remains lower than desired.
- Total assets increased \$51,640 from 2004. This increase is due to an increase in net capital assets of \$80,203 partially offset by a decrease of \$28,563 in current assets. The cash balance decrease of \$7,988 is due to the low enrollment and the decrease in other current assets of \$20,575 is due to recognizing prepaid expenses. The increase in capital assets is due to building improvements and purchases of classroom computers and equipment.
- Liabilities decreased \$23,812 from 2004. Accounts payable decreased by \$26,603, and deferred revenues increased \$2,791.
- Operating revenues were \$282,071. The majority of the revenues (\$167,858) are from the state foundation and DPIA program with Constellation Community Schools providing an additional \$106,422. Additional funding comes from materials fees and miscellaneous sources.
- Operating expenses were \$491,911. The largest portions of expenses are due to staffing (\$153,074) and services purchased by the school (\$167,862) such as building rent, utilities and student support services provided by non-employee personnel (e.g. speech, school nurse, etc.).
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$285,292, from 2004. This increase is due entirely to Federal and State Grants.

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Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, the 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.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets looks at how well the school has performed financially from inception through June 30, 2005. This statement includes all of the assets, liabilities and equity balances 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 of the School's Statement of Net Assets for fiscal years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,445	\$ 18,433
Other Current Assets	18,207	38,782
Capital Assets	<u>80,203</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Assets	<u>108,855</u>	<u>57,215</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	<u>6,188</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,188</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets	<u>102,667</u>	<u>27,215</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 108,855</u>	<u>\$ 57,215</u>

Net Assets increased \$75,452, due primarily to support from Constellation Community Schools to help offset the low enrollment. For assets, cash decreased \$7,988; due from other governments increased \$1,462; accounts receivable increased \$1,733, prepaid expenses decreased \$19,943 and net capital assets increased \$80,203 from 2004. For liabilities, accounts payable decreased \$26,603 and deferred revenues increased \$2,791 from 2004.

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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, 2005.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for fiscal years ended June 30, 2005. Since this is the first year the school has operated and prepared financial statements, revenue and comparisons to fiscal year 2004 are not available. In future years, when prior year information is available, a comparative analysis of Madison's data will be presented.

	<u>2005</u>
Revenues	
Foundation and DPIA Revenues	\$ 167,858
Other Operating Revenues	114,213
Federal and State Grants	<u>285,292</u>
Total Revenues	<u>567,363</u>
Expenses	
Salaries	121,910
Fringe Benefits	31,164
Purchased Services	167,862
Materials and Supplies	109,202
Capital Outlay	23,198
Depreciation	20,686
Other Operating Expenses	<u>17,889</u>
Total Expenses	<u>491,911</u>
Net Income	75,452
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>27,215</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 102,667</u>

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Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2005 the School had \$80,203 invested in leasehold improvements, computers, office equipment, furniture, classroom equipment and materials, net of depreciation. This is a \$80,203 increase over June 30, 2004.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Capital Assets as of June 30, 2005 and 2004.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)		
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 66,279	\$ -0-
Computers and Office Equipment	7,273	-0-
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>6,651</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 80,203</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

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

Current Financial Issues

Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students opened in the fall of 2004. In its initial year of operations it had 27 students, two teaching staff members and expenses of \$491,911. For fiscal year 2006, the school is budgeted for a total of 60 students, five teaching staff members and expenses of \$546,907. Although the enrollment for the 2005-2006 increased, it remains lower than what we like to see to ensure long-term financial health. We are closely managing the assets of the school to ensure its' financial viability. As the School matures to full enrollment we strive to maintain the high level of services we currently offer, to provide a strong educational product to our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during these initial years.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Thomas F. Babb, CPA, Treasurer at Constellation Community Schools, 3326 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109-3316; by calling 216.635.1881; by faxing 216.635.1883 or by e-mail to babb.thomas@constellationschools.com.

**Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students
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Statement of Net Assets
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash	\$10,445
Due from Other Governments	1,936
Accounts Receivable	<u>16,271</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	28,652

Non-Current Assets:

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>80,203</u>
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<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$108,855</u></u>
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Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$3,397
Deferred Revenue	<u>2,791</u>

<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>6,188</u>
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Net Assets:

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	80,203
Unrestricted	<u>22,464</u>

<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$102,667</u></u>
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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, 2005**

Operating Revenues:

Foundation and DPIA Revenues	\$167,858
Other Operating Revenues	<u>114,213</u>
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>282,071</u>

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	121,910
Fringe Benefits	31,164
Purchased Services	167,862
Materials and Supplies	109,202
Capital Outlay	23,198
Depreciation	20,686
Other Operating Expenses	<u>17,889</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>491,911</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(209,840)</u>

Non-Operating Revenues:

Federal and State Grants	<u>285,292</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i>	<u>285,292</u>
Net Income	<u>75,452</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	<u>27,215</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$102,667</u></u>

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

**Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students
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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Increase (Decrease) in Cash:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$167,858
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(359,170)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(121,910)
Other Operating Revenues	<u>117,004</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(196,218)</u>

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:

Federal and State Grants Received	<u>284,818</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>284,818</u>

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:

Refund Security Deposit	4,300
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	<u>(100,888)</u>
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(96,588)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash	(7,988)
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>18,433</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u><u>\$10,445</u></u>

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

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Statement of Cash Flows
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Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided for Operating Activities:

Operating Loss	(\$209,840)
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Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

Depreciation	20,686
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Changes in Assets and Liabilities:

(Increase) in Due from Other Governments	(1,462)
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(1,733)
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	19,943
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(26,603)
Increase in Deferred Revenue	2,791

Total Adjustments	13,622
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Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$196,218)
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— A Community School —
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students (GCAGS) 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 February 10, 2005, GCAGS applied for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which is currently under review. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect GCAGS' tax-exempt status. GCAGS, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. GCAGS may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of GCAGS.

On January 20, 2004 GCAGS was approved for operation under a contract between the Governing Authority of GCAGS and Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) as their sponsor. Under the terms of the contract LCESC will provide sponsorship services for a fee. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the school and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to expiration. See Note XII for further discussion of the sponsor services. The Governing Authority formed an Ohio non-profit corporation, on September 17, 1999 under the name Constellation Community Schools (management company).

GCAGS operates under a five-member Board of Trustees. 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. GCAGS controls one instructional facility staffed by two certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 27 students.

GCAGS entered into an agreement with CCS to provide management services for the fiscal year. See footnote XII for additional information regarding the management company. The board members of GCAGS are also board members of CCS, Old Brooklyn Montessori School, Parma Community School, Elyria Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, Stockyard Community School, Madison Community School and Lorain Academy for Gifted Students.

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II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of GCAGS 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. GCAGS 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 GCAGS' 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. GCAGS 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 GCAGS 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 GCAGS must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to GCAGS on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

For fiscal year 2005, GCAGS has implemented GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units," GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures," GASB Statement No. 46, "Net Assets Restricted by Enabling Legislation" and GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2, "Recognition of Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Expenditures/Expense and Liabilities by Cost-Sharing Employers."

GASB Statement No. 39 states that entities for which a primary government is not financially accountable may still be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government.

GASB Statement No. 40 establishes disclosure requirements for investment credit risk, interest rate risk, deposit custodial risk and foreign currency risk.

GASB Statement No. 46 clarifies when net assets should be considered restricted based upon enabling legislation.

GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2 addresses the amount that should be recognized as expenditure/expense and as a liability each period by employers participating in a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension and other post-employment benefit plans.

The implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 39, 46 and GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-2 did not affect the presentation of the financial statements for the school.

3. Cash

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

4. Budgetary Process

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

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II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

5. Due from Other Governments and Accounts Receivable

Moneys due GCAGS for the year ended June 30, 2005 are recorded as Due from Other Governments and as Accounts Receivable. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the moneys to be due.

6. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital 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.

Leasehold improvements are also 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.

Depreciation of leasehold improvements, computers, furniture, equipment and materials is computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of \$500 or more are capitalized. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Capital Asset Classification	Years
Computers and Office Equipment	3
Leasehold Improvements	5
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	10

6. Intergovernmental Revenues

GCAGS currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the State Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Program ("DPIA") and the Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

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

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II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

7. Intergovernmental Revenues (Continued)

GCAGS also participates in the Federal Charter School Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Education. Under this program, GCAGS was awarded \$150,000 in fiscal year 2004 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2005 to offset start-up costs of the School. During fiscal year 2005, \$125,000 from the 2004 award and \$150,000 from the 2005 award was received. Revenue received from this program is recognized as non-operating revenue on the accompanying financial statements.

Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2005 school year totaled \$453,150.

8. Compensated Absences

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar, therefore, GCAGS 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 amount of one hundred twenty days. GCAGS 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.

9. 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.

10. Deferred Revenue

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

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III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2005, the carrying amount of GCAGS' deposits totaled \$10,445 and its bank balance was \$13,633. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2005, none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while all of the bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

IV. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2005 follows:

	Balance <u>6/30/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>6/30/05</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$82,731	\$0	\$82,731
Computers/Office Equipment	0	10,910	0	10,910
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>0</u>	<u>7,248</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,248</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated:	<u>0</u>	<u>100,889</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,889</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Leasehold Improvements	0	(16,452)	0	(16,452)
Computers & Office Equip	0	(3,637)	0	(3,637)
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>0</u>	<u>(597)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(597)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>0</u>	<u>(20,686)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(20,686)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$80,203</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$80,203</u>

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V. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$13,914
Pupil Support Services	19,068
Staff Development & Support	10,085
Administrative	28,300
Occupancy Costs	<u>96,495</u>
Total	<u>\$167,862</u>

VI. Operating Leases

GCAGS leases its facilities at 3200 West 65th Street, Cleveland from Richard and Lisa Lukich (see Note XIII – Related Parties) under a five-year lease agreement effective July 1, 2004 and expiring June 30, 2009. Monthly payments under the terms of the lease are \$5,000. The lease also provides that GCAGS will pay \$75,000 for build-out and improvements to the building. GCAGS has an option to purchase the building at a price to be set by appraisal should GCAGS exercise their option.

During fiscal year 2005 rents totaled \$60,000. Leasehold Improvements totaling \$75,000 were paid in 2005 to J&O Construction during the build-out of the leased space.

VII. Risk Management

1. Property and Liability Insurance

GCAGS 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 2005, GCAGS contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company for all of its' insurance.

General liability is covered at \$2,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$4,000,000 aggregated. Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles are covered at \$500,000 combined single limit of liability. Other coverage includes School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Employee Crime, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, Electronic Data Processing and Business Interruption.

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VII. Risk Management (Continued)

2. Workers' Compensation

GCAGS makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. As of June 30, 2005 there have been no claims filed by GCAGS employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System.

3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits

GCAGS provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. For the fiscal year the cost to GCAGS for insurance benefits was \$10,052.

VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

1. State Teachers Retirement System

GCAGS 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 basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit 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 for STRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371 or by calling (614)227-4090.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to

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VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

1. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during the fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and GCAGS is required to contribute 14 percent, 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligation. 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. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for members and employer contributions.

GCAGS' required contribution for pension obligations to the DB Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 was \$15,848. For fiscal year 2005, GCAGS has a prepaid contributions balance totaling \$226 at year end which is reflected in Due from Other Governments in the accompanying financial statements. All other required contributions were paid.

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IX. Post-Employment Benefits

GCAGS provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The system is on a pay-as-you-go basis.

STRS retirees who participated in the DB or combined plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For GCAGS, this amount equaled \$1,219 during fiscal 2005.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2004, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.1 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$268,739,000 and STRS had 111,853 eligible benefit recipients.

X. 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...".

GCAGS is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and its financial operations.

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XI. Contingencies

1. Grants

GCAGS 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 GCAGS. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of GCAGS at June 30, 2005.

2. Litigation

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. The plaintiffs appealed to the Court of Appeals, the issues have been briefed and the case was heard on November 18, 2003. On August 24, 2004 the Court of Appeals rendered a decision that Community Schools are part of the state public educational system and this matter was sent to the Ohio Supreme Court. The Ohio Supreme Court accepted the appeal from the Court of Appeals for review on February 16, 2005. Oral argument occurred November 29, 2005. The effect of this suit, if any, on PCS is not presently determinable.

3. Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. As of the date of this report there are no adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2005.

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XII. Sponsorship and Management Agreement

GCAGS entered into an agreement with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 1% of state funds received by ECS, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from GCAGS for fiscal year 2005 was \$1,465 all of which was paid prior to June 30, 2005.

GCAGS entered into an agreement with Constellation Community Schools (CCS) to provide legal, financial, and business management services for the fiscal year 2005. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2004. Management fees are calculated as 11% of the 2004/2005 Foundation payment received by GCAGS, as reported in the Monthly Community School Foundation Report. CCS waived management fees for the 2005 fiscal year due to the start-up nature of the school and to assist GCAGS with their cash flow.

XIII. Related Parties

GCAGS leases its facilities at 3200 West 65th Street, Cleveland from Richard and Lisa Lukich (see Note VI – Operating Leases). The building was purchased by Richard and Lisa Lukich (Richard Lukich is President of the Board of Trustees) as an accommodation to the school which was unable to purchase the building as a start-up business. The monthly rent amount was set by a fair market appraisal of rents in the area the school is located.

The members of the GCAGS Board of Trustees are also members of the Constellation Community Schools (CCS), Old Brooklyn Montessori School, Parma Community School, Elyria Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, , Madison Community School, Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students and Lorain Academy for Gifted Students governing boards. GCAGS contracts with CCS for legal, financial and business management services.

XIV. Net Assets

As of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, GCAGS had Net Assets in the amount of \$27,215 which was comprised of the following:

Federal and State Grant Funds	\$75,000
Less total start up expenses incurred for the periods ending June 30, 2004	<u>(47,785)</u>
Net Assets as of June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 27,215</u>



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees
Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students
Cuyahoga County
3200 West 65th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

We have audited the financial statements of the Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2005. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinions on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audit may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Academy's management dated December 23, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
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December 23, 2005



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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 17, 2006**