

**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School  
Cuyahoga County  
6100 S. Marginal Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in 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 opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2009, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 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.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

November 30, 2009

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008  
(UNAUDITED)**

The discussion and analysis of Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School Inc.'s (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights:**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 are as follows:

- Total net assets decreased by \$113,444.
- The School had total operating revenue of \$1,630,532.
- The School had total operating expenses of \$2,045,789.

**Using this Financial Report:**

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 Changes in Net Assets* reflect how the School did financially during fiscal year 2008. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the School's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether the *financial position* of the School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the quality of the education provided, the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

**Reporting the School as a Whole**

One of the most important questions asked about the School is, "As a whole, what is the School's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The *Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets*, which appear first in the School's financial statements, report information on the School as whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the statement of net assets – as one way to measure the School's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School's net assets – as reported in the *Statement of Net Assets* – are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the School's operating results. However, the School's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided, the School's student enrollment, per-pupil funding as determined by the State of Ohio, change in technology, required educational programs and other factors, to assess the overall health of the School.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the Schools' net assets for years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

**Table 1  
Net Assets**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 350,755	\$ 358,573
Capital Assets, Net	131,730	250,644
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>482,485</b>	<b>609,217</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	108,758	119,026
Long Term Liabilities	6,060	9,080
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>114,818</b>	<b>128,106</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets	131,730	250,644
Unrestricted	235,937	230,467
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 367,667</b>	<b>\$ 481,111</b>

The unrestricted net assets represent the accumulated results of the School's operations to date. These assets can be used to finance day to day operations without constraints, such as legislative or legal requirements. The results of the current year operations for the School as a whole are reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, which shows the change in net assets.



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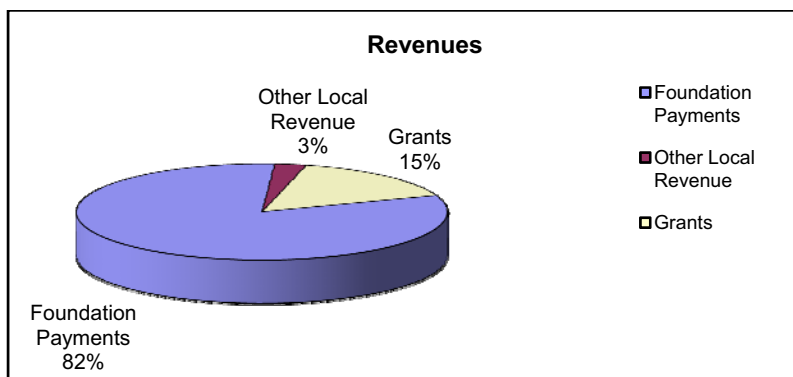
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Table 2 shows the changes in Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal years 2008 and 2007:

**Table 2  
Change in Net Assets**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Operating Revenues:		
Foundation Payments	\$ 1,577,585	\$ 889,807
Classroom Fees	27,722	20,845
Extracurricular Activities	14,470	203
Misc Local Revenue	10,755	18,805
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>		
Non-Operating Revenues	301,813	647,698
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,932,345</u>	<u>1,577,358</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	906,621	594,778
Benefits	178,847	130,895
Purchased Services	706,780	390,273
Supplies & Materials	181,543	148,689
Other Objects	32,196	20,017
Depreciation Expense	39,802	27,112
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>2,045,789</u>	<u>1,311,764</u>
<i>Increase in Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ (113,444)</u>	<u>\$ 265,594</u>

Table 3 shows the distribution of revenues in Fiscal Year 2008.



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Table 4 shows the distribution of expenses in Fiscal Year 2008.

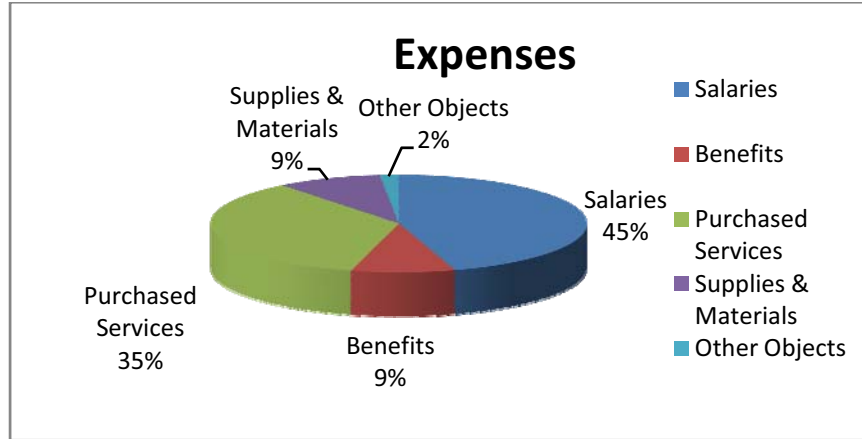


Table 5 shows the Capital Assets net of Accumulated Depreciation.

<b>Capital Assets</b>				
	<b>Restated</b>			<b>Ending</b>
	<b>Balance</b>			
	<b>July 1, 2007</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
Equipment & Furniture- Instruction	\$ 113,990	\$ 27,738	\$ 1,800	\$ 139,928
Equipment & Furniture- Office	41,727	14,062	-	55,789
School Vehicle	15,351	-	-	15,351
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>171,068</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>211,068</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(41,336)	(39,802)	(1,800)	(79,338)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 129,732</b>	<b>\$ 1,998</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 131,730</b>

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

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, grantors and potential creditors with a general overview of the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Aman Gurdov, Treasurer, Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School 6100 S. Marginal Rd. Cleveland OH 44103.

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Statement of Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2008

ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 36,896
IG Receivable	91,173
Note Receivable	50,000
Prepaid Expenses	172,686
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>350,755</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	131,730
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>482,485</b>

LIABILITIES

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	9,021
Accrued Wages	91,274
Capital Leases- Due Within One Year	3,118
Payroll Liabilities	5,345
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>108,758</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Capital Leases - Due More Than One Year	6,060
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>6,060</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>114,818</b>

NET ASSETS

Investment in Capital Assets	131,730
Unrestricted	235,937
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 367,667</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
and Change in Net Assets  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**Operational Income/Expense**

**Income**

Foundation Payments	\$1,577,585
Classroom Fees	27,722
Extracurricular Activities	14,470
Other Local Revenue	10,755

**Total Operational Income** **1,630,532**

**Expense**

Salaries	906,621
Benefits	178,847
Purchased Services	706,780
Supplies & Materials	181,543
Other Objects	32,196
Depreciation Expense	39,802

**Total Operational Expense** **2,045,789**

**Net Operational Income (Loss)** **(415,257)**

**Non-Operational Income/Expense**

Restricted Grant-In-Aid- Federal	286,816
Restricted Grant In-Aid- State	14,997

**Net Non-Operational Income** **301,813**

**Net Assets**

**Change in Net Assets** **(113,444)**

**Net Assets at Beginning of Year** **481,111**

**Net Assets at End of Year** **\$ 367,667**

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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$1,577,585
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenues	52,946
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,064,788)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(882,361)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(203,988)
Other Cash Payments	(32,196)
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<b>(552,802)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financial Activities</b>	
Federal Grants Received	220,097
State Grants Received	14,997
<b>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financial Activities:</b>	<b>235,094</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Activities</b>	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	73,421
Payments for Capital Leases	(2,937)
<b>Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Activities</b>	<b>70,484</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Proceeds from Note Receivable - Horizon Denison Loan	(40,249)
Interest from Note Receivable	189
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(40,060)</b>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(287,284)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>324,180</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 36,896</b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008  
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used  
for Operating Activities:**

<b>Operating Loss</b>	<b>\$(415,257)</b>
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	
<b>Depreciation</b>	39,802
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</b>	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(9,568)
Decrease in Payroll Liabilities	(25,142)
Increase in Wages Payable	24,259
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(166,896)
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b><u>(137,545)</u></b>
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ (552,802)</u></u></b>

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

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

Horizon Science Academy - Cleveland Middle School, Inc. (the School), is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in grades K through 8 in Cleveland. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any School and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations.

The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School. The School qualifies as an 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 school's tax-exempt status.

The School was approved for operation under contract with Lucas County Educational Service Center (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing November 12, 2004.

The School operates under the direction of a self-appointed 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 qualifications of teachers. In FY 2008 the School employed 33 personnel for up to 240 students.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the School 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 School 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 School does not apply FASB statements issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the School's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets; and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The School uses enterprise accounting to report on its financial activities. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows.

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**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. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net assets. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School finances meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The full accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting purposes. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred revenue. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools in the State of Ohio, community Schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705; rather community schools are required to create a Five Year Budget Forecast that is approved by the School Board and submitted to ODE and to the School's Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does not prescribe any other budgetary process for the School.

**D. Cash**

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School is pooled in a central bank account.

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School maintained a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars for inventory assets and ten thousand dollars for fixtures and improvements. 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. Improvements are capitalized. The School does not capitalize interest.

Furniture, fixtures, vehicles and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the life of the lease.



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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation (Continued)**

Useful Life

Heavy Duty Office or Classroom Furniture	10 years
Computers and Other Electronic Equipment	3 to 5 years
Vehicles	3 to 10 years

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

In FY 2007 the School participated in the State Foundation Program, CCIP grant programs and Charter Schools Start-up Grant Program. Revenues received from State Foundation Program and other State programs are recognized as operating revenues, whereas revenues received under CCIP programs and Public Charter Schools Start-up Programs are recognized as non-operating revenues.

**G. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the School. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**H. Compensated Absences**

School policy indicates that all full time employees are entitled to eight days of sick/personal days in a school year. All leave earned by employees must be used within the current school year and cannot be transferred to the next school year. At the end of the year employees are awarded \$100 per each unused sick/personal day.

**I. Net Assets**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The School applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. At the end of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 the School did not have any restricted net assets.

**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.

**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

At June 30, 2008, the book balance of the School's bank account was \$36,896 and the Bank balance was \$54,664. The bank balance was insured by FDIC up to \$100,000.

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**4. PREPAIDS**

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of payment and an expense is reported in the year in which benefit is received.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

<b>Capital Assets</b>				
	<b>Restated</b>			<b>Ending</b>
	<b>Balance</b>			<b>Balance</b>
	<b>July 1, 2007</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
Equipment & Furniture- Instruction	\$ 113,990	\$ 27,738	\$ 1,800	\$ 139,928
Equipment & Furniture- Office	41,727	14,062	-	55,789
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<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>171,068</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>211,068</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(41,336)	(39,802)	(1,800)	(79,338)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 129,732</b>	<b>\$ 1,998</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 131,730</b>

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan description - The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the first fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$15,072, \$8,163 and \$6,416 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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 percent 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 Plan and the DB Plan.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations 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 member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contribution for pension obligations to STRS for the first fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$108,015, \$59,724 and \$46,378, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$2,876 made by the School District and \$2,739 made by the plan members.

**C. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2008, three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages.

**7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS Ohio), and to retired non-certificated 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

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**7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

All STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or Combined Plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care cost will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. 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 Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$ 9,066 for fiscal year 2008.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2007 (the latest information available), the balance in the Fund was \$4.1 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2007, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$265,558,000 and STRS OHIO had 122,934 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their health care premium. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.18 and Medicare B funds were .66 percent of covered payroll.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.18 percent of covered payroll, compared to 3.42 percent of covered payroll for fiscal year 2007. 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 year 2008, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at two percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2007 fiscal year equaled \$6,877.

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 the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 (the latest information available), were \$158,751,207. At June 30, 2006, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. SERS has 59,492 participants eligible to receive health care benefits.

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**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Property and Liability**

The School 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 2008, the School contracted with Auto Owner Insurance Company for property and general liability insurance with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate and no deductible. There has been no reduction in coverage over the prior year. There have been no settlements exceeding coverage in the last three years.

**B. Workers Compensation**

The School pays the State Workers 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.

**9. EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS**

According to the School Policy, the School is required to provide Medical and Dental Insurance to all its full time employees. 60% of the monthly premiums for Medical and Dental coverage are to be paid by the School while the remaining 40% are to be deducted from employee's wages.

**10. PURCHASED SERVICES**

Purchased service expenses during the Fiscal Year 2008 were as follows:

<b>Purchased Services</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Professional Services	376,036
Rent and Property Services	275,305
Admin Travel	3,971
Advertising and Communications	40,244
Pupil Transportation	11,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>706,780</b>

**11. OPERATING LEASES**

The school entered into a lease agreement with Horizon Science Academy- Cleveland on January 1, 2006 for five years for the modular building located at 6100 S. Marginal Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109. The monthly lease was \$11,500. The payments totaled \$149,000 in fiscal year 2008. School also entered into lease agreement with Breeze Inc. for Elementary School building on September 1, 2007 for ten years. The monthly lease was \$12,500. School doesn't have any rent obligations.

**12. CAPITAL LEASES**

The School entered into one capitalized lease agreement for a copy machine/printer in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Principal payments for Fiscal Year 2008 totaled \$663. The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required for the capital lease as of June 30, 2007.

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**12. CAPITAL LEASES**

	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Total</b>
2009	\$ 476	\$ 3,124	\$ 3,600
2010	276	3,324	3,600
2011	69	2,631	2,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 821</b>	<b>\$ 9,079</b>	<b>\$ 9,900</b>

**13. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The school 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 School. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2008.

**B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the School. These reviews are conducted to ensure the Community School is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated

**14. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

On January 10, 2005, the School signed a sponsorship agreement with Lucas County Educational Service Center. 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 its expiration. According to the contract agreed by both parties, the School pays 1% of its foundation revenues to the Sponsor. In fiscal year 2008, the schools compensation to the Sponsor occurred as \$16,688.

**15. MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT**

School contracted with Concepts Schools, Inc. on January 1, 2005 to serve as the School's Management Company. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, human resources, board development, strategic planning, technology support, facility management, curriculum development, and purchasing services. The contract is for one year and will renew automatically until terminated by either party. The fees for the above services are 10% of the fees received from the state. For the fiscal year 2008 the School paid \$157,672 to Concept Schools for Management services.

**16. RECLASSIFICATION OF ASSET**

The School reclassified improvements done to the leased building from capital assets as reported in fiscal year 2007 to prepaid expenses as reported in 2008. These prepaid expenses are used to reduce the cash required for lease payments over the life of the operating lease.



# Mary Taylor, CPA

## Auditor of State

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

Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School  
Cuyahoga County  
6100 S. Marginal Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2009. 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 School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider finding number 2008-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the School's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We do not believe the significant deficiency described above is a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated November 30, 2009.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School'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*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated November 30, 2009.

The School's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the School's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and the School's sponsor. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

November 30, 2009



**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY DENISON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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<b>FINDING NUMBER</b>	<b>2008-001</b>
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**Developing and Implementing an Effective Monitoring Control System**

Monitoring controls are comprised of regular management and supervisory activities established to oversee whether management's objectives are being achieved. Effective monitoring controls should assist management in assessing the quality of internal control performance over time. This process involves assessing the design and operation of controls on a timely basis and taking necessary corrective actions. Monitoring controls should assist management in identifying unexpected results and/or possible misstatements.

Some effective monitoring controls include:

- Review of revenues and expenses with independently accumulated information (budgets, past performances, peer group representatives, etc.);
- Review of the initial budget, all amendments, and final budget to actual performance;
- Review of large or unusual transactions;
- Identification of unusual fluctuations;
- Comparison of predefined key performance indicators based on the financial statements;
- Review of items which have been outstanding for extended periods of time (outstanding check listing for payroll and non payroll transactions);
- Monitoring compliance with grant agreements and the Sponsor contract;
- Ensuring that an adequate segregation of duties exists; and
- Review payroll reports to the payroll checks prepared.

The lack of effective monitoring controls could lead to the misallocation or misstatement of School funds, expenditure of funds contrary to the directives of the governing board, non-compliance with federal or state laws or regulations, which could result in a loss of funding from these sources, and errors or irregularities occurring in financial transactions affecting the bank reconciliations which go undetected.

We recommend that management prepare monthly financial statements and submit them to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting. The Board should then review these financial statements and when satisfied as to their accuracy approve them through the minute records. In addition, management should ensure that any reports required by the grantor agencies, per the terms of grant agreements, are completed accurately and filed with the respective grantor agencies in a timely manner. Management should also ensure that proper segregation of duties exists, including an independent review of the monthly bank reconciliations.

**Official's Response:**

The School appreciates the Auditor's office assistance in reviewing current school procedures and internal controls. The School understands more fully now the potential risks and is implementing additional internal controls to address these risks.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
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Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2007-001	<b>Material Weakness</b> Lack of controls over disbursements.	No	Repeated as 2008-001



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**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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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**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2009**