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**COLUMBUS ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Columbus Arts and Technology Academy  
Franklin County  
2255 Kimberly Parkway East  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Columbus Arts and Technology Academy, Franklin County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, 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 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 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 Columbus Arts and Technology Academy, Franklin County, Ohio as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Academy will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the Academy's net assets (\$857,772), and operating loss (\$1,036,615) raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Note 15 describes management's plans regarding these issues. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 21, 2006, 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board 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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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

March 21, 2006

**COLUMBUS ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005  
(UNAUDITED)**

The discussion and analysis of the Columbus Arts and Technology Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented, however, since this is the first year of operation for the Academy, there is no comparison data available for fiscal year 2005. This information will be added in future years.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Net Assets decreased \$857,772
- Operating Revenues accounted for \$2,022,419
- Capital asset additions of \$188,432

**USING THIS FINANCIAL REPORT**

This financial report contains the basic financial statements of the Academy, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis and notes to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. As the Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting, all financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity, therefore the entity wide and the fund presentations information is the same.

*Statement of Net Assets*

The statement of net assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during the fiscal year?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term, using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

This statement reports the Academy's net assets, however, in evaluating the overall position and financial viability of the Academy, non-financial information such as the condition of the Academy building and potential changes in the laws governing charter schools in the State of Ohio will also need to be evaluated.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2005. Since this is the first year of operation for the Academy, comparisons with the prior year are not available. In future years, when prior-year information is available, a comparative analysis of data will be presented.

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**TABLE 1**

**Net Assets**

<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	\$139,742
Capital Assets, Net	153,886
Total Assets	\$293,628
 <b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	1,100,858
Non-current Liabilities	50,542
Total Liabilities	1,151,400
 <b>Net Assets</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net	9,221
Unrestricted	(866,993)
Total Net Assets	\$(857,772)

Changes in Net Assets – The following table shows the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. Since this is the first year of operation, revenue and expense comparisons to fiscal year 2004 are not available.

**Change in Net Assets 2005**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation Receipts	\$2,004,065
Charges for Services	18,354
Total Operating Revenues	\$2,022,419
 <b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	\$ 954,987
Benefits	289,859
Building	477,500
Purchased Services	772,849
Depreciation	34,546
General Supplies	311,480
Other Operating Expenses	217,813
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,059,034
Operating Loss	\$(1,036,615)
 <b>Non-operating Revenue:</b>	
Federal Restricted Grants	\$ 178,843
Total Non-operating Revenues	\$ 178,843
Change in Net Assets	\$(857,772)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	-
Net Assets End of Year	\$(857,772)

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Results of fiscal year 2005 indicate a decrease in net assets of \$857,772 and ending net assets of \$(857,772). The decrease is the result of an operating loss in the Academy's first year of operations. Resources for the necessary programs came from delaying payment on certain invoices from the Academy's management company for certain rents, management services, other operating expenses and invoices for payroll of academy staff. The Board is planning on entering into a multi-year financing arrangement to spread these costs over the next five years.

**BUDGET**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor, the University of Toledo Charter School Council, does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy other than preparing a five-year forecast in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of fiscal year 2005, the Academy had \$153,886 net of accumulated depreciation invested in computer equipment. A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2005:

Computers	\$188,432
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(34,546)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 153,886</u>

The Columbus Arts and Technology Academy has other assets but these were not included in the capital asset listing as these assets were valued below the capital asset threshold. The assets listed above were acquired in the current fiscal year.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

Management is not currently aware of any facts, decisions or conditions that have occurred that are expected to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations.

**OPERATIONS**

Columbus Arts and Technology Academy is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children grades K-5. Grade 6 is being added in the 2005-2006 academic year. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Michael Troper, Controller of the Columbus Arts and Technology Academy, 3330 Chippewa Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43204.

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**COLUMBUS ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2005**

**Assets:**

***Current assets:***

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,354
Accounts Receivables, Trade	24,997
Intergovernmental Receivable	48,772
Prepaid expense	15,619
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b><u>139,742</u></b>

***Noncurrent assets:***

Capital assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	153,886
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b><u>153,886</u></b>

**Total assets** **293,628**

**Liabilities:**

***Current liabilities:***

Accounts payable, Trade	177,108
Accounts Payable, Related Party	751,351
Accrued Wages	44,947
Benefits Payable	33,328
Current portion of long-term debt	94,124
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b><u>1,100,858</u></b>

***Noncurrent liabilities:***

Noncurrent portion of long-term debt	50,542
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b><u>50,542</u></b>

**Total liabilities** **1,151,400**

**Net Assets**

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	9,221
Unrestricted	(866,993)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ (857,772)</u></b>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

**COLUMBUS ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN  
NET ASSETS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Foundation Receipts	\$ 2,004,065
Charge for Services	18,354
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u><b>2,022,419</b></u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	954,987
Fringe Benefits	289,859
Building	477,500
Purchased Services	772,849
Depreciation	34,546
General Supplies	311,480
Other Operating Expenses	217,813
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><b>3,059,034</b></u>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<u><b>(1,036,615)</b></u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenue:</b>	
Federal Restricted Grants	178,843
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues</b>	<u><b>178,843</b></u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(857,772)</b>
<b>Net Assets Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<u><u><b>\$ (857,772)</b></u></u>

**See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Foundation Receipts	\$2,004,065
Cash Payments to suppliers for Goods and Services	(873,445)
Cash Payments to Employees for services and benefits	(1,166,571)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(35,951)

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Federal and State Grants	130,071
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	130,071

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Capital Lease Payments	(43,766)
Loan Proceeds	30,000
Repayment of Loan	( 30,000)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(43,766)

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	50,354
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	0
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending of the Year	\$50,354

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

Operating Loss	\$ (1,036,615)
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities**

Depreciation	34,546
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in Accounts Receivable, Trade	(24,996)
Increase in Prepaid Expense	(15,619)
Increase in Accounts Payable, Trade	177,108
Increase in Accounts Payable, Related Party	751,351
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits	78,275
<b>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ (35,951)</b>

**NONCASH OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

The Academy's management company paid \$751,351 for operating expenses on behalf of the Academy.

**NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Capital Lease obligation of \$188,432 was incurred when the Academy entered into a lease for computers.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2005**

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

The Columbus Arts and Technology Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in grades K-5. Grade 6 is being added in the 2005-2006 academic year. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or 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 Council (the Sponsor) for a period of four academic years commencing after July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008. 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 Governing Board that consists of not less than five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives or owners or employees of any for-profit firm that operate or manages an academy for the Governing Board. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract that include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc., for management services including management of personnel and human resources, the program of instruction, technology, marketing, data management, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy has elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

**A. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting**

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and change in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows.

**B. Measurement Focus**

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement revenues, expenses and of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Accounting**

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 utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses when they are incurred.

**Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions** – 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. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants and entitlements. Revenue from grants and entitlements is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred revenue. 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.

**D. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor, the University of Toledo Charter School Council, does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy other than preparing a five-year forecast in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All monies received by the Academy are maintained in a demand deposit account. For internal accounting purposes, the Academy segregates its cash.

**F. Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with general accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

**G. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The Academy did not capitalize any interest during the fiscal year. 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 furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of three to seven years. The Academy does not have any infrastructure.

**H. Intergovernmental Revenue**

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program. These funds are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned, essentially the same as the fiscal year.

Federal, state, and local grants are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility of the grants have been met.

The Academy received \$178,843 of federal restricted grants in 2005.

**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. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**J. Economic Dependency**

The academy receives approximately 99% of its operating revenue from the Ohio Department of Education. Due to this significance of this revenue source, the academy is considered to be economically dependent on the State of Ohio Department of Education.

**3. CASH DEPOSITS**

At June 30, 2005, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$50,354 and the bank balance was \$58,367. 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.

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**3. CASH DEPOSITS (Continued)**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105 percent 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 the Academy.

**4. RECEIVABLES**

The Academy had intergovernmental receivable of \$48,772 and trade accounts receivable of \$24,997. As the receivables were primarily from governmental sources, all receivables are considered collectable in full.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2005:

Computers	\$180,432
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(34,546)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$153,886</u>

The Academy has other assets but these were not included in the capital asset listing as these assets were valued below the capital asset threshold.

**6. PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, Purchased Services Expenses were as follows:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Building/Custodial	\$103,654
Consulting	2,830
Food Services	82,121
Information Technology	5,078
Legal Fees	7,678
Management Fee	302,750
Printing	14,253
Special Education/Nursing	118,380
Sponsor Fee	60,122
Temporary Employment Services	70,129
Training	<u>5,854</u>
Total:	<u>\$772,849</u>

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**7. 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. The Academy maintains insurance coverage for rental/theft, general liability and directors and officers liability in amounts which the founders feel is adequate.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

The Academy pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage in fiscal year 2005. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly gross total payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

**C. Employee, Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits**

The Academy has contracted with a private carrier to provide employee health insurance benefits. The Academy pays 100% medical and dental coverage for the employee only; additional coverage for employee's dependents is the employee's financial responsibility.

**8. 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 provided 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, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy was required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The rate for fiscal year 2005 was 14 percent of annual covered payroll; 10.57 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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 fiscal years ended June 30, 2005 was \$12,952, 100% was contributed for fiscal year 2005.

**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 to members and death and survivor benefits to 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.

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

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)**

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit Plan (DBP), a Defined Contribution Plan (DCP), and a Combined Plan (CP). The DBP offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service or on an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS funds multiplied by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DCP allows members to place all of 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 fifty and termination of employment. The CP offers features of both the DBP and DCP. In the CP, member contributions are invested by the member and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DBP. DCP and CP members will transfer to the DBP during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DCP or CP. 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 balance from the existing DBP into the DCP or CP. This option expired on December 31, 2001.

A DBP or CP member with five or more years of 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 DCP 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 the Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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 for the DBP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 was \$128,366; 84 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2005. No employees contribute to the DCP and CP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

**9. 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 classified 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 obligation 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.

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**9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

STRS retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit Plan or the Combined Plan and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The State Teachers Retirement 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 shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2005, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the Academy, this amount was \$9,874.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$3.3 billion at June 30, 2005. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$254,780,000, and STRS had 115,395 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All members must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status. A safety net is in place for retirees whose household income falls below federal poverty levels. Premiums are reduced by 50 percent for those who apply.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.43 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 year 2005, the minimum pay was established at \$27,400. For the Academy, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, was \$8,063 for fiscal year 2005.

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, 2004 (the latest information available), were \$223,443,805, and the target level was \$335.2 million. At June 30, 2004, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$300.8 million. SERS has approximately 62,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

**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 Academy. 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, 2005.

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**10. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)**

**B. Litigation**

A suit was filed in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on May 14, 2001 alleging Ohio's Community (i.e., Charter) school's program violates the state Constitution and state laws. 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 the Academy is not presently determinable.

**C. Full Time Equivalency**

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. This information was not available as of the date of this report. The Academy does not anticipate any material adjustments to state funding for fiscal year 2005 as a result of such review.

**11. BUILDING LEASES**

The Academy leases a building. The term of this lease ends June 30, 2014. Total lease payments were \$477,500 for the year ended June 30, 2005. The lease payments for fiscal year 2005 included payments for 9.5 months only. In subsequent year, the lease payments will be for the full 12 months.

	Estimated lease payments	Fiscal Year
	\$659,208	2006
	\$678,984	2007
	\$699,353	2008
	\$720,334	2009
	\$741,944	2010
	<u>\$3,197,140</u>	2011-2014
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,696,963</b>	

**12. TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The Academy has not obtained but is seeking approval for its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The academy has made no provision for any potential tax liability resulting from not obtaining the Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

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**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education for a variety of services including management of personnel and human resources, board relations, financial management, marketing, technology services, the program of instruction, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. Financial management services include, but are not limited to, financial statement and budget preparation and accounts payable and payroll preparation.

Per the management agreement with the Academy, Mosaica Education is entitled to a management fee that is equivalent to 12.5% of academy revenues. The management fee for fiscal year 2005 was \$302,750.

At June 30, 2005, the Academy had payables to Mosaica Education in the amount of \$751,351. This includes rent due for \$400,000; payroll for \$252,001; management fees of \$34,413 and other operating expenses of \$64,937. The Academy intends to enter into a formal note agreement with Mosaica.

**14. SPONSOR**

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the University of Toledo Charter School Council (the Sponsor) for a period of four academic years commencing July 1, 2004. As part of this contract, the Sponsor is entitled to a maximum of 3% of all revenues. Total amount due and paid for fiscal year 2005 was \$60,122.

**15. MANAGEMENT'S PLAN**

For fiscal year 2005, the Academy had an operating loss (\$1,036,615), and net asset deficit (\$857,772). As further discussed in Note 13, the Academy intends to enter into a borrowing arrangement with its management company in order to meet cash flow needs and has a related party accounts payable of \$751,351 at June 30, 2005. Projected revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2006 indicate these financial difficulties will not be eliminated during fiscal year 2006 but may be eliminated in fiscal year 2007. As of February 28, 2006, the net assets of the Academy were (\$1,161,458). The Academy intends to meet cash flow needs and finance operating losses through loans from its management company.

The Academy had an operating loss for fiscal year 2005. This is due to the significant costs necessary for first year operations. While community schools are eligible to receive start-up grant funding up to \$300,000 in the form of the Charter School Program Grant, the Academy did not receive this start-up grant funding during fiscal year 2005. Receipt of this grant funding would have assisted in absorbing some of the costs associated with opening the Academy during its initial year of operations.

Management plans to increase enrollment through active advertising via print, radio, mailings and through referrals of current parents. Management has been very successful in increasing enrollment. The Academy had approximately 330 full-time equivalent students enrolled in May 2004. In February 2006, the Academy had 509 full-time equivalent students enrolled.

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**16. CAPITAL LEASE**

The Academy has entered into a capital lease obligation for the use of computer equipment. The total cost of this equipment, which is included in the Academy's capital assets, is \$188,432.

The Following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments, required under the capital lease, and the present value of the minimum lease payment at June 30, 2005.

<b>Year Ending</b>	<b>Lease Payments</b>
June 30, 2006	\$ 105,190
June 30, 2007	52,137
Less: Amt representing interest:	<u>( 12,661)</u>
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 144,666</u>

**17. OPERATING LEASE**

In September of 2004, the Academy entered into an operating lease for three years with ACC Capital Corporation for the use of classroom furnishings. Total lease payments during fiscal year 2005 for this lease were \$4,039.



## **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**

Columbus Arts and Technology Academy  
Franklin County  
2255 Kimberly Parkway East  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Columbus Arts and Technology Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2006, wherein we noted matters which raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern. 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 opinion 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 audited 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 March 21, 2006, we reported a matter involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

#### **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*. In a separate letter to the Academy's management dated March 21, 2006, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and 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**  
Auditor of State

March 21, 2006



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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  
MAY 23, 2006**