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ELYRIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Elyria Community School  
Lorain County  
300 North Abbe Road  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Elyria Community School, Lorain County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School'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 opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Elyria Community School, Lorain County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2006 and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2007, 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 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.

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Mary Taylor, CPA  
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March 22, 2007

**ELYRIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006  
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The discussion and analysis of Elyria Community School's financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. 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 2006 include the following:

- In total, net assets increased \$120,527, which represents a 54.6% increase from 2005. This increase is due primarily to increased enrollment resulting in increased state funding and federal subsidies.
- Total assets increased \$73,495, which represents a 5.3% increase from 2005. This increase is due to an increase in cash of \$90,348, offset by a decrease in other current assets of \$3,376 and net capital assets of \$13,477. The cash balance increase is due primarily to increased enrollment and improved operating efficiencies. The decrease in capital assets is due to depreciation.
- Liabilities decreased \$47,032, which represents a 4.2% decrease from 2005. Mortgages payable decreased by \$65,548, accounts payable increased by \$18,397, and other current liabilities increased by a total of \$119.
- Operating revenues increased by \$200,630, which represents a 15.3% increase from 2005. The majority of this increase is due to increased enrollment resulting in increased state funding. Offset by a decrease in rental income.
- Operating expenses increased by \$92,299, which represents a 6.5% increase from 2005. Operating expense increases are due to services delivered for the increased enrollment, annual increases in service costs and additional services paid with non-operating revenues.
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$50,926, which represents a 68.4% increase from 2005. This increase is due mainly to increased Federal and State Grants in the amount of \$51,300 offset by decreased interest earned of \$374.

**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.

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**Statement of Net Assets**

The Statement of Net Assets looks at how well the school has performed financially from inception through June 30, 2006. 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, 2006 and 2005.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 222,785	\$ 132,437
Other Current Assets	8,458	11,834
Capital Assets	<u>1,229,704</u>	<u>1,243,181</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>1,460,947</u>	 <u>1,387,452</u>
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	57,319	38,803
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,062,982</u>	<u>1,128,530</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>1,120,301</u>	 <u>1,167,333</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Net Assets	<u>340,646</u>	<u>220,119</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$1,460,947</u>	 <u>\$1,387,452</u>

Net Assets increased \$120,527 due primarily to increased enrollment. For assets, cash increased \$90,348; due from other governments increased \$5,328; accounts receivable decreased \$8,704; and net capital assets decreased \$13,477 from 2005. For liabilities, accounts payable increased \$18,397; due to other governments increased \$8,751; accrued wages and benefits increased \$2,474; interest payable decreased \$35; deferred revenues decreased \$11,071 and mortgage notes payable decreased \$65,548 from 2005.



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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, 2006.

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, 2006 and 2005.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Foundation and Assistance Revenues	\$1,469,328	\$1,225,510
Other Operating Revenues	<u>44,301</u>	<u>87,489</u>
Operating Revenues	<u>1,513,629</u>	<u>1,312,999</u>
Interest	397	771
Federal and State Grants	<u>124,457</u>	<u>73,157</u>
Non-Operating Revenues	<u>124,854</u>	<u>73,928</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,638,483</u>	<u>1,386,927</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries	585,361	514,569
Fringe Benefits	166,335	149,366
Purchased Services	458,053	429,576
Materials and Supplies	118,287	158,633
Capital Outlay	20,446	15,001
Depreciation	48,038	60,077
Other Operating Expenses	<u>121,436</u>	<u>98,435</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,517,956</u>	<u>1,425,657</u>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	120,527	(38,730)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>220,119</u>	<u>258,849</u>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 340,646</u>	<u>\$ 220,119</u>

Net Assets increased for fiscal year 2006 and decreased for fiscal year 2005, for a combined net increase. This combined increase is due primarily to increasing revenues from increasing enrollment. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase as the number of classes increases other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received to supplement various educational programs and purchase educational equipment.

The most significant increase in revenues from 2005 to 2006 is Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance funds which increased \$243,818 due to enrollment increases and increases in formula amounts. Federal and State Grants increased \$51,300 due mainly to increased title allocations. These increases were offset by a \$374 decrease in interest earned.

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Most areas of expenses increased from 2005 to 2006. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased \$87,761 due to additional staffing and annual increases; Purchased services increased \$28,477 due to additional instructional services, pupil support services, administrative services and occupancy costs. Materials and Supplies decreased \$40,346 due to purchases made in the previous year for text book and classroom supplies purchases being used for the current year and for facilities supplies. Capital Outlay increased \$5,445 due to purchases of classroom equipment. Depreciation decreased \$12,039 as a direct result of a one-time \$6,753 correction to accumulated depreciation and as a direct result of fully depreciated equipment at the end of fiscal year 2005. Other Operating Expenses increased \$23,001 due to mortgage debt service and insurance premiums.

**Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2006 the School had \$1,229,704 invested in computers and office equipment, furniture and equipment, building, building improvements and mortgage loan fees, net of depreciation. This is a \$13,477 decrease from June 30, 2005.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Capital Assets as of June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Capital Assets (net of depreciation)</b>		
Building & Mortgage Loan Fees	1,156,080	1,179,457
Building Improvements	31,531	7,545
Computers and Office Equipment	22,917	34,456
Furniture and Equipment	<u>19,176</u>	<u>21,723</u>
 Net Capital Assets	 <u>\$1,229,704</u>	 <u>\$1,243,181</u>

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

**Debt Service**

On August 23, 2004 the School purchased the building in which it operates. Financing of the purchase was accomplished through two mortgages. The first mortgage is held by National City Bank with a face value of \$918,000 for a term of fifteen years and an interest rate of 7.69% per annum. This mortgage is guaranteed by the Ohio School Facilities Commission for an amount up to \$780,300. The second mortgage is held by Horizon Activities Center with a face value of \$255,000 for a term of seven years and an interest rate of 7.00% per annum. The outstanding principal balances as of June 30, 2006 are \$860,567 and \$202,414 respectively.

For more information on debt service see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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**Current Financial Issues**

Elyria Community School opened in the fall of 2001. In its fifth year of operations it has grown from 75 students, eight teaching staff members and expenses of \$485,420 to a total of 233 students, 18 teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,517,956. During this time we have also been able to purchase our own educational facility. 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](mailto:babb.thomas@constellationschools.com).

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**Elyria Community School  
Lorain County  
Statement of Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2006**

**Assets:**

**Current Assets:**

Cash	\$222,785
Due from Other Governments	8,158
Accounts Receivable	<u>300</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	231,243

**Non-Current Assets:**

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>1,229,704</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$1,460,947</u>

**Liabilities:**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	\$27,951
Due Other Governments	9,429
Accrued Wages and Benefits	5,083
Interest Payable	7,063
Deferred Revenue	<u>7,793</u>
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>57,319</u>

**Long Term Liabilities:**

Mortgage Notes Payable	<u>1,062,982</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,120,301</u>

**Net Assets:**

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	166,722
Unrestricted	<u>173,924</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$340,646</u></u>

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

**Elyria Community School  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Net Assets  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

**Operating Revenues:**

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues	\$1,469,328
Other Operating Revenues	<u>44,301</u>
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>1,513,629</u>

**Operating Expenses:**

Salaries	585,361
Fringe Benefits	166,335
Purchased Services	458,053
Materials and Supplies	118,287
Capital Outlay	20,446
Depreciation	48,038
Other Operating Expenses	<u>121,436</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>1,517,956</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(4,327)</u>

**Non-Operating Revenues:**

Interest	397
Federal and State Grants	<u>124,457</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i>	<u>124,854</u>
Net Income	<u>120,527</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	<u>220,119</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$340,646</u></u>

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

**Elyria Community School  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

**Increase (Decrease) in Cash:**

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$1,478,756
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(855,730)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(583,568)
Other Operating Revenues	<u>32,929</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>72,387</u>

**Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:**

Federal and State Grants Received	<u>117,675</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>117,675</u>

**Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:**

Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(34,562)
Mortgage Loan Payments	<u>(65,549)</u>
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(100,111)</u>

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities:**

Interest	<u>397</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>397</u>

Net Increase in Cash	90,348
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>132,437</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u><u>\$222,785</u></u>

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

**Elyria Community School  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
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**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net  
Cash Provided by Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss	(\$4,327)
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**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to  
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:**

Depreciation	48,038
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Due from Other Governments	1,456
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	8,704
Increase in Accounts Payable	18,397
Increase in Due Other Governments	8,751
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,474
(Decrease) in Interest Payable	(35)
(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(11,071)
Total Adjustments	76,714
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$72,387

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



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity**

**Elyria Community School (ECS)** is a nonprofit corporation established August 25, 2000 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 November 7, 2001, ECS obtained tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service 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 ECS' tax-exempt status. ECS, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. ECS may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of ECS.

ECS was approved for operation under a contract between the Governing Authority and the Ohio Department of Education (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2001 and terminating on June 30, 2006. On October 16, 2003 ECS entered into a contract with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to have LCESC replace the Ohio Department of Education as their sponsor as required by Sub. HB 364. 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 XIII for further discussion of the sponsor services. The Governing Authority formed an Ohio nonprofit corporation, on September 17, 1999 under the name Constellation Community Schools (management company).

ECS 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. ECS controls one instructional facility staffed by eighteen certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 233 students

ECS entered into an agreement with CCS to provide management services for the fiscal year. See footnote XIII for additional information regarding the management company. The members of the ECS Board of Trustees were also members of Constellation Community Schools until June 15, 2006 at which time a separate CCS Board was formed. ECS Board members are also Board members of Old Brooklyn Community School, Parma Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, Stockyard Community School, Madison Community School, Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Community Middle School, Old Brooklyn Community Middle School, Westpark Community Middle School and Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities.

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**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

For fiscal year 2006, ECS has implemented GASB Statement No. 42, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets for Insurance Recoveries," GASB Statement No. 44, "Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section," and GASB Statement No. 47, "Accounting for Termination Benefits."

GASB Statement No. 42 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for impairment of capital assets and clarifies and establishes accounting requirements for insurance recoveries.

GASB Statement No. 44 is to improve the understandability and usefulness of the information that State and local governments present as supplementary information in the statistical section.

GASB Statement No. 47 establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for termination benefits.

The implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 42 and 47 did not materially affect the presentation of the financial statements for the school and GASB Statement No. 44 does not apply to the school.

**3. Cash**

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

**4. Budgetary Process**

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

**5. Due from Other Governments and Accounts Receivable**

Moneys due ECS for the year ended June 30, 2006 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.

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**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**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.

Depreciation of buildings, building improvements, computers, office equipment and furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to fixed assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<b>Capital Asset Classification</b>	<b>Years</b>
Computers and Office Equipment	3
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	10
Building	40
Building Improvements	10

**7. Intergovernmental Revenues**

ECS currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the State Poverty Based Assistance 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.

Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2006 school year totaled \$1,593,785

**8. Compensated Absences**

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar, therefore, ECS does not accrue vacation time as a liability.

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**II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**8. Compensated Absences (Continued)**

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. ECS 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 ECS consists of material and fees received in the current year which pertain to the next school year.

**III. Deposits**

At fiscal year end June 30, 2006, the carrying amount of ECS' deposits totaled \$222,785 and its bank balance was \$255,494. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2006, \$55,494 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$200,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

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**IV. Capital Assets**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2006 follows:

	Balance 6/30/05	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/06
Capital Assets Being Depreciated (where applicable):				
Land (Not being depreciated)	\$133,700	\$0	\$0	\$133,700
Building	1,071,493	0	0	1,071,493
Building Improvements	7,873	25,886	0	33,759
Computers/Office Equipment	112,263	8,676	0	120,939
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>25,465</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,465</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated:	<u>1,350,794</u>	<u>34,562</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,385,356</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building	(25,736)	(23,377)	0	(49,113)
Building Improvements	(328)	(1,900)	0	(2,228)
Computers & Office Equip	(77,807)	(20,215)	0	(98,022)
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>(3,742)</u>	<u>(2,547)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,289)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>(107,613)</u>	<u>(48,039)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(155,652)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$1,243,181</u>	<u>\$(13,477)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,229,704</u>

**V. Purchased Services**

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$64,741
Pupil Support Services	61,220
Staff Development & Support	14,264
Administrative	207,885
Occupancy Costs	<u>109,943</u>
Total	<u>\$458,053</u>

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**VI. Mortgage Notes Payable**

On August 23, 2004, ECS entered into two mortgage agreements relating to the purchase of the property at 300 North Abbe Road. The purchase prices of \$1,200,000, along with other purchases costs totaling \$5,193, have been capitalized and will be depreciated over a forty year period.

A first mortgage note in the amount of \$918,000 is held by National City Bank. The note is for a term of fifteen years with an interest rate of 7.69 percent per annum. The Ohio School Facilities Commission has guaranteed the first mortgage up to \$780,300. A second mortgage note in the amount of \$255,000 is held by Horizon Activities Center and is subordinate to the first mortgage. The note is for a term of seven years with an interest rate of 7.00 percent per annum.

During fiscal year 2006 principal was reduced by \$34,716 for National City Bank and \$30,833 for Horizon Activities Center. Interest expense totaled \$68,742 for National City Bank and \$15,171 for Horizon Activities Center. As of June 30, 2006 outstanding principal balances are \$860,567 for the first mortgage and \$202,414 for the second mortgage. Interest payable totaling \$5,882 due National City Bank and \$1,181 due Horizon Activities Center has been recorded as a current liability as of June 30, 2006. Principal payments due on the mortgage notes are as follows:

Year	National City	Horizon
2007	38,763	33,062
2008	41,851	35,452
2009	45,185	38,015
2010	48,785	40,763
2011	52,672	43,710
After 2011	<u>633,311</u>	<u>11,412</u>
Total	<u>\$860,567</u>	<u>\$202,414</u>

**VII. Risk Management**

**1. Property and Liability Insurance**

ECS 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 2006, ECS 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**

ECS makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. As of June 30, 2006, there have been no claims filed by ECS employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System.

**3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Benefits**

ECS provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. During the current fiscal year the cost to ECS for medical insurance benefits was \$66,664.

**VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**1. School Employees Retirement System**

ECS contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (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 state statute per 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 St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 by calling (800)878-5853 or by visiting the SERS website at [ohsers.org](http://ohsers.org).

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and ECS is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate for ECS is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of ECS' contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2006, 10.58 percent of annual covered salary was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. ECS' required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$4,756, \$3,709 and \$3,186. For fiscal year 2006, all required contributions have been made.



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**VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**2. State Teachers Retirement System**

ECS 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, 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 divided by 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 and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, 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 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.

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**VIII. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary. ECS was required to contribute 14 percent, 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligation. For fiscal year 2005, 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.

ECS' required contribution for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$70,253, \$60,992 and \$53,056. For fiscal year 2006, ECS contributions totaling \$616 were payable at year end and are reflected in Due to Other Governments in the accompanying financial statements. All other required contributions have been made.

**IX. Post-Employment Benefits**

ECS provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are 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 costs 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, 2006, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For ECS, this amount equaled \$5,404 during fiscal 2006.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2005, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.3 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2005, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$254,780,000 and STRS had 115,395 eligible benefit recipients.

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**IX. Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)**

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 retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premiums for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

After the allocation for the 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, 2006, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.42 percent of covered payroll, compared to 3.43 percent of covered payroll for fiscal year 2005. 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 2006, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at 2 percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For ECS, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, during the 2006 fiscal year equaled \$2,215.

The surcharge added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level of the health care fund. The target level of 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, 2005 (the latest information available), were \$178,221,113. At June 30, 2005, SERS had net assets available for health care benefits of \$267.5 million. SERS has 58,123 participants eligible to receive health care benefits.

**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...".

ECS 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**

ECS received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs 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 ECS. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of ECS at June 30, 2006.

**2. Litigation**

A suit was filed in the US District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division on October 6, 2004, which challenges the funding of charter schools under Equal Protection, Due Process and claims violation of a right to vote on the bodies administering public schools. The case is still pending. The effect of this suit, if any, on ECS 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 adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2006 are reflected in the financial statements.

**XII. Sponsorship and Management Agreement**

ECS entered into an agreement with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement is effective October 16, 2003. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 1% of state funds received by ECS, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from ECS for fiscal year 2006 was \$14,788 of which \$1,265 was outstanding as of June 30, 2006.

ECS entered into an agreement with Constellation Community Schools (CCS) to provide legal, financial, and business management services for the fiscal year 2006. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2005. Management fees are calculated as 11% of the Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation payment received by ECS, as reported in the Monthly Community School Foundation Report. The total amount due from ECS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$161,626 of which \$935 was overpaid prior to June 30, 2006 and has been credited to the next fiscal year.

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**XII. Sponsorship and Management Agreement (Continued)**

In addition ECS is participating in a payroll bonus reserve established through CCS. Payroll bonus reserve fees are calculated as 1% of the Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation payment received by ECS, as reported in the Monthly Community School Foundation Report. The total amount due from ECS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$14,693 of which \$32 was overpaid prior to June 30, 2006 and has been credited to the next fiscal year.

**XIII. Related Parties**

The members of the ECS Board of Trustees were also members of Constellation Community Schools until June 15, 2006 at which time a separate CCS Board was formed. ECS contracts with CCS for legal, financial and business management services.

ECS Board members are also Board members of Old Brooklyn Community School, Parma Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, Stockyard Community School, Madison Community School, Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Community Middle School, Old Brooklyn Community Middle School, Westpark Community Middle School and Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities.

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# 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*

Elyria Community School  
Lorain County  
300 North Abbe Road  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Elyria Community School, Lorain County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2007. 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 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 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 School's management dated March 22, 2007, 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 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*. In a separate letter to the School's management dated March 22, 2007, we reported an other matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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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 "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

March 22, 2007





**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**ELYRIA COMMUNITY 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  
JULY 12, 2007**