

Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy Lucas County

**Financial Report
June 30, 2006**

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Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy, Lucas County, prepared by Plante & Moran, PLLC, for the audit period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor

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Auditor of State

February 5, 2007

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Academy as of June 30, 2006 and the changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof and 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 September 22, 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 grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide opinions on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

To the Board of Directors
Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy

The management's discussion and analysis identified in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

September 22, 2006

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed
in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors
Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy

We have audited the basic financial statements of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

To the Board of Directors
Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy

We noted certain other matters that we reported to the management of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy in a separate letter dated September 22, 2006.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, the Sponsor, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

September 22, 2006

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

The management's discussion and analysis of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy's financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. 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 new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- In total, net assets increased \$8,083, which represents a 3 percent increase from 2005. Overall total revenue and expenses remained similar in comparison to 2005.
- Total assets increased \$1,241, which represents a 0.3 percent increase from 2005.
- Liabilities decreased \$6,842 which represents a 4 percent decrease from 2005. This decrease was due to the timing of the payment of accounts and contracts payable.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, the MD&A, the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

Statement of Net Assets

The statement of net assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during 2006?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Table I provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2005:

TABLE I	June 30	
	2006	2005
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 297,647	\$ 262,450
Capital assets - Net	<u>119,527</u>	<u>153,483</u>
Total assets	417,174	415,933
Liabilities - Current liabilities	147,429	154,271
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	119,527	153,483
Unrestricted	<u>150,218</u>	<u>108,179</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 269,745</u>	<u>\$ 261,662</u>

Total assets increased \$1,241. This was primarily due to an increase in intergovernmental receivables. Cash decreased by \$7,015 from 2005. Intergovernmental receivables increased by \$42,211. This increase was due to the timing of the receipt of federal and state funding. Capital assets, net of depreciation decreased by \$33,956 primarily due to the depreciation of furniture, fixtures, equipment, library books, and leasehold improvements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2005 and fiscal year 2006, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

TABLE 2

	June 30	
	2006	2005
Operating Revenues		
Foundation payments	\$ 1,163,344	\$ 1,059,730
Disadvantaged pupil impact aid	182,379	218,739
Charges for services	1,825	1,511
Other	1,176	397
Nonoperating Revenues		
Federal grants	272,877	390,483
State grants	8,844	17,224
Total revenue	1,630,445	1,688,084
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	664,804	607,772
Fringe benefits	231,952	200,535
Purchased services	623,258	665,023
Materials and supplies	45,530	106,681
Depreciation (unallocated)	35,189	31,587
Other expenses	3,813	3,206
Nonoperating Expenses		
Taxes	17,816	17,532
Total expenses	1,622,362	1,632,336
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 8,083	\$ 55,748

Net assets increased by \$8,083. There was a decrease in revenues of \$57,639 and a decrease in expenses of \$9,974 from 2005. Of the decrease in revenues, total payments from the State of Ohio decreased by \$67,254. Community Schools receive no support from tax revenues.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The expense for salaries increased \$57,032. This was primarily due to an increase in staff during fiscal year 2006. Materials and supplies expense decreased \$61,151 from 2005. Depreciation expense increased by \$3,602.

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2006 the Academy had \$119,527 invested in leasehold improvements, library books, and furniture, fixtures, and equipment, which represented a decrease of \$33,956 from 2005. Table 3 shows fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2005 capital assets (net of depreciation):

TABLE 3

	2006	2005
Leasehold improvements	\$ 22,150	\$ 22,755
Library books	18,762	23,090
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	<u>78,615</u>	<u>107,638</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 119,527</u>	<u>\$ 153,483</u>

For more information on capital assets see Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

Current Financial Issues

Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy was formed in 2001 under contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools. During the 2005-2006 school year, there were approximately 196 students enrolled in the Academy. The Academy receives its finances mostly from state sources. Foundation payments (including Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid) for fiscal year 2006 amounted to \$1,345,723.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact Don Ash, Fiscal Officer of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy, 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, Suite 500, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 or e-mail at don.ash@leonagroup.com.

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Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2006

Assets

Current assets:

Cash (Note 3)	\$ 208,162
Intergovernmental receivables (Note 4)	54,135
Prepaid expenses	<u>35,350</u>

Total current assets 297,647

Noncurrent assets - Depreciable capital assets - Net (Note 5) 119,527

Total assets 417,174

Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	11,909
Contracts payable (Note 13)	<u>135,520</u>

Total liabilities 147,429

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt	119,527
Unrestricted	<u>150,218</u>

Total net assets \$ 269,745

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2006

Operating Revenues

Foundation payments	\$ 1,163,344
Disadvantaged pupil impact aid	182,379
Charges for services	1,825
Other revenues	<u>1,176</u>

Total operating revenues 1,348,724

Operating Expenses

Salaries	664,804
Fringe benefits	231,952
Purchased services (Note 10)	623,258
Materials and supplies	45,530
Depreciation	35,189
Other	<u>3,813</u>

Total operating expenses 1,604,546

Operating Loss (255,822)

Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)

Federal grants	272,877
State grants	8,844
Federal and state taxes	<u>(17,816)</u>

Total nonoperating revenues 263,905

Change in Net Assets 8,083

Net Assets - Beginning of year 261,662

Net Assets - End of year \$ 269,745

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Statement of Cash flows Year Ended June 30, 2006

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Received from foundation payments	\$ 1,163,344
Received from disadvantaged pupil impact aid	182,379
Received from other operating revenues	3,001
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(705,164)
Payments to employees for services	(639,083)
Payments for employee benefits	<u>(237,338)</u>

Net cash used in operating activities (232,861)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities

Federal grants received	236,051
State grants received	8,844
Federal and state taxes	<u>(17,816)</u>

Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities 227,079

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities

Payments for capital acquisitions	<u>(1,233)</u>
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Net Decrease in Cash (7,015)

Cash - Beginning of year 215,177

Cash - End of year \$ 208,162

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Statement of Cash flows (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2006

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (255,822)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation	35,189
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in intergovernmental receivable	(5,386)
Decrease in accounts payable	(488)
Decrease in contracts payable	<u>(6,354)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>22,961</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$ (232,861)</u></u>

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**Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2006**

Note 1 - Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in grades kindergarten through sixth. The Academy's mission is to educate, excite, and empower students; educating them when choices in public education have been unsatisfactory for their need; exciting them in an atmosphere where a love of learning and the arts is pervasive; empowering them by providing the tools of heightened self-esteem, tolerance for others, and respect for the dignity of others. At all times, excellence is the achievable goal. The Academy, which is part of the state's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

On July 1, 2002, the Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the Sponsor) for a period of five years through June 30, 2007. 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 total sponsor fees paid to the Ohio Council of Community Schools for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 was approximately \$40,000.

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member Board of Directors which also is the Governing Board for five other Leona Group Schools (see Note 12). The Board of Directors is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Board of Directors controls the Academy's instructional/support facility staffed by 13 certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 196 students.

The Governing Board has entered into a management contract with The Leona Group, LLC (TLG), a for profit limited liability corporation, for management services and operation of its Academy. TLG operates the Academy's instructional/support facility, is the employer of record for all personnel, and supervises and implements the curriculum. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee and year-end fee (see Note 13).

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**Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2006**

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 to also follow private sector guidance issued after November 30, 1989 for its business-type activities. The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

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.

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position, and cash flows.

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. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

Basis of Accounting - Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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.

Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

Budgetary Process - Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a 5-year forecast which is to be updated on an annual basis.

Intergovernmental Receivables - Receivables at June 30, 2006, consisted of intergovernmental receivables. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year.

Prepaid Items - Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2006, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets - Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 for furniture and equipment, land, and buildings, or any one item costing under \$1,000 alone but purchased in a group for over \$2,500. Software costing more than \$10,000 per application will also be capitalized. Improvements 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.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining term of the operating lease. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Leasehold improvements	5 years
Furniture , fixtures, and equipment	3-7 years
Library books	6 years

Net Assets - Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. The Academy has no debt related to capital assets.

Operating Revenues and Expenses - Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. For the Academy, these revenues are primarily foundation payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the Academy. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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

Tax Status - The Academy is not tax exempt under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy has prepared tax returns for fiscal year 2005 and has filed for an extension for fiscal year 2006. Amounts owed to the IRS and State of Ohio at June 30, 2006 are reported on the statement of net assets as taxes payable, if significant.

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Note 3 - Deposits

The Academy has designated two banks for the deposits of its funds.

The Academy's deposits consist solely of checking and/or savings accounts at local banks therefore, the Academy has not adopted a formal investment policy. The Academy's cash is subject to custodial credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. The Academy's deposit policy requires that financial institutions be evaluated and only those with an acceptable risk level for custodial risk are used for the Academy's deposits. At year end, the Academy's deposit balance of \$228,932 had \$122,677 of bank deposits (checking and savings accounts) that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Academy believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all deposits. As a result, the Academy evaluates each financial institution it deposits funds with and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Note 4 - Receivables

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	<u>Amounts</u>
Federal Child Nutrition	\$ 10,797
Title I	33,856
Title II-A	709
Title IV	1,684
Special Education, Part B	1,704
Other	<u>5,385</u>
Total all intergovernmental receivables	<u>\$ 54,135</u>

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006:

	Balance July 1, 2005	Additions	Balance June 30, 2006
Business-type activity			
Capital assets being depreciated:			
Leasehold improvements	\$ 23,606	\$ -	\$ 23,606
Library books	25,981	-	25,981
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	<u>147,160</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>148,393</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	196,747	1,233	197,980
Less accumulated depreciation:			
Leasehold improvements	851	605	1,456
Library books	2,891	4,328	7,219
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	<u>39,522</u>	<u>30,256</u>	<u>69,778</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(43,264)</u>	<u>(35,189)</u>	<u>(78,453)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated - Net	<u>\$ 153,483</u>	<u>\$ (33,956)</u>	<u>\$ 119,527</u>

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Note 6 - Risk Management

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. During fiscal year 2006, the Academy contracted with EMC Insurance Company for general liability, property insurance, and educational errors and omissions insurance.

Educational errors and omissions:

Per occurrence	\$ 8,000,000
Total per year	8,000,000

General liability:

Per occurrence	1,000,000
Total per year	2,000,000
Vehicle	1,000,000

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

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The School Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746, by calling (614) 222-5853, or by visiting the SERS Ohio Website at www.ohsers.org.

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current Academy rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2006, 10.57 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Academy's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$11,991, \$13,551, and \$14,368, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year, of which 88 percent has been contributed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and 100 percent was contributed for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005 and 2004.

State Teachers Retirement System

The Academy 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.

Plan Options - New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC Plan and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC Plan or Combined Plan.

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

DB Plan Benefits - Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit, regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the "formula benefit" or the "money-purchase benefit" calculation. Under the "formula benefit", the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member's three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2 percent multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio Service credit is calculated at 2.5 percent. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6 percent for 32 years, 2.7 percent for 33 years and so on) until 100 percent of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5 percent instead of 2.2 percent. Under the "money-purchase benefit" calculation, a member's lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

DC Plan Benefits - Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump-sum withdrawal. Employer contributions into members' accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. 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.

Combined Plan Benefits - Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member's defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1 percent of the member's final average salary by the member's years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

Eligible faculty of Ohio's public colleges and universities may choose to enroll in either STRS Ohio or an alternative retirement plan (ARP) offered by their employer. Employees have 120 days from their employment date to select a retirement plan.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for a money-purchase benefit or a lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance.

Benefits are increased annually by 3 percent of the original base amount for Defined Benefit Plan participants.

The Defined Benefit and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A Defined Benefit 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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the Defined Benefit Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC, or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. 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.

Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, were 10 percent of covered payroll for members and 14 percent for employers; 13 percent of the portion was used to fund pension obligations. The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$67,609, \$59,354, and \$44,214, respectively; equal to 100 percent of the required contributions for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Additional information or copies of STRS Ohio's 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be requested by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Website at www.strsoh.org.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

The Ohio Revised Code gives SERS the discretionary authority to provide postretirement health care to retirees and their dependents. Coverage is made available to service retirees with 10 or more years of qualifying service credit, disability, and survivor benefit recipients. Effective January 1, 2004, all retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their health care premium. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status. 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.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. At June 30, 2006, the allocation rate is 3.43 percent. 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 (latest year available), the minimum pay has been established at \$27,400. 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. For the Academy, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, was \$1,994 for fiscal year 2006.

Health care benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses, before premium deductions. Gross expenses for health care at June 30, 2005 (latest year available), were \$178,221,113. The target level for the health care fund is 150 percent of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. As of June 30, 2005 (latest year available), the value of the health care fund was \$267.5 million, which is about 168 percent of next year's projected net health care costs of \$158,776,151. On the basis of actuarial projections, the allocated contributions will be insufficient, in the long-term, to provide for a health care reserve equal to at least 150 percent of estimated annual net claim costs. The number of benefit recipients who received health care benefits was approximately 58,123 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 (latest year available).

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) provides access to health care coverage to retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans and their dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Pursuant to the Revised Code (R.C.), the State Teachers Retirement Board (the Board) has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated 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.

The R.C. grants authority to STRS Ohio to provide health care coverage to eligible benefit recipients, spouses, and dependents. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed and the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll.

The Retirement Board allocates employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund from which health care benefits are paid. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The balance in the Health Care Stabilization Fund was \$3.3 billion on June 30, 2005 (latest year available).

For the Academy, this amount equaled \$5,201 during the 2006 fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 (latest year available), net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$254,780,000. There were 115,395 eligible benefit recipients for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 (latest year available).

Note 9 - Contingencies

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, 2006.

State Funding - The Ohio Department of Education reviews enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. For fiscal year 2006, the results of this review are not concluded on. However, in the opinion of management, any changes to enrollment data will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2006.

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Note 10 - Purchased Service Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2006, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Repairs and maintenance	\$ 11,251
Legal	533
Insurance	12,998
Advertising	12,961
Ohio Council of Community Schools	39,834
The Leona Group, LLC (Note 13)	203,532
Cleaning services	1,591
Other rentals and leases	11,647
Utility	1,151
Dues and fees	14,319
Other professional services	172,041
Building lease agreements	<u>141,400</u>
Total purchased services	<u>\$ 623,258</u>

Note 11 - Operating Leases

The Academy has entered into a lease for the period of August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2009, with an annual renewal term, for the use of the main building, gymnasium, and grounds as a school facility. Payments made for the fiscal year totaled \$141,400.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments required under the operating lease as of June 30, 2006:

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30</u>	<u>Facility Lease</u>
2007	\$ 141,400
2008	141,400
2009	141,400
2010	<u>11,783</u>
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 435,983</u>

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Note 12 - Related Parties

The Academy's Governing Board consists of the same members as the Governing Board for Eagle Academy, Toledo Accelerated Academy, George A. Phillips Academy, Lake Erie Academy, and Wildwood Environmental Academy.

Note 13 - Management Agreement

The Academy entered into a five-year contract, effective May 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007, with The Leona Group, LLC for educational management services for all of the management, operation, administration, and education at the Academy. In exchange for its services, TLG receives a capitation fee of 12 percent of the per-pupil expenditures and a year-end fee of 50 percent of the audited financial statement excess of revenues over expenses, if any. The Academy incurred management fees totaling \$203,532 for the year ended June 30, 2006. At June 30, 2006, contracts payable include \$15,952 for the payment of management fees and approximately \$119,000 for reimbursement of subcontracted employees and other operating costs. Terms of the contracts require TLG to provide the following:

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

The Academy may terminate this agreement with cause prior to the end of the term in the event that The Leona Group, LLC should fail to remedy a material breach within a period reasonable under the circumstances, but not less than sixty (60) days after notice from the Academy.

The Leona Group, LLC may terminate this agreement with cause prior to the end of the specified term in the event the Academy fails to remedy a material breach within a period reasonable under the circumstances, but not less than sixty (60) days after notice from The Leona Group, LLC.

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Note 13 - Management Agreement (Continued)

In the event this agreement is terminated by either party prior to the end of the specified term, the termination will not become effective until the end of the school year following the notice of termination and The Leona Group, LLC shall provide the Academy reasonable assistance for up to 90 days to assist in the transition to a regular school program.

For the year ended June 30, 2006 The Leona Group, LLC incurred the following expenses on behalf of the Academy:

Direct expenses:	
Salaries	\$ 664,804
Fringe benefits	231,952
Professional & technical services	38,360
Other direct costs	20,298
Indirect expenses:	
Overhead	<u>-</u>
Total expenses	<u><u>\$ 955,414</u></u>



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

PAUL L. DUNBAR ACADEMY

LUCAS COUNTY

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
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**