Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Governing Board Arts and College Preparatory Academy 2202 South Hamilton Road Columbus, Ohio 43232

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Arts and College Preparatory Academy, Franklin County, prepared by Hemphill & Associates, for the audit period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. 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 Arts and College Preparatory Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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April 14, 2008

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Arts and College Preparatory Academy Franklin County 2202 South Hamilton Road Columbus, Ohio 43232

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Arts and College Preparatory Academy, Franklin County, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe 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 respective financial position of the Arts and College Preparatory Academy, Franklin County, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective 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 February 18, 2008, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on 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.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require. 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.

emphill & associates Columbus, Ohio February 18, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Arts and College Preparatory Academy's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall view of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. 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 the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented, and is presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- Total assets increased \$88,162. That represents a 27.8% increase from the prior year. The increase is primarily due to increases in cash and cash equivalents with Fiscal Agent at end of the fiscal year.
- Total liabilities decreased \$12,657 in fiscal year 2007, which represents an 8.78% decrease from the prior year. The increases are primarily due to higher accrued wages for the fiscal year end.
- ➤ Total net assets increased \$100,819 in fiscal year 2007, which represents a 58.4% increase from the prior year, because of increases in operating revenues.
- ➤ The operating loss reported for fiscal year 2007 of \$(123,843) was \$111,513 less than the operating loss reported for fiscal year 2006 of \$(235,536), or a decrease of 47.3%.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This report consists of three parts: the Management's Discussion and Analysis (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. As the Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting, all financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity. Therefore, the entity-wide and the fund presentation information are the same.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during the fiscal year?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-

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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.

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

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006:

Table 1			
Net A	ssets		
	2007	2006	
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 334,252	\$ 246,779	
Security Deposit	16,000	16,000	
Capital Assets, Net	54,769	54,080	
Total Assets	405,021	316,859	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	131,528	143,458	
Noncurrent Liabilities		727	
Total Liabilities	131,528	144,185	
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets	54,042	50,541	
Restricted	46,510	222,401	
Unrestricted	172,941	(100,268)	
Total Net Assets	\$ 273,493	\$ 172,674	

Total net assets of the Academy increased by \$100,819, or 58.4%, compared to the prior year. The increase is primarily due to higher operating revenues received during fiscal year 2007.

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Also, as noted in Table 1 above, reported unrestricted net assets at June 30, 2007 increased by \$273,209 from those reported at June 30, 2006.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007 as compared to fiscal year 2006.

Table 2			
Changes in Net Assets			
	2007	2006	
Revenues			
Operating Revenues:			
Foundation Payments	\$1,135,518	\$1,016,134	
Poverty Based Assistance	-	10,099	
Special Education	116,909	12,659	
Classroom Fees	1,401	232	
Other Operating Revenues	12,274	5,123	
Total Operating Revenues	1,266,102	1,044,247	
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Federal and State Grants	224,351	252,734	
Contributions and Donations	150	-	
Interest	274	162	
Total Revenues	1,490,877	1,297,143	
Expenses			
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries	677,553	643,552	
Fringe Benefits	187,826	210,664	
Purchased Services	454,437	361,551	
Materials and Supplies	37,768	35,944	
Depreciation	14,064	11,403	
Other Expenses	18,297	16,489	
Total Operating Expenses	1,389,945	1,279,603	
Non-Operating Expenses:	1,007,710	1,279,000	
Interest and Other	113	1,950	
Total Expenses	1,390,058	1,281,553	
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Increase in Net Assets	\$ 100,819	\$ 15,590	

Operating revenues increased by \$221,855 during fiscal year 2007. The increase was primarily due to an increase state foundation funding.

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Total expenses of the Academy reported for fiscal year 2007 increased by \$108,505 from those reported for the previous fiscal year. Salaries and Fringe Benefits increased by \$11,163; Purchased services expenses increased by \$92,886; all other expenses increased by \$4,456 from fiscal year 2006 amounts. The increases in expenses were directly related to the additional increases in revenues that were generated for the period.

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2007, capital assets of the Academy were \$103,338 offset by \$48,569 in accumulated depreciation, resulting in net capital assets of \$54,769. Table 3 shows the categories of capital assets maintained by the Academy, net of accumulated depreciation, at June 30, 2007 and 2006.

Table 3

Capital Asset at June 3	30, 2007			
(Net of Depreciat	ion)			
2007 2006				
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$ 53,809	\$ 39,056		
Leasehold Improvements	49,529	49,529		
Total Capital Assets	103,338	88,585		
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(31,858)	(21,096)		
Leasehold Improvements	(16,711)	(13,409)		
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(48,569)	(34,505)		
Capital Assets, Net of Accum. Depreciation	\$ 54,769	\$ 54,080		

The net increase of \$689 in total capital assets is due to addition of \$14,753 of capital assets with an offset of current year depreciation of \$14,064 for fiscal year 2007.

See Notes 2(F) and 5 of the notes to the basic financial statements for additional detailed information on the Academy's capital assets.

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Debt

At June 30, 2007, the School had \$727 in capital leases payable, which is due within one year. Table 4 summarizes the debt outstanding.

Table 4				
Outstanding Debt, at Year End				
2007 2006			2006	
Capital Leases Payable	\$	727	\$	3,539

For more information on the debt, see Note 11 to the basic financial statements.

Current Financial Issues

The Academy was formed in fiscal year 2002. The Academy's financial relationship with the Lucas County Educational Service Center aids in the raising of the quality of financial records and strengthens internal controls. During the 2006-2007 school year, there were approximately 200 students enrolled in the Academy. The Academy receives its finances mostly from state aid. Per pupil aid for fiscal year 2007 amounted to \$5,403 per student.

Contacting the Academy'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 money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Ms. Paula Lasley, Principal of Arts and College Preparatory Academy, 2202 South Hamilton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232 or e-mail her at paulasley@yahoo.com.

ARTS AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS	2007
Current Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalent with Fiscal Agent	\$ 264,495
Intergovernmental Receivables	38,386
Prepaid Items	31,371
Total Current Assets	334,252
Non-Current Assets	
Security Deposits	16,000
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	54,769
Total Non-Current Assets	70,769
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 405,021
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable Intergovernmental Payable Capital Leases Payable - Current Portion Total Current Liabilities TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,752 88,479 23,570 727 131,528 131,528
NET ASSETS Investment in Capital Assets (Net of Related Debt) Restricted Unrestricted TOTAL NET ASSETS	54,042 46,510 172,941 \$ 273,493

ARTS AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

OPERATING REVENUES	2007
Foundation Payments	1,135,518
Special Education Weighted Funding	116,909
Classroom Fees	1,401
Other Operating Revenues	12,274
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,266,102
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OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries	677,553
Fringe Benefits	187,826
Purchased Services	454,437
Materials and Supplies	37,768
Depreciation	14,064
Other Operating Expenses	18,297
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,389,945
OPERATING LOSS	(123,843)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Federal Grants	214,058
State Grants	10,293
Contributions and Donations	150
Interest	274
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(113)
Total Non Operating Devenues (Expenses)	224,662
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	224,002
Change in Net Assets	100,819
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	172,674
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 273,493

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

ARTS AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 1,281,885
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	13,675
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(504,178)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services & Benefits	(874,930)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(83,548)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Cash Received from Grants - Federal	274,308
Cash Received from Grants - State	32,378
Contributions and Donations	150
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	306,836
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Cash Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(14,753)
Cash Payments for Principal Payments	(2,812)
Cash Payments for Interest Payments	(113)
Net Cash Used for Capital & Related Financing Activities	(17,678)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Cash Received from Interest Earnings	274
Net Cash Provided from Investing Activities	274
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	205,884
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	58,611
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 264,495
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) for Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	(123,843)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	14,064
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	,
Decrease (Increase) in Intergovernmental Receivables	44,962
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Items	(8,886)
Increase in Accounts Payable	1,029
Increase in Accrued Wages	9,713
(Decrease) Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	(20,587)
Total Adjustments	40,295
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	\$ (83,548)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Arts and College Preparatory Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3314 and 1702. The Academy is an approved taxexempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for educational purposes. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events which could adversely affect the Academy's tax-exempt status. The Academy is a general population high school, and added grade 12 in 2005. One of the Academy's missions is to provide students with academic and art knowledge and skills necessary for them to be successful in any post-secondary educational opportunities they choose. 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 school.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Lucas County Educational Service Center (the Sponsor) for a period of five years effective beginning the 2001-2002 academic school year. This contract expired June 30, 2007. Effective May 1, 2006 Lucas County Educational Service Center (the Sponsor) assigned their remaining rights and responsibilities to St. Aloysius. St. Aloysius is operating with a new five-year agreement. 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 sponsorship agreement states that the Treasurer of the Sponsor should serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer (See Note 9).

The Academy operates under the direction of a five-member Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees 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 Governing Board controls the Academy's one instructional/support facility staffed by 2 non-certified and 20 certified full time teaching personnel, who provide services to 173 students.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the 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 not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The Academy's significant accounting policies are described below.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. <u>Basis of Presentation – Enterprise Accounting</u>

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

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 net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

B. Measurement Focus/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 statements of net assets. Net assets are segregated into investments in capital assets and unrestricted components.

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transaction, 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 the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditures requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

C. Budgetary Process

Community schools must adopt a spending plan under Ohio Revised Code. Section 5705.391 requires annual appropriations and annual revenues estimates. The contract between the School and its sponsor requires the school to comply with the financial plan that details an estimated budget for each year of the contract.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's fiscal agent, the Lucas County Educational Service Center. All cash received by the fiscal agent is maintained in separate bank accounts in the Academy's name.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

To improve cash management, all cash received by the Academy is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for the Academy are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

For presentation on the financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with the original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

E. <u>Prepaid Items</u>

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2007, 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 fiscal year in which services are consumed.

F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. 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. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description_	Estimated Lives
Leasehold Improvements	15 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 years
Computers	3 years

G. <u>Net Assets</u>

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy statement of net assets reports \$46,510 of restricted net assets. Of this amount, none is restricted by enabling legislation.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Intergovernmental Revenue

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements are met.

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

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal 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 expenditures requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

Amounts awarded under the above-named programs for fiscal year 2007 totaled \$1,476,778.

I. <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) 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.

J. Security Deposits

The Academy entered into a lease for the use of the building for the administration of the Academy during fiscal year 2002. At the lease signing, a \$10,000 security deposit was given to the lessor. In fiscal year 2006, the Academy leased additional space for classroom facilities. An additional security deposit of \$6,000 was given to the lessor. The total security deposit held by the lessor is \$16,000.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The following information classifies deposits by category of risk as defined in GASB Statement No.3 "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements," as amended by GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures".

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Academy maintains its cash balances at one financial institution located in Ohio. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At June 30, 2007, the book amount of the Academy's deposits was \$264,495. The bank balance of the Academy's deposits was \$317,458, which resulted in \$217,458 being collateralized with securities held in a single financial institution's pool of investments pledged to collateralize all public deposits. The Academy has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirement of state statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the school; with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment; or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee to secure repayment of all public monies deposited. It further requires that the monies be deposited in a financial institution whose market value shall be at least 105% of deposits being secured.

4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2007 primarily consisted of intergovernmental receivables (e.g. foundation and federal grants). All intergovernmental receivables are considered collectable in full, due to the stable condition of state program, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal receivables follows.

Intergovernmental Receivables 2		2007
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Core Implementation	\$	2,738
Title I		28,860
Title IV		308
IDEA Part B		1,904
Title II-A		3,235
Title II-D		1,341
Total Intergovernmental Receivable	\$	38,386

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

	Balance 06/30/06	Additions	Deductions	Balance 06/30/07
Capital Assets Being Depreciated: Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$ 39,056	\$ 14,753	\$ -	\$ 53,809
Leasehold Improvements Total Capital Assets	49,529	-		49,529
Being Depreciated	88,585	14,753		103,338
Less: Accumulated Depreciation Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(21,096)	(10,762)		(31,858)
Leasehold Improvements	(13,409)	(3,302)		(16,711)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(34,505)	(14,064)		(48,569)
Capital Assets, Net of A/D	\$ 54,080	\$ 689	\$	\$ 54,769

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Insurance Coverage

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. For the fiscal year ended 2007, the Academy contracted with the O'Neill Group and had the following insurance coverages:

General Liability per single occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Liability aggregate limit	2,000,000
Umbrella Liability per single occurrence	10,000,000
Umbrella Liability aggregate limit	10,000,000
Professional Liability per single occurrence	1,000,000
Professional Liability aggregate limit	1,000,000
Commercial Property (\$1,000 Deductible)	400,000
Student Accident Liability per student (\$500 Deductible)	10,000

The Academy does not own any buildings, but rents a facility located at 2202 South Hamilton Road, Columbus, Ohio. (See Note 12).

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

B. <u>Workers' Compensation</u>

The Academy pays the State Worker's 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.

C. Employee Medical, Dental and Vision Benefits

The Academy has contracted through an independent agent to provide employee medical, dental, and vision insurance to its full time employees who work 20 or more hours per week. The Academy pays a 100% of the monthly premiums for all selected coverage (medical, dental and/or vision).

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan member are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Academy rate is 14% 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 2007, 10.58% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2006, 10.57% 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 a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Academy's required contribution for pension obligation to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$8,173 and \$5,465, respectively. 0% has been contributed for fiscal year 2007; 100% has been contributed for fiscal year 2006. \$11,031 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2007. The balance outstanding is reflected as an intergovernmental payable.

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

B. <u>State Teachers Retirement Systems</u>

The Academy contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a costsharing multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371 or by calling (614) 227-4090.

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

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan 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 their 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 Plan 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 services who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14%; 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

The Academy's required contribution for pension obligations to the DB Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$69,910, and \$76,685, respectively. 100% has been contributed for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$8,400 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2007. The balance outstanding is reflected as an intergovernmental payable.

8. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Academy provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statue. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

STRS retirees who participated in the DB or combined plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the healthcare costs will be absorbed by STRS. All benefit recipients pay a portion of health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the Academy, this amount equaled \$5,740 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2005, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.3 billion. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$254,780,000 and STRS had 111,395 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status. After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14% contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.43% of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay of \$35,800 and the member's pay.

8. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

However, the surcharge is capped at 2% of each employee's salary. For the Academy, the amount contributed to fund health benefits during fiscal year 2007 was \$1,595. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

Net health care costs for the year ending June 30, 2005 (the latest information available) were \$178,221,113. The target level for the health care fund is 150% of projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. At June 30, 2005, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$267.5 million. The number of participants eligible to receive benefits is 58,123.

9. FISCAL AGENT

The Academy entered into a service agreement with the Treasurer of the Lucas County Educational Service Center to serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the School. As part of this agreement, the School shall compensate the Lucas County Educational Service Center two percent (2%) of all pupil funding received to the Academy. A total contract payment of \$31,738 was paid during the fiscal year, and \$3,274 was accrued as a liability for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

The Treasurer shall perform all of the following functions while serving as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Academy:

- Maintain custody of all funds received by the Academy in segregated accounts separate from the Sponsor or any other Community School's funds;
- Maintain all books and accounts of the Academy;
- Maintain all financial records of all state funds of the Academy and follow the State Auditor's procedures for receiving and expending state funds;
- Assist the Academy in meeting all financial reporting requirements established by the State Auditor of Ohio;
- Invest funds of the Academy in the same manner as the funds of the Sponsor are invested, but not commingle the funds with any funds of the Sponsor or any other community school; and
- Pay obligations incurred by the Academy within a reasonable amount of time: not more than 14 calendar days after receipt of a properly executed voucher signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Academy so long as the proposed expenditure is within the approved budget and funds are available.

10. PURCHASED SERVICES

For the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors as follows.

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 124,893
Property Services	234,433
Travel	7,499
Communications	14,842
Contracted Craft or Trade Service	58,047
Transportation Services	2,173
Other Purchased Services	12,550
Total Purchased Services	\$ 454,437

11. CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During the fiscal year ended 2005, the Academy entered into a capital lease for a Xerox Document Centre copier. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. The capital lease has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2007.

Year Ending June 30,	Principal		Interest	
2008	\$	727	\$	6
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	727	 \$	6

12. OPERATING LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

The Academy entered into an operating lease in September of 2001 for rental of a building in which to house the school. The lease became effective in August of 2002 and was renegotiated in April of 2003. This agreement is, in substance, an operating lease, and will be classified as operating lease rental payments in the financial statements. The lease is for six years, with the option to exercise an extension for an additional one to five years. The rental periods run from August 1 through July 31 of each year.

12. OPERATING LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

For the fiscal year ended 2007, the payments made on the lease were \$261,684. The following summarizes future minimum lease payments under the operating leases at June 30, 2007:

Year Ending June 30,	Payments			
2008	\$	\$ 230,967		
2009		261,204		
2010		271,647		
2011		22,710		
	\$	786,528		

13. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy receives significant financial assistance from numerous 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 operating fund. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2007.

B. Pending Litigation

A suit was filed in U.S. 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 administrating public schools. The case is still pending. The effect of this suit, if any, on the Academy is not presently determinable.

C. <u>Fulltime Equivalency</u>

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews on enrollment data 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. For the fiscal year ended 2007, ODE final FTE adjustment for the Academy had not yet been completed. The Academy is not certain what effect, if any, this review will have on its financial statements.

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

Arts and College Preparatory Academy Franklin County 2202 South Hamilton Road Columbus, Ohio 43232

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of Arts & College Preparatory Academy, Franklin County, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2007-001.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, Board of Trustees, and 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.

Columbus, Ohio February 18, 2008

Hemphill & associates

ARTS & COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2007

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

<u>Cause</u>: During the performance of our testwork, we noted that the State Employee Retirement System contribution by the Academy was not made. The Academy believed that this contribution would be withheld from their Foundation payments. The contribution was not withheld and therefore the Academy had the responsibility of remitting the contribution the State Employee Retirement System in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 3309.

The Academy appropriate reflected a payable in their year end financial statements for the unpaid State Employee Retirement System contribution.

Effect: The unpaid contribution as of June 30, 2007 is \$15,013.

<u>Recommendations</u>: The Academy should ascertain what contributions are being made on their behalf through withholdings from the Foundation payments in order to perform their fiduciary responsibility related to the employee retirement systems.

<u>Management's Response</u>: The annual SERS deduction for the ACPA's Board share, by law, is to be deducted from the monthly State Foundation distribution. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3309, the school deducted and remitted the employee share of 10%. At June 2006, ACPA had a credit balance with SERS of \$3,557.95. Employer withholding from foundation began July 2007. As of June 2007, \$11,031.50 was due SERS. Under the Ohio Revised Code, SERS is responsible for deducting Community School Employer share of 14% and resumed the deduction after the credit balance was applied to their liabilities.

ARTS & COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2007

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2006-001

The performance of financial monitoring activities by the Governing Board and the Academy's management was not documented in the Board minutes.

Monitoring controls should be comprised of regular management and supervisory activities established to oversee whether management's objectives are being achieved, covering operational and legal compliance, and financial control objectives. Effective monitoring controls should help management to identify unexpected results or exceptions (including significant compliance exceptions), investigate underlying causes, and take corrective action.

Monitoring controls should assist management in detecting material misstatements in the financial and/or compliance transactions that may affect financial operations or presentation of financial information. Some of the monitoring controls may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Regular review of monthly budgeted and actual revenues/expenses;
- Review of key performance indicators;
- Review of unusual or significant or long outstanding items;
- Identification of unusual fluctuations;
- Monitoring of grants expenditures in accordance with grants requirements; and
- Review of monthly bank reconciliations

The Governing Board should develop and implement a monitoring control system to determine that material misstatements or misappropriations of assets do not occur. The Governing Board should take an active role in monitoring the financial records of the Academy to provide for increased accuracy and usefulness of the information reported.

Current Status

Based upon our review of the current year Board minutes, it appears that the Board is monitoring the financial condition of the Academy.

ARTS & COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2007

FINDING NUMBER 2006-002

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391 (A)(B) – The board must adopt, as part of its annual appropriation measure, a "spending plan" (to be amended as the appropriations are amended). The Academy was unable to provide minutes of the governing board which documented the adoption of the spending plan for FY2007. The governing board should develop procedures that ensure that they annually approve the next year's "spending plan" at either their regular meeting or by holding a special meeting.

In addition, School districts must prepare five years' projections of revenues and expenditures as part of the spending plan. The plan must be submitted to the Department of Education upon the adoption of an annual appropriation measures, but no later than October 31, of any fiscal year.

Current Status

Based upon our review of the current year Board minutes, it appears that a spending plan, as well as a five-year budget, was reviewed and approved by the Board of Education.

ARTS & COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2007

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (continued)

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 or later, the revised 5-year projection must be filed with the Department of Education between April 1 and May 31 of each fiscal year [Ohio Administrative Code section 3301-92-04(F)]. The Academy has not filed a 5-year revised projection since their original filing in 2002. The Academy needs to file an updated, board-approved spending plan in accordance with the ORC.

Current Status

Based upon our review of the current year Board minutes, it appears that a spending plan, as well as a five-year budget, was reviewed and approved by the Board of Education.





ARTS AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

FRANKLIN 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED APRIL 24, 2008

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