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## Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

#### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Kent Digital Academy Portage County 321 North Depeyster Street Kent, Ohio 44240

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Kent Digital Academy, Portage County, Ohio (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to 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 financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Kent Digital Academy, Portage County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows 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 April 10, 2008, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquires 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

April 10, 2008

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

This discussion and analysis of the Kent Digital Academy's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis ("the MD & A") is an element of the new 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 of 1999. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD & A.

#### **Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

- Total net assets increased \$57,387 in fiscal year 2007, which represents a 23.5 percent increase from fiscal year 2006.
- In 2007, total assets increased \$114,000 which represents a 40.7 percent increase from the fiscal year 2006.
- Total liabilities increased \$56,613 in fiscal year 2007 which represents a 100 percent increase from fiscal year 2006.

#### **Using this Annual Financial Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements.

The statement of net assets and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets reflect how the Academy did financially during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to that which is used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the period revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the Academy's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the Academy has increased or decreased during the period. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Academy reports its operations using enterprise fund accounting, all financial transactions and accounts are reported as one activity, therefore the entity wide and the fund presentations information is the same.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets as of June 30, 2007 compared to 2006:

#### Table 1 Net Assets

	<u>Net Assets</u> 2007			Net Assets 2006
Assets:				
Current and other assets	\$	306,949	\$	172,379
Capital assets, net of depreciation		86,873		107,443
Total assets		393,822		279,822
Liabilities:				
Current and other liabilities	_	92,725		36,112
Net Assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of debt		86,873		107,443
Restricted		6,695		3,684
Unrestricted		207,529	_	132,583
Total net assets	\$	301,097	\$	243,710

Total assets were \$393,822 an increase of \$114,000 or 40.7 percent from the previous year. This increase is primarily due to increases in cash held by the Academy. Cash amounted to \$306,949, and net capital assets totaled \$86,873.

Total liabilities which consisted of accounts payable equaled \$92,725.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 compared to 2006, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

Table 2 Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>
Operating revenues: Foundation payment Other operating revenues	\$ 199,889	\$	134,648 10
Total operating revenues	 199,889		134,658
Non operating revenues: State and federal grants Interest earnings Total nonoperating revenues Total revenues	 44,912 9,984 54,896 254,785		156,534 6,235 162,769 297,427
Operating expenses: Purchased services Materials and supplies Depreciation Other Total operating expenses	 162,266 6,633 24,326 4,173 197,398		191,584 28,441 16,461 2,670 239,156
Change in net assets  Net assets, beginning of year	57,387 243,710		58,271 185,439
Net assets, end of year	\$ 301,097	\$	243,710

Total net assets increased \$57,387 in the fiscal year 2007, which represents a 23.5 percent increase from fiscal year 2006, as a result of a decrease in expenses for the fiscal year. Community schools receive no support from local taxes. The State Foundation Program and the Ohio Charter Schools Federal Sub-grant Program are the primary support for the Academy's existence.

#### **Budgeting**

The Academy is not required to follow the budgetary provision set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705 but is required to submit a five year budget forecast as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

#### **Capital Assets**

The Academy had \$86,873 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). Capital assets consist of \$147,909 in furniture, fixtures and equipment. These capital assets were off-set by \$61,036 in accumulated depreciation resulted in net capital assets of \$86,873. The following table shows 2007 and 2006 balances:

Capital Assets, at Year End (Net of Depreciation)

<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u> Total capital assets \$ 86,873 \$ 107,443

See Note 4 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more detailed information on the Academy's capital assets.

#### **Debt**

The Academy did not incur any debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

#### **Current Financial Issues**

The Academy's Board of Directors adopted a revised Five Year Budget Plan on May 11, 2005. This Plan projected a positive cash balance through June 30, 2008. Revenue projections were based on an annual enrollment of 25 students. The Plan also assumes the approval of a third \$150,000 federal sub grant. However, actual shortfalls from these revenue assumptions will negatively impact the Academy's future financial position.

#### **Contacting the Academy's Financial Management:**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact Deborah A. Krutz, Treasurer, at Kent Digital Academy, 321 North Depeyster St. Kent, Ohio 44240.

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2007

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current assets:	\$ 306,949
Noncurrent assets: Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	86,873
Total assets	\$ 393,822
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
<u>Current liabilities:</u> Accounts payable	\$ 92,725
Net assets: Invested in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted Total net assets	86,873 6,695 207,529 301,097

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Operating revenues:	
State foundation	\$ 199,889
Operating expenses:	
Purchased services	162,266
Materials and supplies	6,633
Depreciation	24,326
Other	4,173
Total operating expenses	197,398
Operating income	2,491
Non-operating revenues:	· · · · · ·
State and federal grants	44,912
Interest	9,984
Total non-operating revenues	 54,896
Change in net assets	57,387
Net assets at beginning of year	 243,710
Net assets at end of year	\$ 301,097

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash from the State of Ohio	\$	199,889
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	,	(112,286)
Cash payment for other operating expenses		(4,173)
Net cash provided by operating activities		83,430
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
State and Federal grants		45,488
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		45,488
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Cash payments from capital acquisitions		(3,756)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities		(3,756)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest on investments		9,984
Net cash provided by investing activities		9,984
Net increase in cash		135,146
Cash at beginning of year		171,803
Cash at end of year	\$	306,949
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income		2,491
Adjustments to reconcile operating income		
to net cash provided by operating activities:  Depreciation		24,326
Increase in liability:		2 1,020
Accounts payable		56,613
Total adjustments		80,939
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	83,430

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Kent Digital Academy (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3314 and 1702 to educate students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. 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 sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the Board of Education of the Kent City School District (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing with fiscal year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The Academy operates under a five-member Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which includes, but is not limited to, state mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

#### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

#### A. 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.

#### B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

#### C. 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 Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the Academy's contract with the Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and the Sponsor, the Board of Education of the Kent City School District, does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy. However, the Academy is required to submit a five year budget forecast as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

#### D. Cash

Cash received by the Academy is maintained in a demand deposit account. During the fiscal year, investments were limited to an interest in STAROhio, the State Treasurer's Investment Pool.

#### E. Estimates

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

#### F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The Academy capitalized all assets that were capital in nature. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure and does not capitalize interest costs.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are expensed.

Depreciation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of five to ten years.

Depreciation expense for 2007 and 2006 was \$24,326 and \$16,461, respectively.

#### **G. Tax Exemption Status**

The Academy is a non-profit organization that, in the opinion of legal counsel, is exempt from federal income taxes due to the Academy's status as an integral part of its sponsoring political subdivision, the Kent City School District.

#### H. Net Asset

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

#### I. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the State Special Education Program. Revenues received from the State Foundation Program are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Revenues received from the State Special Education Program and other grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is 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.

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the Academy. The review resulted in an overpayment to the Academy in the amount of \$4,733.

The Academy also participates in the Federal Charter School Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Education. The Academy did not receive any revenue under this program for the year ended June 30, 2007.

#### **NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT**

As of June 30, 2007 the Academy had the following investment and maturity:

	Fair	Percentage of		
Investment type	<u>Value</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>
STAROhio	\$ 274,364	100%	N/A	AAAm (1)

<sup>(1)</sup> Standard and Poor's rating

STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2007.

<u>Credit risk</u> is the possibility that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. Standard and Poor's has assigned STAROhio an AAAm rating Ohio law requires that STAROhio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard service rating.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

#### **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

A summary of the Academy's fixed assets at June 30, 2007, follows:

	_	Balance / <u>30/2006</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>dditions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>		Balance 5/30/2007
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$	144,153	\$	3,756		\$	147,909
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(36,710)		(24,326)			(61,036)
Net capital assets	\$	107,443	\$	(20,570)	\$	- \$	86,873

#### **NOTE 5 - PURCHASED SERVICES**

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

	<u>2007</u>
Property services	\$ 14,429
Professional services	 147,837
Total	\$ 162,266

#### NOTE 6 - CONTRACT WITH TRECA

On May 25, 2006, the Academy entered into a contract, for the 2006-07 school year, with Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) for management consulting services. Under the contract TRECA shall provide the Academy with instructional, supervisory/administrative, and technical services sufficient to effectively implement the Academy's educational, assessment and accountability plans. All personnel providing services provided by TRECA under the agreement shall be employees of TRECA and TRECA shall be solely responsible for all payroll functions, including retirement system contributions and all other legal withholding and/or payroll taxes, with respect to its employees. All personnel providing such services shall possess any certification or licensure which may be required by law.

#### NOTE 7 - CONTRACT WITH KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Community School Sponsorship Contract between Kent Digital Academy and Kent CSD provides for payments that the Academy had to make to the Kent CSD during fiscal year 2007. The payments totaled \$15,359 for fiscal year 2007. These payments are for supplies, facility use, and reimbursement of personnel costs for the services of Kent CSD employees who work directly with Kent Digital Academy.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

#### **NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Property and Liability**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2007, the Academy contracted with a commercial insurance carrier for general liability insurance. There is a \$1,000 deductible and a \$1 million limit per occurrence and a general aggregate limit of \$2 million.

#### **NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. 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, 2007.

#### **B.** Litigation

A lawsuit entitled *Beverly Blount-Hill, et al. v. State of Ohio, et al., Case #: 3:04CV197* was filed in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division in October 2004. The suit alleges that the funding provisions of the Ohio Community Schools Act, O.R.C. Section 3314, violate both the Ohio and Federal constitutions. If the funding scheme is determined to be unconstitutional, it could have financial ramifications for all community/charter schools. The case is still currently pending, and the effect of this suit, if any, on the Academy is not presently determinable.



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

Kent Digital Academy Portage County 321 North Depeyster Street Kent, Ohio 44240

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of Kent Digital Academy, Portage County, (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated April 10, 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 School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

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

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

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

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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April 10, 2008



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#### **KENT DIGITAL ACADEMY**

#### **PORTAGE 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 5, 2008