

Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Franklin County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., 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 Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

May 14, 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report

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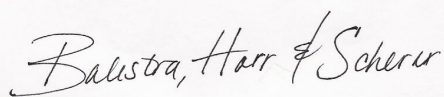
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy (the Academy), Franklin County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy'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 *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 financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Academy, as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 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. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion of the 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 considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 5 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary 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 required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
January 31, 2008

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy's (The Academy) financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's 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 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 Government 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 decreased \$43. This was due to an increased expenditure of the 2% board reserve.
- Total assets increased \$5,026, due to an increase in accounts receivable.
- Liabilities were \$5,069 in 2007.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, the Management Discussion and Analysis, 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 2007?" 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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Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2007.

(Table 1)

Net Assets

Assets	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
Current Assets:	\$6,146	\$1,120
Total Assets	<u>6,146</u>	<u>1,120</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:	5,069	0
Total Liabilities	<u>5,069</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	<u>1,077</u>	<u>1,120</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,077</u>	<u>\$1,120</u>

Total assets decreased \$5,026.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

(Table 2)

Change in Net Assets

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Operating Revenues		
Foundation Payments	\$ 887,769	\$ 523,492
Poverty Based Assistance	174,497	124,623
Special Education Funding	170,737	55,055
Parity Aid	20,053	12,245
Sales	9,826	11,368
Miscellaneous	13,289	0
Non-Operating Revenues		
Federal Grants	438,281	72,824
State Grants	2,292	5,000
Total Revenues	<u>1,716,744</u>	<u>804,607</u>
Operating Expenses		
Purchased Services - Management Fees	1,637,510	769,343
Other Operating Expenses	79,277	40,864
Total Expenses	<u>1,716,787</u>	<u>810,207</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(43)	(5,600)
Beginning Net Assets	<u>1,120</u>	<u>6,720</u>
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,077</u>	<u>\$ 1,120</u>

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Unaudited

(Continued)

The decrease in net assets was \$43. There was an increase in revenues of \$912,137, and an increase in expenses of \$906,580. This was primarily due to the increase in Federal Grants of \$365,457. Other significant increases include Foundation Payments by \$364,277, Poverty Based Assistance by \$49,874 and Special Education Funding by \$115,682. Community Schools receive no support from tax revenues.

The increase in management fees of \$868,167 was due to the increase in revenues, the nature of the full performance contract, and the Academy's making SERS and STRS payments on behalf of the management company. These additional funds were used to offset expenses related to the increase in enrollment.

Capital Assets

The Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy has no capital assets due to the nature of the full performance contract with Edvantages.

Current Financial Issues

The Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy was formed in 2004 through a charter with the Ohio Department of Education. During the 2005-2006 school year there were approximately 81 students enrolled. In FY '07 there were approximately 110 students enrolled. The Academy receives its finances mostly from state aid. Per pupil base aid for fiscal year 2007 was \$5,283.

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 money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact Toby Pinkerton, Treasurer at Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy, 3100 Shiloh Springs Rd., Trotwood, Ohio 45426 or email at tpinkerton@edvantages.com.

NORTHLAND PREPARATORY AND FITNESS ACADEMY

Franklin County
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Equity in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,077
Accounts Receivable-Service Provider	<u>5,069</u>
Total Current Assets	<u><u>6,146</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>5,069</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u><u>5,069</u></u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>1,077</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,077</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and

Changes in Net Assets

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Operating Revenues		
Foundation Payments	\$	887,769
Poverty Based Assistance		174,497
Special Education Funding		170,737
Parity Aid		20,053
Sales		9,826
Miscellaneous		13,289
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Total Operating Revenues		1,276,171
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Operating Expenses		
Purchased Services - Management Fees		1,637,510
Other Operating Expenses		79,277
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Total Operating Expenses		1,716,787
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Operating Loss		(440,616)
Non-Operating Revenues		
Federal Grants		438,281
State Grants		2,292
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Total Non-Operating Revenues		440,573
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Change in Net Assets		(43)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		1,120
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$	1,077
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash Received from Sales	\$ 9,826
Cash Received from State of Ohio	1,253,056
Cash Received from Miscellaneous Sources	13,289
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(1,716,787)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(440,616)</u>

Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities

Cash Received from Federal Grants	438,281
Cash Received from State Grants	<u>2,292</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>440,573</u>

Net Decrease in Cash (43)

Cash at Beginning of Year 1,120

Cash at End of Year \$ 1,077

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

Operating Loss	\$ (440,616)
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Receivable	5,069
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Payable	(5,069)
Total Adjustments	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (440,616)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2007

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy (the Academy) has been approved as a tax exempt status nonprofit corporation under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to address the needs of students in kindergarten through grade five. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Academy's tax exempt status.

The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions 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 contracts with Edvantages corporation for most of its functions. See Note 4.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the Ohio Department of Education (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing in July 2002. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluation 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. Effective May 1, 2004 the Academy is under contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools for a period of 5 years.

The Academy operates under the direction of a seven-member Board of Directors (The Board). The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the sponsor which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admissions standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Board of Directors leases the Academy's one instructional/support facility from Edvantages as noted in the management agreement. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel employed by Edvantages. The Board also operates the following schools:

Cincinnati Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Whitehall Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Columbus, Ohio
Columbus Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Columbus, Ohio
Mount Healthy Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Middletown Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Middletown, Ohio
Springfield Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Springfield, Ohio
Trotwood Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Trotwood, Ohio

Also the Academy is associated with the Metropolitan Dayton Education Computer Association, which is defined as a jointly governed organization. It is a computer consortium of area schools sharing computer resources. (See Note 10)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989 to its proprietary activities provided they do no conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy does not apply FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

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.

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June 30, 2007

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

B. Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net assets. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

C. 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.

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.

D. Budgetary Process

Unlike traditional 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 Academy's contract with its sponsor.

The contract between the Academy and its sponsor requires that monthly budget reports be prepared comparing actual for the month to the budgeted amount for the month. It also requires that a variance report accompany the monthly reports identifying areas that may need to be adjusted to maintain a balanced budget. Monthly reports and timely presentations are to be furnished to the Board by the Treasurer with recommendations for Board action to adjust the spending plan as appropriate action is warranted.

E. Cash Deposits

All cash received by the Academy is maintained in a demand deposit account.

F. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between the assets and liabilities. The Academy's net assets are unrestricted at June 30, 2007.

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June 30, 2007

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Concentration of Business and Current Risk

As of June 30, 2007, funds received from the federal and state of Ohio governments represented nearly 100% of the revenues and accounts receivable reported by the Academy. Accordingly, the risk exists that the ability to receive funds from these governments could affect the financial status of the Academy.

H. Deposits

The Academy maintains its cash balance in a demand deposit account a financial institution located in Trotwood, Ohio. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for up to \$100,000. At June 30, 2007 the Academy's cash balance was \$1,077, so 100 percent was covered by FDIC. The Academy had no investments at June 30, 2007, or during the fiscal year.

I. 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 those estimates.

J. 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 from the state and sales for food services and school fees. 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 non-operating.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with Edvantages, Edvantages has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance pursuant to the Management Agreement. There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

4. AGREEMENT WITH EDVANTAGES, INC.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Academy contracted with Edvantages, Inc., to provide educational programs that offer educational excellence and innovation based upon the Academy's unique school design, comprehensive educational program, and sound school and business principles and management methodologies. This contract remains in effect as long as the Academy continues to renew the contract and has entered into or is continuing to operate under any chartering school contract. Under the contract, Edvantages is responsible for providing educational and management services and products, human resources administration, including school personnel and business management, curricula, programs, contract administration and technology. Significant provisions of the contract are as follows:

A. Financial Provisions

1. Management Consulting and Operation Fee

The Academy pays Edvantages all state and federal per pupil allocations, transportation, technology or other operational funds, including private donations, endowments, or grants applied for on behalf of the Academy, except for two percent of the base state per pupil allocation. This two percent is to be retained by the Academy as a Board Reserve to be used by June 30 of each year for the Academy's benefit. The amount paid to Edvantages by the Academy is reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets as Purchased Services – Management Fees operating expense.

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4. AGREEMENT WITH EDVANTAGES, INC. (Continued)

2. **The Academy's Financial Responsibility**

The Academy uses the Board Reserve to pay Board members' compensation; expenses for fund raising and grant writing accomplished by the Academy; and other expenses for the benefit of the Academy at the Board's discretion.

3. **Edvantages Financial Responsibilities**

Edvantages is responsible for the payment of all wages, compensation and expenses of Edvantages or the Academy including the Superintendent, Treasurer, assistants, administrators, clerical staff, and teachers. Edvantages is also responsible for and janitorial services; worker's compensation; other insurance; necessary comprehensive or premises liability insurance; and attorney fees. Edvantages pays for its own office expenses and supplies; leases for equipment, offices or facilities; and travel, lodging and other expenses incurred pursuant to services rendered by Edvantages.

4. **Financial Reporting by Edvantages**

Edvantages shall provide the Academy's Board with a proposed and projected annual budget prior to opening each fiscal year; statements of all revenues received with respect to the Academy, and statements of all direct expenditures for services rendered to or on behalf of the Academy. Edvantages also provides consultation on annual audits in compliance with state law and regulations showing the manner in which funds are spent for the Academy. Edvantages reports on Academy operations and finances on a quarterly basis and other information on a reasonably requested basis to enable the Board to monitor the performance of the Academy; and a reasonable opportunity to inspect, examine, audit and otherwise review the books, records, accounts, ledgers and other financial documents of Edvantages to the extent that they relate to or otherwise pertain to activities of the Academy.

5. **Financial Reporting by the Academy**

The Academy shall provide Edvantages with statements of all funds received by the Academy from grants applied for by the Academy, donations or endowments and statements of all expenditures and investments made with such funds, as well as with the Board Reserve funds.

B. **Personnel**

Edvantages selects and hires all teaching staff, administrative or other staff. They also evaluate, assign, discipline and transfer personnel. Edvantages also selects the Academy's Superintendent and establishes employment terms. During the first two years of operation, the Superintendent shall be a representative of Edvantages. Edvantages determines the number of teachers needed for the operation of the Academy and selects and hires all teachers. The personnel who perform services at the Academy are employees or subcontractors or service providers of Edvantages and are paid by Edvantages.

C. **Agreement Termination**

1. **Termination by the Academy**

The Academy may terminate the Contract after prior written notice to Edvantages if the Academy ceases to be approved by the Ohio Department of Education as an Ohio Community School and the Academy or Edvantages cannot secure another sponsor; upon sixty days prior written notice in the event that Edvantages be found guilty of a felony or fraud, gross negligence, or other act of willful or gross misconduct in the rendering of services under the Agreement, or in the event that Edvantages fails to remedy a material breach of its duties or obligation within six months after written notice of the breach is provided to Edvantages by the Academy, if Edvantages has failed to cure such breach during the first three months of the notice period.

2. **Termination by Edvantages**

Edvantages may terminate the Contract in the event the Academy materially breaches the Agreement and the Academy fails to remedy such a breach within ninety days of its receipt of written notice of such breach from Edvantages.

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5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Academy has contracted with Edvantages to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The State retirement systems consider the Academy as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the State systems noted below.

School Employees Retirement System

- A. Edvantages, on behalf of 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 state 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 SERS, 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling (614)222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. 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 years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$8,484, \$5,815, and \$4,185 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

State Teachers Retirement System

- B. Edvantages, on behalf of the Academy contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members, and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to the STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, 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 funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their membership 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 DB Plan and the DC 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 service that becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy was required to contribute 14 percent; 10.68 percent 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 percent for members and 14 for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$65,604, \$35,049, and \$31,191 respectively, 100 percent contributed for fiscal year 2007.

6. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

All STRS Ohio benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1.0 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the Academy this amount equaled \$4,686 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2007, the balance in the Fund was \$4.1 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2007, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$265,558,000 and STRS Ohio had 122,934 eligible benefit recipients.

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 ten or more years of qualifying service credit, disability and survivor benefit recipients. Effective January 1, 2006, 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.

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 3.32% of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit.

For fiscal year 2007, the minimum pay has been established as \$35,800. For the Academy, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge during the 2007 fiscal year equals \$2,073. 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.

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6. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Health care benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Net health care costs for the year ending June 30, 2006 (the latest information available) were \$158,751,207. The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. As of June 30, 2006 (the latest information available) the value of the health care fund was \$295.6 million, which is about 221% of the next year's projected net health care costs. 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% of estimated annual net claims costs.

The number of eligible recipients was 59,492 at June 30, 2006 (the latest information available).

7. PURCHASED SERVICES

For the period ended June 30, 2007, purchased service expenses represent payments for management services rendered by Edvantages (see note 4) and STRS and SERS payments made by the Academy on behalf of Edvantages.

Purchased Services Agreement	\$1,637,510
SERS and STRS Payments	<u>79,277</u>
Total Purchased Services	<u>\$1,716,787</u>

8. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims would not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the academy at June 30, 2007.

B. Litigation

A suit was filed in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on May 14, 2001 alleging Ohio's community (i.e., Charter) Schools program violates the State Constitution and State Laws. On April 23, 2004, the court dismissed the counts containing constitutional claims and stayed the other counts pending appeal of the Court of appeals, the issues have been briefed, and the case was set for oral argument on November 18, 2003. On August 24, 2004, the Court of Appeals rendered a decision that community schools are part of the state public educational system and this matter was sent to the Ohio Supreme Court. The Ohio Supreme Court accepted the appeal from the Court of Appeals for review on February 16, 2005. Oral argument occurred November 29, 2005. On October 25, 2006, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that publicly funded, privately operated Community (i.e. Charter) Schools is constitutional.

C. State Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and 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 student enrollment data to the State, upon which state Foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. This review did not result in state funding being adjusted. The review for the fiscal year 2007 was completed August 2007 with no corrections made.

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9. STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

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 Northland Preparatory & Fitness Academy cannot presently be determined.

10. METROPOLITAN DAYTON EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Academy is a participant in the Metropolitan Dayton Educational Cooperative Association (MDECA) which is a computer consortium. MDECA is an association of public school districts within the boundary of Montgomery, Miami and Darke Counties and the Cities of Dayton, Troy and Greenville. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts.

The governing board of MDECA consists of seven Superintendents elected by majority vote of all member school districts except Montgomery County Educational Service Center. The seventh Superintendent is from the Montgomery County Educational Service Center. Edvantages paid MDECA for services provided during the fiscal year for the Academy. Financial information can be obtained from Jerry Woodyard, who serves as director, at 225 Linwood Street, Dayton, Ohio 45405.

11. MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES

As per the agreement with Edvantages (see note 4), 98% of the school's revenue is paid to Edvantages as a management fee. The related 'purchased services' expense totaled \$1,637,510 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Edvantages incurred the following actual direct and indirect expenses on behalf of the school:

Salaries and Wages	\$	854,805
Benefits		206,025
Professional & Technical Services		202,159
Property Services		261,309
Communications		31,285
Books, Periodicals & Films		33,955
Other Supplies		11,857
Depreciation		<u>18,171</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u><u>1,619,566</u></u>

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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*

Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy
Franklin County
1875 Morse Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43229

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy (the Academy), Franklin County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 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 *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 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 entity'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 entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity'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 entity's internal control.

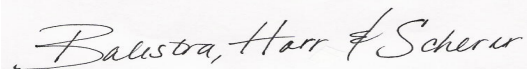
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies 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 basic 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the Academy in a separate letter dated January 31, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and members of the Board, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
January 31, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

**NORTHLAND PREPARATORY AND FITNESS 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 Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 27, 2008**