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EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY AT LINDEN
FRANKLIN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Educational Academy at Linden
Franklin County
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To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Educational Academy at Linden, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, 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 financial position of the Educational Academy at Linden, Franklin County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2009, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 11, 2010, 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 and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
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March 11, 2010

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(UNAUDITED)**

The discussion and analysis of Educational Academy at Linden's (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School'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 School'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

Key financial highlights for the Educational Academy at Linden during the period ended June 30, 2009 are as follows:

- Total net assets of the School increased \$5,202 during this 12-month period. Ending net assets of the School were \$91,357 compared with \$86,155 at June 30, 2008.
- Total assets decreased \$76,592 from the prior year audit and total liabilities decreased by \$81,794 from the prior year audit.
- The School's operating loss for this 12-month period was \$111,427 compared with an operating loss of \$240,260 reported for the prior year.

Using this Financial Report

This financial report contains the basic financial statements of the School, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis and notes to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. As the School 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.

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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-term and long-term, using the accrual basis of accounting and the 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 School's net assets; however, in evaluating the overall position and financial viability of the School, non-financial information such as the condition of the School's property 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 School's net assets for June 30, 2009 compared to those reported for fiscal year 2008.

Table 1
Net Assets

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 39,455	\$ 87,331
Capital assets, net	<u>51,902</u>	<u>80,618</u>
Total Assets	<u>91,357</u>	<u>167,949</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>81,794</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>81,794</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets	51,902	80,618
Restricted	33,503	3,027
Unrestricted	<u>5,952</u>	<u>2,510</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 91,357</u>	<u>\$ 86,155</u>

The total assets of the School decreased by \$76,592, which represents a 45.6 percent decrease, from total assets reported for fiscal year 2008. This is a result of depreciation and a reduction in cash.

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Intergovernmental grants receivables reported at June 30, 2009 were \$33,299.

Total liabilities of the School decreased \$81,794 over those reported in fiscal year 2008 due the School's management company assuming responsibility for all expenses and obligations. See Note 11.

The total net assets reported for fiscal year 2009 increased by \$5,202. Unrestricted net assets increased by \$3,442 to \$5,952. Restricted net assets increased by \$30,476 to \$33,503.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2009 as compared to changes reported for fiscal year 2008.

Table 2
Change in Net Assets

	2,009	2,008
Operating Revenues:		
Foundation Payments	\$ 796,286	\$ 191,518
Non Operating Revenues:		
Donations	-	100
State Subsidies	5,000	3,000
Federal Subsidies	123,045	306,672
Total Revenues	924,331	501,290
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries & Wages	-	6,386
Fringe Benefits	-	1,065
Contracted Fiscal Services	1,644	-
Purchased Services	846,577	323,340
Materials and Supplies	42,192	76,735
Depreciation	17,300	20,154
Other Expenses	-	4,098
Non Operating Expenses:		
Loss on Sale of Asset	11,416	-
Total Expenses	919,129	431,778
Change in Net Assets	5,202	69,512
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	86,155	16,643
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 91,357	\$ 86,155

Total revenue increased \$423,041 during this 12-month period compared with the prior fiscal year due to an increase in student enrollment.

Expenses reported for this 12-month period were \$487,351 more than the expenses reported for fiscal year 2008. This is due to the increase enrollment with the corresponding increase in operating expenses.

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Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2009, the School had \$51,902 invested in furniture, fixtures and equipment. There were no purchases which met the School's capitalization threshold during the year. See Note 4 of the basic financial statements for additional details.

Debt

At June 30, 2009, the School had no outstanding debt.

Budgetary

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in the Ohio Review Code Chapter 5705 unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The School does provide an annual budget in addition to five-year forecasts in October and May of each fiscal year according to its Sponsor agreement.

Currently Known Facts

There are no currently known facts that would be expected to have a significant impact on the financial condition of the school in the next year.

Contacting the School

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of the Educational Academy at Linden and to show the School's accountability for the monies it receives to all vested and interested parties, as well as meeting the annual reporting requirements of the State of Ohio. Any questions about the information contained within this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the Treasurer of Educational Academy at Linden, 1111 Windsor Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,156
Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>33,299</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>39,455</u>
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NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Capital Assets (net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>51,902</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>91,357</u>
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NET ASSETS

Invested in Capital Assets	51,902
Restricted	33,503
Unrestricted	<u>5,952</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 91,357</u>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

OPERATING REVENUES:

Foundation Payments	<u>\$ 796,286</u>
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OPERATING EXPENSES

Materials and Supplies	42,192
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Contractual Fiscal Services	1,644
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Purchased Services	846,577
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Depreciation	<u>17,300</u>
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Total Operating Expenses	<u>907,713</u>
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Operating Loss	<u>(111,427)</u>
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NON-OPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)

State and Federal Grant Revenue	128,045
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Loss on Sale of Assets	<u>(11,416)</u>
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Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>116,629</u>
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Change in net assets	5,202
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>86,155</u>
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Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 91,357</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 796,286
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(970,731)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(174,445)</u>

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities

Federal and State Grants	<u>94,746</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>94,746</u>

Net Decrease In Cash And Cash Equivalents (79,699)

Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning Of Year 85,855

Cash And Cash Equivalents, End Of Year 6,156

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities

Operating Loss	<u>(111,427)</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	17,300
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) DecreaseAccounts Receivable	1,476
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	<u>(81,794)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>(63,018)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>\$ (174,445)</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

1. Description of the School and Reporting Entity:

Educational Academy at Linden (the School), is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district and is non sectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under a contract with the St. Aloysius Orphanage during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and renews annually every June 30th unless cancelled by either party with 90 days notice.

The School is required to operate under the direction of a Governing Board consisting of at least five members. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers.

On May 28, 2007, the School and Educational Solutions Co. entered into a full-performance management contract. Under this contract, Educational Solutions Co. is obligated to manage and operate the School. Educational Solutions Co. is an Ohio non-profit corporation that was established and is operated for educational purposes to support Ohio community schools. It was granted federal tax exemption under IRS Section 501(c)(3), and it is classified as a public charity under IRS Section 509(a)(3), a supporting organization. In addition to the School, Educational Solutions Co. currently supports three other Ohio community schools. Each of its supported schools are members of Educational Solutions Co., as such term is defined by Ohio Revised Cod Chapter 1702. As members of Educational Solutions Co., the schools, under Educational Solutions Co.'s Code of Regulations, elect a majority of the Board of Directors of Educational Solutions Co. As a result of this relationship, Educational Solutions Co. is "operated, supervised, or controlled by" its supported schools, as such term is defined by Regs. Section 1.509(a)-4(g), and Educational Solutions Co. is a Type I supporting organization. As a result of this relationship, Educational Solutions Co. is responsive to the needs and demands of its supported schools and is an integral part of their operations.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The financial statements of the School 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 School 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 School has elected not to apply FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the School's accounting policies are described below.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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 difference between total assets and liabilities are defined as net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets 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.

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 Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the Schools contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast which is to be updated on an annual basis.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the School are maintained in a demand deposit account. For internal accounting purposes, the School segregates its cash into separate funds. Cash is defined as demand deposits, savings, and investments with original maturity less than 90 days.

E. Capital Assets

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 School does not possess any infrastructure. The School capitalizes all capital assets, regardless of cost. Improvements are capitalized. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimate Life</u>
Buildings	40 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5 years
Leasehold Improvements	15 years

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

F. 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.

G. Intergovernmental Revenues

The School is a participant in the State Foundation Program. The foundation funding is recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned, essentially the same as the fiscal year. Federal and state grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements of the grants have been met.

Intergovernmental revenues associated with the Foundation Program totaled \$796,286 and revenues associated with specific education grants from the state and federal governments totaled \$128,045 during fiscal year 2009.

H. Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly by the School's primary mission. For the School, operating revenues include revenues paid through the State Foundation Program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to support the School's primary mission, including purchased services, materials and supplies and depreciation.

Non-operating revenues and expenses are those that are not generated directly by the School's primary mission. Various federal and state grants, interest earnings, if any, and payments made to the School by other instructional entities for use of the School's instructional staff comprise the non-operating revenues of the School. Interest and fiscal charges on outstanding obligations, as well as gain or loss on capital asset disposals, if any, comprise the non-operating expenses.

I. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation less any outstanding capital related debt. 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. Restricted net assets of the School at year-end represent unspent federal and state grant resources for specific instructional program. The School applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

J. Economic Dependency

The School receives 100% of its operating revenue from the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the significance of this revenue source, the Academy is considered to be economically dependent on the State of Ohio Department of Education.

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3. Deposits:

At June 30, 2009, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$6,156 and the bank balance was \$7,880. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2009, the School's bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

4. Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/08	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/09
Capital Assets:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$100,772	\$ -	\$14,270	\$ 86,502
Total Assets	<u>100,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,270</u>	<u>86,502</u>
Depreciation:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ (20,154)	\$(17,300)	\$2,854	\$(34,600)
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(20,154)</u>	<u>(17,300)</u>	<u>2,854</u>	<u>(34,600)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 80,618</u>			<u>\$ 51,902</u>

5. Defined Benefit Pension Plans:

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The School 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 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 the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Board Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746, by calling (800) 878-5853 or by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2009, 9.09% 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 by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10% for plan members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS are paid and reported by the Management Co. (Note 11).

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5. Defined Benefit Pension Plans: (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The School participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% 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 member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. 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. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60: the DB portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. 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 become 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 of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's amount balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salaries. The School 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.

The School's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio are paid and reported by the Management Co. (Note 11).

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6. Post-employment Benefits:

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – The School participates in two cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2009, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2009, the amount was \$35,800.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – The School contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions.

For the School, the STRS amounts allocated to post-employment health care are paid and reported by the Management Co. (Note 11).

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7. Risk Management:

A. Property and Liability

The Management Co. assumed all property and liability risk (Note 11).

B. Workers' Compensation

The Management Co. pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage (Note 11).

8. Restricted Net Assets:

At June 30, 2009 the School reported restricted net assets totaling \$33,503. The nature of the net asset restrictions are as follows:

Federal specific educational program grants \$ 33,503

9. Contingencies:

A. Grants

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts, which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School at June 30, 2009.

B. 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 foundation funding is calculated. The results of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. This information was not available as of the date of this report. The School does not anticipate any material adjustments to state funding for fiscal year 2009 as a result of such review.

10. Other Purchased Services:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, other purchased service expenses for services rendered by various vendors were as follows:

Professional and Technical Services	\$842,613
Travel Mileage/Meeting Expenses	3,694
Other	<u>270</u>
Total Purchased Services	<u>\$846,577</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(Continued)**

11. Management Agreement:

On May 28, 2007, the School and Educational Solutions Co. entered into a full-performance management contract. Under this contract, Educational Solutions Co. is obligated to manage and operate the School. Educational Solutions Co. is an Ohio non-profit corporation that was established and is operated for educational purposes to support Ohio community schools. It was granted federal tax exemption under IRS Section 501(c)(3), and it is classified as a public charity under IRS Section 509(a)(3), a supporting organization. In addition to the School, Educational Solutions Co. currently supports three other Ohio community schools. Each of its supported schools are members of Educational Solutions Co., as such term is defined by Ohio Revised Cod Chapter 1702. As members of Educational Solutions Co., the schools, under Educational Solutions Co.'s Code of Regulations, elect a majority of the Board of Directors of Educational Solutions Co. As a result of this relationship, Educational Solutions Co. is "operated, supervised, or controlled by" its supported schools, as such term is defined by Regs. Section 1.509(a)-4(g), and Educational Solutions Co. is a Type I supporting organization. As a result of this relationship, Educational Solutions Co. is responsive to the needs and demands of its supported schools and is an integral part of their operations. Additionally Educational Solutions Co. will assume the obligations of the School under the existing contract. For the year ending June 30, 2009, total obligations assumed were \$50,807 and therefore were not reported on the financial statements.

Educational Solutions has contracted with Mangen & Associates to provide treasurer and accounting services for each of the four schools managed by Educational Solutions. The School must pay all revenues, excluding the lesser of two percent of the base state per pupil allocation, or \$30,000 annually (i.e. – 98% of all revenues is paid to the Management Co. in order to pay all expenses and obligations of the School).

12. Management Company Expenses:

For the years ended June 30, 2009 Educational Solutions Co. incurred the following expenses on behalf of the School:

	<u>For the Year Ending June 30, 2009</u>
Direct and Indirect Expenses:	
Salaries & wages (100 object code)	\$ 441,292
Employees' benefits (200 object codes)	124,537
Professional & technical services (410 object codes)	71,602
Property services (420 object codes)	95,206
Travel (430 object codes)	250
Communications (440 object codes)	10,346
Utilities (450 object codes)	655
Contracted craft or trade services (460 object codes)	32
Books, periodicals & films (520, 530, 540 object codes)	61
Other supplies (510, 550, 570, 580, 590 object codes)	11,243
Other direct costs (All other object codes)	<u>4,688</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$759,912</u>



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

Educational Academy at Linden
Franklin County
1111 Windsor Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Educational Academy at Linden, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated March 11, 2010. 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 audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider significant deficiencies.

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 Academy'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 Academy's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider findings 2009-001 and 2009-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

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

Our consideration of the 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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. Of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe finding number 2009-002 is also a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Academy'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 that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted a certain noncompliance or other matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Academy's management in a separate letter dated March 11, 2010.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and the St. Aloysius Orphanage. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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March 11, 2010

**EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY AT LINDEN
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2009**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2009-001

Significant Deficiency

Board Monitoring

It is the responsibility of the Academy's Board to monitor all financial activity of the Academy, as well as the financial activity of the Academy's Management Company (Company), to ensure Academy monies are being spent appropriately as well as assuring that contractual obligations of the Company are being met.

Monitoring comprises of regular management activities established to oversee whether Board's financial objectives are being achieved. Data from financial reports and supporting documentation provided to the Academy from its Company and the Company's contracted Fiscal Agent provides assurance as to the reliability of financial reporting information and performance indicators associated with contracted Company services. Lack of monitoring may lead to errors, irregularities, or misappropriation of assets of the Academy's funds.

There were no approved policies and procedures in place to assure the Academy's Board is monitoring the financial activities of the Academy, or how monies were spent by the Academy's Company for goods and services, including the approval of a cost allocation process for billing services to the Academy and other schools the Company contracts with. Additionally, we found instances where the Management Company's informal cost allocation plan was not consistently followed and salaries to employees did not always match contracts given to us by the Company and review of Academy Board minutes did not indicate approval or knowledge of changes of allocations or salary amounts.

The Academy's Board should develop written policies to assure a finance committee or equivalent reviews monthly financial activity, approve a cost allocation plan and ensure expenditures billed to the Academy match contracted services provided by the Company. Any discrepancies or deviations from the approved cost allocation policy/plan should be investigated by the Board.

We also recommend the Academy Board implement additional procedures over the completeness and accuracy of financial information reported within the annual financial report. Such procedures may include review of the financial statements and related components by a member of management with analytical comparisons of the current year annual report to the prior year reports for obvious errors or omissions.

Officials' Response:

At its September 2009 board meeting, the board approved policies and procedures to address the conditions identified in the above reference finding.

**EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY AT LINDEN
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2009
(Continued)**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)
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FINDING NUMBER 2009-002

Significant Deficiency / Material Weakness

Financial Statement Presentation

The following errors were noted involving the Academy's financial statement presentation:

Posting Errors	Opinion Unit	Amount
Removing Fixed Assets - The School continued to carry copiers on the capital asset records that were disposed of in September 2008.	Enterprise	\$11,416
Removing Depreciation - This is to adjust the depreciation expense charged in fiscal year 2009 for copiers that were disposed of in September 2008.	Enterprise	\$2,854
Removing Accounts Payable - The School does not have any liabilities. EdSolutions will assume the obligations of the School under its existing contracts that are set forth in the contract between the School and Educational Solutions Co. effective July 1, 2007.	Enterprise	\$50,807

A monitoring system should be in place to prevent or detect material misstatements for the accurate presentation of the Academy's financial statements.

Not presenting financial information accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring the above audit adjustments and reclassification entries, including additional time and effort to identify variances and discrepancies.

We recommend the Treasurer take steps to ensure the accurate presentation of the financial statements. Financial transactions should be posted in accordance with procedures established by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). If necessary, those assigned to identify and summarize GAAP financial information should receive training related to GAAP reporting. By exercising accuracy in recording financial activity, the Academy can reduce posting errors and increase the reliability of the financial data throughout the year and at year-end.

The Academy's financial statements and accounting records have been adjusted to accurately reflect the above adjustments.

Officials' Response:

Management concurs with the adjustments and corresponding recommendation resulting with this finding. Our current Treasurer has been advised of these conditions for consideration in the preparation of the School's FY 2010 financial statements made available for audit.

EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY AT LINDEN
FRANKLIN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2009

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2008-001	Board Monitoring	No	Reissued as Finding 2009-001

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Educational Academy at Linden
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1111 Windsor Avenue
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To Members of the Board:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The Auditor of State shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Educational Academy at Linden, Franklin County, Ohio, has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board did not adopt an anti-harassment policy in fiscal year 2009.
2. The policy needs to included the following requirements from Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666(B):
 - (1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events.
 - (2) A definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that includes the definition in division (A) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666;
 - (3) A procedure for reporting prohibiting incidents;
 - (4) A requirement that school personnel report prohibited incidents of which they are aware to the school principal or other administrator designated by the principal;

- (5) A requirement that parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident be notified and, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, "88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, have access to any written reports pertaining to the prohibited incident;
- (6) A procedure for documenting any prohibited incident that is reported;
- (7) A procedure for responding to and investigating any reported incident;
- (8) A strategy for protecting a victim from additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report;
- (9) A disciplinary procedure for any student guilty of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, which shall not infringe on any student's rights under the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States;
- (10) A requirement that the district administration semiannually provide the president of the board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on its web site, if the District has a web site, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, "88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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



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March 11, 2010



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EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY AT LINDEN

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
APRIL 15, 2010**