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AURORA ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2012
Fiscal Year Audited Under GAGAS: 2012



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Governing Board
Aurora Academy
541 Utah Street
Toledo, Ohio 43605

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Aurora Academy, Lucas County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. 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. In conjunction with the work performed by the Independent Public Accountant, the Auditor of State is issuing the following:

Finding for Recovery Repaid Under Audit

State ex rel. McClure v. Hagerman, 155 Ohio St. 320 (1951), provides that expenditures made by a governmental unit should serve a public purpose. Typically the determination of what constitutes a "proper public purpose" rests with the judgment of the governmental entity, unless such determination is arbitrary or unreasonable. Even if a purchase is reasonable, Ohio Attorney General Opinion 82-006 indicates that it must be memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have a prospective effect only.

Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 Expenditure of Public Funds/Proper "Public Purpose" states that the Auditor of State's Office will only question expenditures where the legislative determination of a public purpose is manifestly arbitrary and incorrect. The Bulletin further states that the Auditor of State's Office does not view the expenditure of public funds for alcoholic beverages as a proper public purpose and will issue findings for recovery for such expenditures as manifestly arbitrary and incorrect.

During fiscal year 2012, \$130 was spent on an alcohol purchase reimbursement to Cindy Wilson.

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to ORC Section 117.28, a finding for recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Cindy Wilson, Executive Director in the amount of \$130 in favor of the Aurora Academy.

Cindy Wilson repaid the school on December 3, 2012.

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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 Aurora Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 22, 2013

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**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board of Education
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541 Utah Street
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Aurora Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, 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 business-type activities of Aurora Academy, Lucas County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2012, and the change 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 December 11, 2012, 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include Management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any other assurance.

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As described in Note 4 to the financial statements, the Academy implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, and GASB Statement No. 64, *Derivative Instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 53*.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
December 11, 2012

**AURORA ACADEMY
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012
(UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of Aurora Academy's (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2012 are as follows:

- In total, net assets were \$217,105 at June 30 2012.
- The Academy had operating revenues of \$1,216,173 and operating expenses of \$1,590,188 for fiscal year 2012. The Academy also received \$292,344 in federal and State grants during fiscal year 2012. Total change in net assets for the fiscal year was a decrease of \$85,373.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Academy's financial activities. The *statement of net assets* and *statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets* provide information about the activities of the Academy, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

Reporting the Academy Financial Activities

Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets and the Statement of Cash Flows

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2012?" The statement of net assets and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Academy's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the Academy as a whole, the *financial position* of the Academy has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and is meeting the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 9 of this report.

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The table below provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

	Net Assets	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets	\$ 288,410	\$ 363,924
Capital assets, net	<u>61,129</u>	<u>9,348</u>
Total assets	<u>349,539</u>	<u>373,272</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	85,563	70,794
Non-current liabilities	<u>46,871</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>132,434</u>	<u>70,794</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,258	9,348
Restricted	62,705	116,481
Unrestricted	<u>140,142</u>	<u>176,649</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 217,105</u>	<u>\$ 302,478</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2012, the Academy's net assets totaled \$217,105. Current assets decreased \$75,514 during fiscal year 2012, which includes an decrease in intergovernmental receivables of \$32,225 and a decrease in prepayments of \$32,398 due to the timing of receipts and purchases.

Total liabilities increased \$61,640, primarily as a result of a new capital lease during 2012 for copier equipment.

The revenue generated by community schools are heavily dependent upon per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation program and federal entitlement programs. Foundation payments, including foundation payments related to special education, attributed to 80.32% of total operating and non-operating revenues during fiscal year 2012.

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The table below shows the changes in net assets for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

Change in Net Assets

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>		
State foundation	\$ 1,186,870	\$ 981,261
Special education	24,896	25,682
Food services	3,335	2,185
Other operating revenue	<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,884</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>1,216,173</u>	<u>1,011,012</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>		
Salaries and wages	711,832	647,362
Fringe benefits	260,451	231,038
Purchased services	488,676	490,612
Materials and supplies	88,036	111,894
Depreciation	9,628	3,142
Other	<u>31,565</u>	<u>18,667</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,590,188</u>	<u>1,502,715</u>
<u>Non-operating revenues:</u>		
Federal and State grants	292,344	566,745
Interest income	91	141
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>(3,793)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>288,642</u>	<u>566,886</u>
Change in net assets	(85,373)	75,183
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>302,478</u>	<u>227,295</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 217,105</u>	<u>\$ 302,478</u>

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2012, the Academy had \$61,129 invested in furniture, fixtures and equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation. See Note 6 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2012, the Academy had \$46,871 outstanding in capital lease obligations outstanding. Of this total, \$10,356 is due in one year and \$36,515 is due in more than one year. See Note 8 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on long-term obligations.

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Current Financial Related Activities

The Academy was formed in fiscal year 1999. The Academy's fiscal agent relationship with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West aids in raising the quality of financial records and strengthens internal controls. During the 2011-2012 school year, there were approximately 163 students enrolled in the Academy. The Academy relies on the State Foundation Funds as well as State and Federal Sub-Grants to provide the monies necessary to operate the Academy.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Cindy Wilson, Director of Aurora Academy, 541 Utah Street, Toledo, Ohio 43605 or Richard Cox, Fiscal Agent at the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, 2275 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, Ohio 43620.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2012

Assets:	
Current assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 216,027
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental.	66,748
Prepayments	<u>5,635</u>
Total current assets	<u>288,410</u>
Non-current assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>61,129</u>
Total non-current assets.	<u>61,129</u>
Total assets.	<u>349,539</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	21,130
Accrued wages and benefits	47,234
Pension obligation payable.	9,661
Intergovernmental payable	<u>7,538</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>85,563</u>
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year.	10,356
Due in more than one year	<u>36,515</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>46,871</u>
Total liabilities	<u>132,434</u>
Net assets:	
Invested in capital assets net of related debt.	14,258
Restricted for:	
Locally funded programs.	1,790
Federally funded programs.	46,284
Other purposes.	14,631
Unrestricted.	<u>140,142</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 217,105</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, 2012

Operating revenues:	
Foundation revenue	\$ 1,186,870
Special education.	24,896
Food services.	3,335
Other operating revenue.	1,072
Total operating revenues	<u>1,216,173</u>
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and wages.	711,832
Fringe benefits.	260,451
Purchased services.	488,676
Materials and supplies	88,036
Depreciation	9,628
Other.	31,565
Total operating expenses.	<u>1,590,188</u>
Operating (loss)	<u>(374,015)</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Federal and state grants.	292,344
Interest revenue	91
Interest and fiscal charges	(3,793)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses).	<u>288,642</u>
Change in net assets.	(85,373)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>302,478</u>
Net assets at end of year.	<u><u>\$ 217,105</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from State foundation	\$ 1,197,591
Cash received from sales/charges for services.	3,335
Cash received from other operations	1,072
Cash payments for salaries and wages.	(703,483)
Cash payments for fringe benefits	(259,623)
Cash payments for contractual services	(454,246)
Cash payments for materials and supplies	(84,638)
Cash payments for other expenses	(31,403)
	<u>(331,395)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Federal and state grants.	338,744
	<u>338,744</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Interest and fiscal charges	(3,793)
Proceeds from issuance of capital lease	56,809
Principal retirement on capital lease	(9,938)
Acquisition of capital assets	(61,409)
	<u>(18,331)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	91
	<u>91</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents.	(10,891)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	226,918
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 216,027
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss.	\$ (374,015)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	9,628
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in intergovernmental receivable	(14,175)
Decrease in prepayments.	32,398
Increase in accounts payable.	15,419
Increase in accrued wages and benefits.	5,846
(Decrease) in intergovernmental payable.	(11,746)
Increase in pension obligation payable.	5,250
	<u>(331,395)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (331,395)

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**AURORA ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY

Aurora Academy (the “Academy”) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 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’s objective is to provide and coordinate educational, social, recreational, mental, physical and emotional services to at-risk and typical children in a multi-age learning community that serves the child and the child’s family group. The Academy, which is part of the State’s education program, is independent of any Academy district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy entered into a sponsorship agreement with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. The Academy also has an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to act as fiscal agent (See Note 12).

The Academy operates under the direction of a ten-member Governing Board. 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. The Governing Board controls the Academy’s one instructional/support facility staffed by 6 non-certified and 18 certified teaching personnel who provide services to 163 students.

NOTE 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 a governmental nonprofit organization. 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) guidance issued on or before November 30, 1989 provided it does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy has elected not to apply FASB guidance 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. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statements of net assets. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the 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.

Revenues 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. Revenues resulting from nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are 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 other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's fiscal agent, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. All cash received by the fiscal agent is maintained in separate bank accounts in the Academy's name. Monies for the Academy are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net assets, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are considered to be cash equivalents.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2012, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five-hundred dollars. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Leasehold Improvements	5 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 years

H. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The amount restricted for other purposes includes amounts restricted for food service operations and student activities.

The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

I. 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. 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.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

J. Intergovernmental Revenue

The Academy currently participates in the State foundation program, ARRA grants, E-tech, IDEA-B grant, the Federal Food Service Program, the Title I grant, the Title I-A grant, the Title II-D grant, Title II-A grant, Title V grant and the Title IV-A grant. Revenues from the State foundation program are recognized as operating revenue in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements had been met. Revenues received from the remaining programs are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accompanying financial statements. Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis.

K. 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.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2012, the carrying amount of all Academy deposits was \$(7,517), exclusive of the \$223,544 repurchase agreement included in investments below. A liability was not recorded for the negative carrying amount of deposits because there was not actual overdraft, due to the "zero-balance" nature of the Academy's bank accounts. The negative carrying amount of deposits is due to the sweeping of monies into overnight repurchase agreements which are reported as "investments". Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2012, the Academy's bank balance of \$43,450 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2012, the Academy had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities 6 months or less</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 223,544	\$ 223,544

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the Academy's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The FNMA security underlying the repurchase agreement was rated AA+ by Standard and Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. The Academy has no investment policy dealing with credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Academy will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Of the Academy's \$223,544 investment in repurchase agreements, the entire balance is collateralized by underlying securities that are held by the investment's counterparty, not in the name of the Academy. Ohio law requires the market value of the securities subject to repurchase agreements must exceed the principal value of securities subject to a repurchase agreement by 2%. The Academy has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Academy places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Academy at June 30, 2012:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 223,544	100.00

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2012:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ (7,517)
Investments	<u>223,544</u>
Total	<u>\$ 216,027</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Business-type activities	<u>\$ 216,027</u>

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTABILITY

Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2012, the Academy has implemented GASB Statement No. 57, "OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans", and GASB Statement No. 64, "Derivative Instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 53".

GASB Statement No. 57 addresses issues related to the use of the alternative measurement method and the frequency and timing of measurements by employers that participate in agent multiple-employer other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 57 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 64 clarifies the circumstances in which a hedge accounting should continue when a swap counterparty, or a swap counterparty's credit support provider, is replaced. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 64 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

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NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2012, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectable in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

Receivables	<u>Amount</u>
Intergovernmental:	
Ohio Department of Education -	
Enrollment Review	\$ 14,175
IDEA Part-B	3,250
Title I	46,333
Title II-A	<u>2,990</u>
 Total intergovernmental receivable	 <u>\$ 66,748</u>

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Academy's capital assets at June 30, 2012, follows:

	<u>Balance 06/30/11</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/12</u>
Capital Assets:				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 119,054	\$ 61,409	\$ (74,481)	\$ 105,982
Leasehold improvements	95,841	-	-	95,841
Total capital assets	<u>214,895</u>	<u>61,409</u>	<u>(74,481)</u>	<u>201,823</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(109,706)	(9,628)	74,481	(44,853)
Leasehold improvements	<u>(95,841)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(95,841)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(205,547)</u>	<u>(9,628)</u>	<u>74,481</u>	<u>(140,694)</u>
Total capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 9,348</u>	<u>\$ 51,781</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,129</u>

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NOTE 7 - CAPITALIZED LEASE - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In fiscal year 2012, the Academy entered into a capital lease for copier equipment. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lease. Principal payments made totaled \$9,938 for fiscal year 2012.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$56,809. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2012 was \$5,681, leaving a current book value of \$51,128. A corresponding liability is recorded on the statement of net assets.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2012:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Payments</u>
2013	\$ 13,731
2014	13,731
2015	13,731
2016	<u>13,731</u>
Total future minimum lease payments	54,924
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(8,053)</u>
Present value of future minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 46,871</u>

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the Academy's long-term obligations during the year consist of the following:

	Balance <u>6/30/11</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>6/30/12</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Capital lease obligation	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>56,809</u>	\$ <u>(9,938)</u>	\$ <u>46,871</u>	\$ <u>10,356</u>

See Note 7 for details on capital lease obligations.

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Insurance Coverage

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For the fiscal year ended 2012, the Academy contracted with the Cincinnati Insurance Company and had the following insurance coverage:

Teacher Professional Liability Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Teacher Professional Liability per Occurrence	3,000,000
Commercial General Liability per Occurrence	1,000,000
Commercial General Liability Aggregate	3,000,000
Umbrella Liability	1,000,000
Director's & Officer's Liability per Aggregate	1,000,000

The Academy owns no property, but leases a facility located at 541 S. Utah Street, Toledo, Ohio (See Note 14).

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from fiscal year 2011.

B. Workers' Compensation

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

C. Other Employee Benefits

The Academy has contracted with a private carrier to provide employee medical, dental, and vision insurance to its full time employees who work 40 or more hours per week.

NOTE 10 - PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

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NOTE 10 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2012, 12.65 percent and 0.05 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. 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 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$25,805, \$22,841 and \$28,433, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. 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, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org, under "Publications".

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

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NOTE 10 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2012, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 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 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$65,039, \$60,355 and \$62,980, respectively; 95.14 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2011 and 2010. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2012 were \$7,631 made by the District and \$5,450 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the SERS/STRS Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the SERS/STRS Ohio. As of June 30, 2012, certain members of the Governing Board have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) 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, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2012 was \$99.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$319.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. 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. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "*Employers/Audit Resources*".

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NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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 105(e). For 2012, 0.55 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2012, the actuarially determined amount was \$35,800.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$3,835, \$5,914 and \$4,079, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2012, this actuarially required allocation was 0.75 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010 were \$1,524, \$1,470 and \$1,691, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "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, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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 2012, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$5,003, \$4,642 and \$4,845, respectively; 95.14 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2012 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2011 and 2010.

NOTE 12 - FISCAL AGENT

The Academy entered into a service agreement as part of its Sponsorship contract with the Treasurer of the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Academy. As part of this agreement, the Academy shall compensate the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West two percent (2%) of the per pupil allotment paid to the Academy from the State of Ohio. A total contract payment of \$26,667 was paid during the fiscal year for fiscal services and a liability in the amount of \$2,010 was accrued as a liability for the year ended June 30, 2012.

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

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

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NOTE 13 - PURCHASED SERVICES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, purchased services payments for services rendered by various vendors are as follows:

<u>PURCHASED SERVICES</u>	
Professional and technical services	\$ 193,808
Property services	219,813
Travel mileage/meeting expense	32,320
Communications	33,102
Utilities	7,125
Contracts	<u>2,508</u>
Total purchased services	<u>\$ 488,676</u>

NOTE 14 - OPERATING LEASES

- A.** The Academy entered into a lease agreement for the period August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2008 with “Good Shepherd Parish” for space to house the Academy. On January 23, 2008, the Academy renewed the lease for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. Payments totaled \$184,421 for the fiscal year 2012. Payments include maintenance and utility costs. The rent payment will be negotiated each year.
- B.** On October 19, 2011, the Academy entered into two operating leases with “Ford Credit” for the lease of two Ford Explorers. The combined lease payments are \$1,061.62 for 36 months. On November 18, 2009, the Academy entered into two operating leases with “Ford Credit” for the lease of two vans. The combined lease payments are \$846.16 per month for 36 months. These agreements were terminated in October 2011 when the Academy signed the new leases. The Academy entered into a third operating lease with “Ford Credit” for the lease of a van on December 22, 2009. The lease payments were \$499.93 per month. Payments to Ford Credit totaled \$18,223 in fiscal year 2012.

NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants and ADM

The Auditor of State is currently performing a statewide review of supporting documentation for student attendance data reported to the Ohio Department of Education. The results of this review are still pending and will be reported separately to the Ohio Department of Education at a later date.

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability. This also encompasses the Auditor of State’s ongoing review of student attendance data; however, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2012, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

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NOTE 15 – CONTINGENCIES – (Continued)

B. Litigation

The Academy is not involved in any litigation that, in the opinion of management, would have material effect on the financial statements.

C. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. As a result of the fiscal year 2012 reviews, the Academy is due \$14,175 from the Ohio Department of Education. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental receivable on the statement of net assets.



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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Members of the Board of Education
Aurora Academy
541 Utah Street
Toledo, Ohio 43605

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Aurora Academy, Lucas County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2012 wherein we noted the Academy implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, and GASB Statement No. 64, *Derivative Instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 53*. 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness and another deficiency we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider finding 2012-01 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider finding 2012-02 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency.

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 instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2012-01 through 2012-02.

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 Education, the Community School's sponsor, and others within the Academy. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
December 11, 2012

**AURORA ACADEMY
LUCAS COUNTY**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Finding Number 2012-01

Material Weakness/Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.03(A)(11)(d) requires that each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify that the school will comply with **Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (B)** states, in part, that all public records shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to a person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. In order to facilitate broader access to public records, public offices shall maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection in accordance with this division.

The Academy incurred 31 instances of expenses for which they could not provide adequate supporting documentation during the fiscal year 2012 audit until after auditor inquiry. An expense for \$140 was noted by the auditors to not be for a proper public purpose. The auditors brought this to the Academy's attention and the amount was paid back to the Academy on 12/3/12. Another charge was to El Camino Sky restaurant in the amount of \$200 which the Academy could not provide supporting documentation.

The Academy should maintain supporting documentation for all purchases made and perform an adequate review of all reimbursements.

Client Response: The fiscal agent will no longer pay credit card charges due without proper and detailed receipts attached to the School's credit card statements presented for payment. The fiscal agent will recommend to the Governing Board new or additional policies for credit card use by School staff and administration. In addition, an approved administrative policy for meals, hotel charges and trip expenses will be recommended.

Finding Number 2012-02

Significant Deficiency/Noncompliance

State ex re. McClure v. Hageman. 155 Ohio St. 320 (1951), provides that expenditures made by a governmental unit should serve a public purpose. Typically the determination of what constitutes a "proper public purpose" rests with the judgment of the governmental entity, unless such determination is arbitrary or unreasonable. Even if a purchase is reasonable, Ohio Attorney General Opinion 82-006 indicates that it must be memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have a prospective effect only. **Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 Expenditures of Public Funds/Proper Public Purpose** states that the Auditor of State's Office will only question expenditures where the legislative determination of a public purpose is manifestly arbitrary and incorrect.

It was noted that three employees of the Academy were overpaid during fiscal year 2012. In August 2012, the error in the overpayment was discovered by the Academy. One employee paid the entire overpayment of \$1,223.09 in a lump sum via a reduction of wages on the 10/30/12 payroll. The other two employees were each overpaid \$1,152.96 and have signed an agreement with the Academy to \$25 deducted from 46 pages and \$2.96 deducted from the 47th pay.

To improve controls over the payment of salaries and to help reduce the possibility of the Academy's funds being improperly spent, additional procedures should be implemented to properly assure that the correct rate for payroll is being used.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

Client Response:

The Business Manager provided inaccurate payroll information to the fiscal agent. The Business Manager has since left the school, however, school management and the School's fiscal agent will improve communication to insure proper controls are in place. The overpayments have been resolved with one party having paid back in full, the other two are repaying the overpayment through payroll deduction stipulated by a negotiated agreement.

**AURORA ACADEMY
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2011-01	Material Weakness/Material Noncompliance – ORC 149.43(B) – availability of public records	No	Not corrected, reissued as 2012-01.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures

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To the Board of Education:

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 procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Aurora Academy (the School) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the School amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on September 13, 2012 to include violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

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 the Board and the School's sponsor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
December 11, 2012



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AURORA ACADEMY

LUCAS COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 7, 2013**