

**ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

*(AUDITED)*

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2012*

**ROBERT LOTZ, TREASURER**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Academy of Columbus  
4656 Heaton Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, 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.

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 Academy of Columbus is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

February 27, 2013

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Independent Accountants' Report

Academy of Columbus  
4656 Heaton Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy of Columbus' 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 Academy of Columbus, as of June 30, 2012, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, for the fiscal 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 21, 2012, on our consideration of the Academy of Columbus' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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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We conducted our audit to opine on the basic financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy of Columbus' basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards is required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations* provides additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards is management's responsibility and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 21, 2012

**ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012  
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Academy of Columbus' (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 notes to the basic financial statements and 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 \$21,656 at June 30, 2012.
- The Academy had operating revenues of \$2,071,489, operating expenses of \$2,676,359 and non-operating revenues of \$593,618 for fiscal year 2012. Total change in net assets for the fiscal year was a decrease of \$11,252.

**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's 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 meets 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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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The table below provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2012 and 2011.

	<b>Net Assets</b>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current assets	\$110,532	\$ 162,766
Total assets	<u>110,532</u>	<u>162,766</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current liabilities	<u>88,876</u>	<u>129,858</u>
Total liabilities	<u>88,876</u>	<u>129,858</u>
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>		
Unrestricted	<u>21,656</u>	<u>32,908</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 21,656</u>	<u>\$ 32,908</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2011, the Academy's net assets totaled a positive balance of \$21,656 and \$32,908, respectively.

The Academy had no capital assets to report in fiscal years 2012 or 2011. This is a result of Imagine Schools, Inc. providing all of the furniture and equipment as part of its management agreement.

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables for grants at June 30, 2012 and 2011 in the amount of \$63,139 and \$127,082, respectively. As a result of the full-time equivalency (FTE) review by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) at June 30, 2012, an intergovernmental payable in the amount of \$16,662 was reported (see Note 16.C for detail). The FTE review for fiscal year 2011 resulted in an amount due to the Academy from ODE in the amount of \$9,967, which has been reported as an intergovernmental receivable. The Academy had other accounts and intergovernmental payables of \$72,214 and \$129,858 for fiscal years 2012 and 2011, respectively, due to Imagine Schools, Inc. and other vendors.

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

**Change in Net Assets**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues:</u></b>		
Sales	\$ 6,248	\$ 4,826
State foundation	<u>2,065,241</u>	<u>2,072,112</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>2,071,489</u>	<u>2,076,938</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u></b>		
Purchased services	2,668,152	3,153,134
Other	<u>8,207</u>	<u>10,133</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,676,359</u>	<u>3,163,267</u>
<b><u>Non-operating Revenues:</u></b>		
Federal and State grants	<u>593,618</u>	<u>1,137,349</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>593,618</u>	<u>1,137,349</u>
Change in net assets	(11,252)	51,020
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>32,908</u>	<u>(18,112)</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 21,656</u>	<u>\$ 32,908</u>

The revenue generated by a community school is almost entirely dependent on per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation and from Federal entitlement programs. The Academy received slightly less State foundation revenues during fiscal year 2012 despite an increase in enrollment. The Academy received less Federal grant monies through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Education Jobs programs during fiscal year 2012, which resulted in a decrease in Federal and State grant revenue. Sales revenue increased in fiscal year 2012 as a result of increased student lunch receipts.

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**Current Financial Related Activities**

The Academy is reliant upon State Foundation monies and Federal grants to provide a scientifically based curriculum to students.

In order to continually provide learning opportunities to the Academy's students, the Academy will apply all financial resources to best meet the needs of its students. It is the intent of the Academy to apply for other State and Federal funds that are made available to finance its operations.

**Contacting the Academy'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 Mr. Robert Lotz, Treasurer, Charter School Specialists, 4656 Heaton Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2012

<b>Assets:</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 25,713
Receivables:	
Accounts . . . . .	14,996
Intergovernmental . . . . .	<u>69,823</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>110,532</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable . . . . .	41,113
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	<u>47,763</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>88,876</u>
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Unrestricted . . . . .	<u>21,656</u>
Total net assets . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 21,656</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
Sales . . . . .	\$ 6,248
State foundation . . . . .	2,065,241
Total operating revenues . . . . .	<u>2,071,489</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Professional services. . . . .	2,668,152
Other. . . . .	8,207
Total operating expenses. . . . .	<u>2,676,359</u>
Operating loss . . . . .	<u>(604,870)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>	
Federal and State grants . . . . .	593,618
Total nonoperating revenues. . . . .	<u>593,618</u>
Change in net assets. . . . .	(11,252)
<b>Net assets at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>32,908</u>
<b>Net assets at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u><u>\$ 21,656</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from sales. . . . .	\$ 6,248
Cash received from State foundation. . . . .	2,091,870
Cash payments for professional services. . . . .	(2,747,476)
Cash payments for other expenses . . . . .	<u>(8,207)</u>
 Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	 <u>(657,565)</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>	
Cash received from Federal and State grants . . . . .	<u>657,561</u>
 Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities. . . . .	 <u>657,561</u>
 Net decrease in cash . . . . .	 (4)
 <b>Cash at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	 <u>25,717</u>
<b>Cash at end of year . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,713</u></b>
 <b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss . . . . .	\$ (604,870)
 Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in accounts receivable. . . . .	(14,996)
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable . . . . .	3,283
Decrease in accounts payable. . . . .	(88,745)
Increase in intergovernmental payable . . . . .	<u>47,763</u>
 Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	 <u>\$ (657,565)</u>

The Academy reported intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$63,139 and \$127,082 at June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively, for non-operating grants.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Academy of Columbus (the "Academy") is a state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to provide a scientifically based curriculum, known as Direct Instruction, for grades K-8. The Academy, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district. The Academy may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy contracts with Imagine Schools, Inc. for most functions. See Note 7 for detail.

The Academy signed a contract with its Sponsor, Ohio Council of Community Schools, to operate for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010. The contract with the Ohio Council of Community Schools was renewed annually for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. On May 21, 2012, the Academy signed a contract with a new sponsor, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation, to operate for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration.

The Academy operates under a self-appointing, seven member Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Academy's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which includes, but is not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers. The Academy began operations in August 2005 and has one leased instructional/support facility. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel employed by Imagine Schools, Inc., who provide services to 638 students.

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

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy has elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The 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.

The Academy uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial activities. Enterprise accounting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Enterprise accounting may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

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

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases and decreases in net total assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. 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 non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy received value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, the Academy is not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast which is updated on an annual basis. Each year, on or before June 30, a revised budget shall be submitted to the Sponsor.

**D. Cash**

All cash received by the Academy is maintained in a demand deposit account. For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net assets, investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. The Academy did not have any investments during fiscal year 2012.

**E. Capital Assets**

The Academy operates under a management agreement with Imagine Schools, Inc., and as such, the Academy has no capital assets (See Note 7).

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, Special Education Program, and the Parity Aid Program. Revenue received from these programs is recognized as operating revenues. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2012 school year totaled \$2,065,241.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

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 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. The Academy received \$593,618 in State and Federal grants during fiscal year 2012.

**G. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the Academy. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the Academy. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**H. Net Assets**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or contracts. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**I. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables and other accrued liabilities are reported on the statement of net assets.

**J. Use of Estimates**

In preparing financial statements, management is sometimes required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**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".

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)**

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.

**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2012, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$25,713 and the bank balance was \$30,124. Of the bank balance, all was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corp. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

**NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2012, consisted of accounts receivable and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements and amounts due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the intergovernmental receivables follows:

<b>Intergovernmental receivables:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Title VI-B	\$ 1,983
Title I	4,850
Title II-A	25,205
Education Jobs	31,101
SERS refund	<u>6,684</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u>\$ 69,823</u>

Under the terms of the operating contract with Imagine Schools, Inc. (see Note 7 for detail), the Academy has recorded accounts payable to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$32,038, for 100 percent of any State and Federal grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2012 and \$6,684 for 100 percent of the amount of the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) refund receivable at June 30, 2012.

Under the terms of the employee lease agreement with Great Western Academy (see Note 15 for detail), the Academy has recorded an intergovernmental payable in the amount of \$31,101, for 100 percent of any Education Jobs program grant monies uncollected or unpaid as of June 30, 2012.

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**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Property and Liability**

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. As part of its agreement with Imagine Schools, Inc., during fiscal year 2012, Imagine Schools, Inc. has contracted for the following general liability, automobile liability, excess/umbrella liability, and crime liability through Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co., workers compensation and employers liability through Twin City Fire Insurance Co., and school leader's liability through National Union Fire Ins. Co.:

Coverage	Limits of Coverage
General liability:	
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General aggregate	3,000,000
Products	3,000,000
Medical expenses	10,000
Personal & advertising injury	1,000,000
Damages to rented premises, per occurrence	100,000
Automobile liability - combined single limit	\$1,000,000
Excess/umbrella liability:	
Each occurrence	15,000,000
Aggregate	15,000,000
Retention	10,000
Crime liability	1,000,000
Workers compensation and employers liability:	
Each accident	1,000,000
Disease - each employee	1,000,000
Disease - policy limit	1,000,000
School leader's liability:	
Directors and officers/errors and omissions	2,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

Imagine Schools, Inc. is responsible for paying the State Workers' Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage.

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**NOTE 7 - AGREEMENT WITH IMAGINE SCHOOLS, INC.**

Effective April 25, 2005, the Academy entered into a Management Agreement (the "Agreement") with Imagine Schools, Inc., which is an educational consulting and management company. Imagine Schools, Inc. is responsible and accountable to the Board for the administration, operation and performance of the Academy in accordance with the Academy's contract with the Sponsor to operate the Academy. The Academy had purchased service expenses for the year ended June 30, 2012 to Imagine Schools, Inc. in the amount of \$2,422,655. Significant provisions of the Agreement are as follows:

Management, Consulting, and Operation Fee - The Academy is required to pay Imagine Schools, Inc. a monthly continuing fee of all of the Academy's "Revenues", defined in the Agreement as "...all revenue...shall not include Other Funds, Start up Advances, or Operating Advances..." and "shall be deposited within 3 business days or receipt into a Charter School Operating Account established by Imagine Schools, Inc.".

Other Academy Financial Responsibilities - The Academy is responsible for its directors' and officers' insurance, legal fees for Academy Board representation and general corporate matters, accounting, audit, tax and consulting fees for the Academy, and other miscellaneous expenses not incurred in the normal day-to-day operation of the Academy.

Imagine Schools, Inc. Financial Responsibilities - Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the Academy are to be paid by Imagine Schools, Inc. Such costs include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits for all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, computer and other equipment, software, supplies, building payments, maintenance, and capital improvements. All personal property used in the operation of the Academy is the property of Imagine Schools, Inc., unless purchased directly by the Academy with federal funds.

Imagine Schools, Inc. is required to maintain, at Imagine Schools, Inc.'s expense, commercial general liability insurance in the name of the Academy in an amount not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate, plus an excess or umbrella policy extending coverage as broad as the primary coverage in an amount no less than \$5 million.

Personnel - Imagine Schools, Inc. has the responsibility and authority to determine staffing levels, and to select, evaluate, assign, discipline, transfer and terminate personnel, consistent with state and federal law and the contract.

Compensation and benefits of all employees of the Academy is paid by Imagine Schools, Inc. If Imagine Schools, Inc. fails to pay this compensation, the Academy, in its sole discretion, may pay such compensation and offset the amount by withholding an equal amount from the fees owed to Imagine Schools, Inc. under the Agreement.

Termination by the Academy - The Academy may terminate the Agreement in the event Imagine Schools, Inc. materially breaches the Agreement of the Contract and Imagine Schools, Inc. does not cure the material breach within 30 days of its receipt of written notice from the Academy, unless the breach cannot be reasonably cured within 30 days, in which case Imagine Schools, Inc. shall promptly undertake and continue efforts to cure the material breach within a reasonable time.

Termination by Imagine Schools, Inc. - Imagine Schools, Inc. may, at its option, terminate the Agreement upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the Agreement.

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**NOTE 8 - SERVICE CONTRACT**

The Academy entered into a service contract for a period of twenty-four months, commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2012, with Charter School Specialists, LLC (CSS) to provide fiscal services. The Academy paid CSS \$20,365 during fiscal year 2012 for these services.

**NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Article V, Section K of the Charter School Operating Agreement states that if, at fiscal year end, the Academy has insufficient funds to meet reimbursement obligations to Imagine Schools, Inc., Imagine Schools, Inc. will forgive unreimbursed start-up and operating advances and consider such advances as contributions. These contributions have been reflected in the financial statements as in-kind contributions and professional services. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, there were no related party transactions to report.

**NOTE 10 - PENSION PLANS**

The Academy has contracted with Imagine Schools, Inc. (See Note 7) to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the Academy as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to the systems noted below:

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, 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](http://www.ohsers.org), under "*Employers/Audit Resources*".

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current Academy rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the Academy's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 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 Academy's required contributions for pension obligations and death benefits to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$25,483, \$25,002 and \$2,919, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

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**NOTE 10 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, 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](http://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.

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2012, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Academy 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 Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$72,490, \$104,319 and \$126,248, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010. The Academy and plan members did not make any contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2012.

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**NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, 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 2011 (latest information available) was \$96.40 for most participants, but could be as high as \$369.10 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](http://www.ohsers.org), under "*Employers/Audit Resources*".

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 Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$1,104, \$3,027 and \$105, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

**NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

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 Academy's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010 were \$1,505, \$1,609 and \$174, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**

Plan Description - Imagine Schools, Inc., on behalf of the Academy, 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](http://www.strsoh.org), under "Publications" 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 2012, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$5,576, \$8,025 and \$9,711, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

**NOTE 12 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, Imagine Schools, Inc. and its affiliates incurred the following expenses, which are reported on cash-basis, on behalf of the Academy:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2012</u>
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 755,591
Employees' benefits	276,605
Purchased services	1,272,990
Supplies and materials	63,980
Capital outlay	9,392
Other direct costs	11,353
Indirect expenses	<u>250,731</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,640,642</u>

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**NOTE 12 - MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES - (Continued)**

Overhead charges included in other direct costs are assigned to the Academy based on a percentage of revenue. These charges represent the indirect cost of services in the operation of the Academy. Such services include, but are not limited to, facilities management, equipment, operational support services, management and management consulting, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support and marketing and communications.

**NOTE 13 - PURCHASED SERVICES EXPENSES**

For fiscal year 2012, purchased services expenses were as follows:

Purchased services expenses:	
Management fees	\$ 2,422,655
Sponsorship fees	62,682
Legal	31,404
Professional and fiscal services	<u>151,411</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,668,152</u>

**NOTE 14 - OPERATING LEASE**

The Academy entered into a lease agreement on April 25, 2005, with Schoolhouse Finance, LLC to lease classroom space for the Academy. The term of the lease commenced August 1, 2005, and shall continue through June 30, 2020. On July 1 of each lease year, the expiration date of the agreement shall automatically be extended for an additional year, unless written notice of intent not to extend is delivered by either party at least ninety days prior to the end of the lease year. Imagine Schools, Inc., on the Academy's behalf, shall pay to Schoolhouse Finance, LLC \$586,000 in annual base rent payable in advance in monthly installments of one-twelfth each on the fifth day of each month of the term. The base rent shall escalate annually on July 1 at a rate equal to the greater of the Consumer Price Index increase for the immediately preceding calendar year as report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or three percent.

**NOTE 15 - EMPLOYEE LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Academy entered into an Employee Lease Agreement with Great Western Academy on August 1, 2011, to lease employees qualified to perform on-site school services for the 2011-2012 school year. The Academy agreed to pay Great Western Academy an amount not to exceed the Education Jobs program funding allocation of \$130,492 for the services performed under the agreement.

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**NOTE 16 - 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 of the general fund or other applicable funds. 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.

**B. Litigation**

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

**C. State Foundation Funding**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) 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 owes ODE \$16,662. This amount has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the statement of net assets.

**NOTE 17 - FEDERAL TAX STATUS**

The Academy was approved under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization on June 25, 2009. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that might adversely affect the Academy's tax exempt status.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(E) PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(A) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(A) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</b>				
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>				
(B)(C) School Breakfast Program	10.553	2012	\$ 62,264	\$ 62,264
(B)(C) National School Lunch Program	10.555	2012	110,495	110,495
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition Cluste</b>			172,759	172,759
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</b>				
<i>Title I Grant Cluster:</i>				
(D) Title I School Improvement	84.010	2011	6,456	6,456
(D) Title I School Improvement	84.010	2012	45,294	45,294
(D) Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2011	30,054	30,054
(D) Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2012	233,526	233,526
<b>Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies</b>			315,330	315,330
(D) ARRA - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	84.389	2012	9,171	9,171
<i>Total Title I Grant Cluster</i>			324,501	324,501
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2012	56,600	56,600
Education Jobs Grant	84.410	2012	99,392	99,392
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			480,493	480,493
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			\$ 653,252	\$ 653,252

**Notes to the Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards:**

- (A) This schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.
- (B) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (C) Included as part of "Child Nutrition Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (D) Included as part of "Title I Grant Cluster" in determining major programs
- (E) OAKS did not assign pass-through number for fiscal year 2012.



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

Academy of Columbus  
4656 Heaton Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Academy of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2012. 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 of Columbus' 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 of Columbus' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Academy of Columbus' internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy of Columbus' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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

Board of Directors  
Academy of Columbus

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and Board of Directors of the Academy of Columbus, the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor"), federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and others within the Academy of Columbus. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 21, 2012



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**Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Its  
Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance  
Required by OMB Circular A-133**

Academy of Columbus  
4656 Heaton Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

To the Board of Directors:

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Academy of Columbus with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Academy of Columbus' major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Academy of Columbus' major federal program. The Academy of Columbus' management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Academy of Columbus' compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance occurred with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Academy of Columbus' compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Academy of Columbus' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Academy of Columbus complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

### Internal Control Over Compliance

The Academy of Columbus' management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy of Columbus' internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Academy of Columbus' internal control over compliance.

Board of Directors  
Academy of Columbus

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and Board of Directors of the Academy of Columbus, the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor"), federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and others within the Academy of Columbus. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian & Grube, Inc." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
December 21, 2012

**ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505  
JUNE 30, 2012**

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under §.510(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Title I Grant Cluster: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (CFDA #84.010) and ARRA - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act (CFDA #84.389)
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	Yes
<b>2. FINDING RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>		

None

<b>3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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None



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS

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  
MARCH 12, 2013