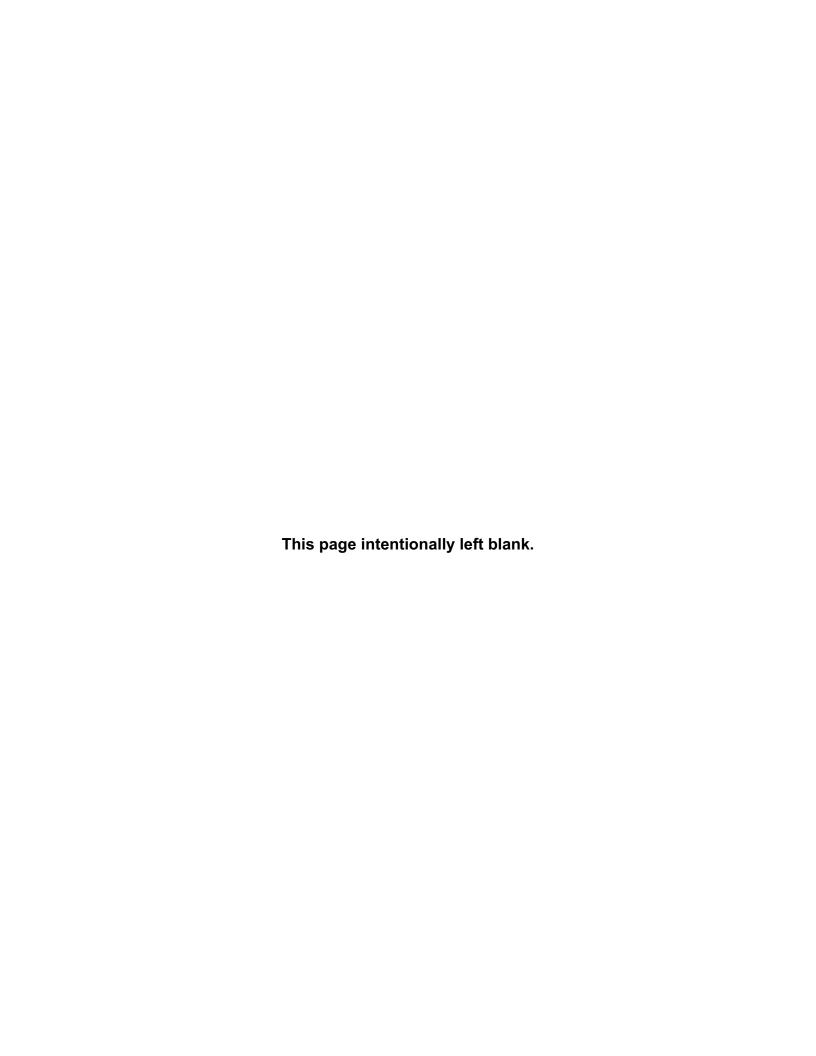




## OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County 4430 State Road Cleveland, Ohio 44109

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Old Brooklyn Community School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to 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 Old Brooklyn Community School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2006 and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2007, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

March 22, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Old Brooklyn Community School's (the School), financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2006 include the following:

- In total, net assets increased \$153,181, which represents a 16.1% increase from 2005. This increase is due primarily to increased efficiencies in operating the school. During the year grades 5 through 8 were split off into a new middle school. This change created a decrease in state funding and federal subsidies based on enrollment, and, an increase in rent and service income from the new middle school. Also, private grants were received during the year.
- Total assets increased \$112,702, which represents a 6.5% increase from 2005. This increase is due to an increase in cash of \$26,642, other current assets of \$29,533 and net capital assets of \$56,527. The cash balance increase is due to increased operating efficiencies offset by capital purchases. The increase in fixed assets is due primarily to building improvements.
- Liabilities decreased \$40,479, which represents a 5.2% decrease from 2005. Mortgages payable decreased by \$83,756, accounts payable increased by \$8,584 and other current liabilities (mainly payroll and state foundation) increased by a total of \$34,693.
- Operating revenues decreased by \$88,361, which represents a 4.6% decrease from 2005. The majority of this decrease \$143,991 is due to decreased enrollment resulting in decreased state funding, offset by increases in other revenue (primarily rent and services income).
- Expenses decreased by \$94,876 which represents a 4.7% decrease from 2005. Operating expense decreases are due to a reduction in staffing, services and other expenses delivered for the decreased enrollment as well as a one-time \$7,238 correction to accumulated depreciation during the year.
- Non-operating revenues decreased by \$17,448, which represents a 7.3% decrease from 2005. This decrease is due mostly to a reduction in Federal and State Grants in the amount of \$24,233 offset by an increase in private grants and interest earned.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 Unaudited

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

This report consists of three parts, the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets and a Statement of Cash Flows.

#### Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets looks at how well the school has performed financially from inception through June 30, 2006. This statement includes all of the assets, liabilities and net assets using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Statement of Net Assets for fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	2006	2005
Assets Cash Other Current Assets Capital Assets	\$ 399,870 42,559 1,405,002	\$ 373,228 13,026 1,348,475
Total Assets	1,847,431	<u>1,734,729</u>
Liabilities Current Liabilities Long-Term Liabilities Total Liabilities	73,551 <u>670,454</u> 744,005	30,274 <u>754,210</u> 784,484
Net Assets Net Assets	1,103,426	950,245
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,847,431</u>	<u>\$1,734,729</u>

Net Assets increased \$153,181, due primarily to increased efficiencies in operating the school. For assets, cash increased \$26,642; due from other governments decreased \$6,150; accounts receivable increased \$35,683 and net fixed assets increased \$56,527 from 2005. For liabilities, accounts payable increased \$8,584; due to other governments increased \$36,072; accrued wages and benefits increased \$3,694; interest payable decreased \$432; deferred revenues decreased \$4,641 and mortgage notes payable decreased \$83,756 from 2005.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 Unaudited

#### **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets**

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets reports operating and non-operating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Foundation and Assistance Revenues	\$1,698,895	\$1,842,886
Other Operating Revenues	<u> 145,124</u>	<u>89,494</u>
Operating Revenues	<u>1,844,019</u>	<u>1,932,380</u>
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Interest	4,382	3,447
Federal and State Grants	201,984	226,217
Private Grants and Contributions	14,271	8,421
Non-Operating Revenues	220,637	<u>238,085</u>
Total Revenues	2,064,656	2,170,465
Expenses		
Salaries	842,153	872,258
Fringe Benefits	212,620	226,480
Purchased Services	525,346	557,736
Materials and Supplies	154,404	137,570
Capital Outlay	18,944	20,563
Depreciation	87,779	87,469
Other Operating Expenses	70,229	<u>104,275</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,911,475</u>	2,006,351
Net Income	153,181	164,114
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	950,245	<u>786,131</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$1,103,426</u>	\$ 950,245

Net Assets increased in both fiscal years ending June 30, 2005 and 2006. This is due to increasing revenues, increasing enrollment for 2005, and increased operating efficiencies for both years. Although certain expenditures such as salaries will increase or decrease as the number of classes increase and decrease other costs remain fixed such as facilities costs resulting in more efficient operations. Additionally, grants have been received for capital improvements to our building and to purchase various educational programs and equipment.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 Unaudited

The most significant change in revenues from 2005 to 2006 is a decrease in Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance funds of \$143,991 due to the spilt off of the middle school grades 5 through 8 at the beginning of March 2006. Other Operating Revenue increased \$55,630 due to rent and services provided to the new middle school. Federal and State Grants decreased \$24,233 due to reduced title allocations. Private Grants and Contributions increased \$5,850 from program enhancement grants.

Most areas of expenses decreased from 2005 to 2006 as a result of the formation of the middle school partially offset by annual increases in operating costs. Salaries and Fringe Benefits decreased \$43,965; Purchased services decreased \$32,390. Materials and Supplies increased \$16,834 due to text book and classroom supplies purchases for new and replacement curriculum. Depreciation increased \$310 as a direct result of additional building improvements which were offset by a one-time \$7,238 correction to accumulated depreciation. Other Operating Expenses decreased \$34,046 due to mortgage debt service and reduced insurance premiums.

#### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2006 the School had \$1,405,002 invested in land, buildings, building improvements, computers and office equipment, furniture, equipment and materials net of depreciation. This is a \$56,527 increase over June 30, 2005.

The following schedule provides a summary of the School's Fixed Assets as of June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<b>Capital Assets (net of depreciation)</b>		-
Land	\$ 80,800	\$ 80,800
Buildings	851,690	870,120
Building Improvements	357,291	236,442
Computers / Office Equipment	40,066	85,483
Furniture, Equipment & Materials	<u>75,155</u>	<u>75,630</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,405,002</u>	<u>\$1,348,475</u>

For more information on capital assets see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

#### **Debt Service**

On November 12, 2002 the School purchased the building in which it operates. Financing of the purchase was accomplished through two mortgages. The first mortgage is held by US Bank National Association with a face value of \$707,500 for a term of fifteen years and an interest rate of 5.60% per annum. This mortgage is guaranteed by the Ohio School Facilities Commission for an amount up to \$600,000. The second mortgage is held by G & W Properties with a face value of \$232,500 for a term of five years and an interest rate of 9.50% per annum. The outstanding principal balances as of June 30, 2006 are \$593,073 and \$77,381 respectively.

For more information on debt service see the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 Unaudited

#### **Current Financial Issues**

Old Brooklyn Community School opened in the fall of 1998 as one of the first community schools in the state of Ohio. In its eighth year of operations it has grown from 30 students, two teaching staff members and expenses of \$181,928 to a total of 251 students, 22 teaching staff members and expenses of \$1,911,475. During this time we have also been able to purchase our own educational facility. During the year, grades 5 through 8 were separated from the school to form Old Brooklyn Community Middle School to provide more flexibility in the curriculum focus for each student and to have options for limited facility space. We are currently exploring financing to expand the facility to accommodate increasing enrollment school and allow both schools to cohabit the same property. As the School matures to full enrollment we strive to maintain the high level of services we currently offer, to provide a strong educational product to our students and families and to maintain the reputation we have developed during these initial years.

#### **Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our constituents with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information please contact Thomas F. Babb, CPA, Treasurer at Constellation Community Schools, 3326 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109-3316; by calling 216.635.1881; by faxing 216.635.1883 or by e-mail to babb.thomas@constellationschools.com.

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# Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County Statement of Net Assets As of June 30, 2006

Assets:	
<b>Current Assets</b>	;

Cash Due from Other Governments Accounts Receivable	\$399,870 4,578 37,981
Total Current Assets	442,429
Non-Current Assets: Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	1,405,002
Total Assets	\$1,847,431
<u>Liabilities:</u> <u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable Due Other Governments - Foundation Accrued Wages and Benefits Interest Payable Deferred Revenue	\$23,762 \$36,072 \$3,694 2,998 7,025
Total Current Liabilities	73,551
Long Term Liabilities:	
Mortgage Notes Payable	670,454
Total Liabilities	744,005
Net Assets:	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	734,548 368,878
Total Net Assets	\$1,103,426

# Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### **Operating Revenues:**

Foundation and Poverty Based Assistance Revenues Other Operating Revenues	\$1,698,895 145,124
Total Operating Revenues	1,844,019
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries Fringe Benefits Purchased Services Materials and Supplies Capital Outlay Depreciation Other Operating Expenses	842,153 212,620 525,346 154,404 18,944 87,779 70,229
Total Operating Expenses	1,911,475
Operating Loss	(67,456)
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Interest Federal and State Grants Private Grants and Contributions	4,382 201,984 14,271
Total Non-Operating Revenues	220,637
Net Income	153,181
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	950,245
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,103,426

# Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### Increase (Decrease) in Cash:

Cash Received from State of Ohio Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services Cash Payments to Employees for Services Other Operating Revenues  Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$1,734,967 (971,729) (838,953) 104,801 29,086
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Private Grants and Contributions Received Federal and State Grants Received	14,271 206,964
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	221,235
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions Mortgage Loan Payments	(144,306) (83,755)
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(228,061)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest	4,382
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	4,382
Net Increase in Cash Cash at Beginning of Year	26,642 373,228
Cash at End of Year	\$399,870

# Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 (Continued)

#### Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

Operating Loss	(\$67,456)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	87,779
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Due from Other Governments (Increase) in Accounts Receivable Increase in Accounts Payable Increase in Due Other Governments Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits (Decrease) in Interest Payable (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	1,170 (35,683) 8,583 36,072 3,694 (432) (4,641)
Total Adjustments	96,542
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$29,086_

# OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY SCHOOL — A Community School — Cuyahoga County

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity

Old Brooklyn Community School (OBCS), known as Old Brooklyn Montessori School through June 2006, is a nonprofit corporation established February 3, 1997 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service that qualifies as an exempt organization under § 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 OBCS' tax-exempt status. OBCS, which is part of Ohio's education program, is independent of any school district. OBCS may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of OBCS.

On April 9, 1998, OBCS submitted a proposal to the Ohio Department of Education to open a community school in the fall of 1998. The Ohio Department of Education approved the proposal and entered into a five-year contract with OBCS which provided for the commencement of operations at the beginning of the 1998-99 school year. The contract was renewed in 2003 for a two-year period commencing July 1, 2003. On October 16, 2003 OBCS entered into a contract with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to have LCESC replace the Ohio Department of Education as their sponsor as required by Sub. HB 364. Under the terms of the contract LCESC will provide sponsorship services for a fee. See Note XIII for further discussion of the sponsor services.

OBCS operates under a five-member Board of Trustees. The 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 qualification of teachers. The Board of Trustees controls OBCS' instructional facility staffed by twenty-two certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 251 students.

OBCS entered into an agreement with Constellation Community Schools (CCS) to provide management services for the fiscal year. See Note XIII for further discussion of this management agreement. The board members of OBCS were also board members of CCS until June 15, 2006 at which time a separate CCS Board was formed. OBCS Board members are also Board members of Parma Community School, Elyria Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, Stockyard Community School, Madison Community School, Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Community Middle School, Old Brooklyn Community Middle School, Westpark Community Middle School and Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities.

## A Community School — Cuyahoga County

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### I. Description of the School and Reporting Entity (Continued)

For fiscal year 2006, OBCS has implemented GASB Statement No. 42, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets for Insurance Recoveries," GASB Statement No. 44, "Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section," and GASB Statement No. 47, "Accounting for Termination Benefits."

GASB Statement No. 42 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for impairment of capital assets and clarifies and establishes accounting requirements for insurance recoveries.

GASB Statement No. 44 is to improve the understandability and usefulness of the information that State and local governments present as supplementary information in the statistical section.

GASB Statement No. 47 establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for termination benefits.

The implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 42 and 47 did not materially affect the presentation of the financial statements for the school and GASB Statement No. 44 does not apply to the school.

#### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

#### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

## A Community School — Cuyahoga County

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. OBCS prepares financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which OBCS 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 fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when the use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which OBCS must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to OBCS on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

#### 3. Cash

All monies received by OBCS are deposited in demand deposit accounts.

#### 4. Budgetary Process

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705.391 OBCS prepares and adopts an annual budget which includes estimated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year and a five year forecast of revenues and expenditures. OBCS will from time to time adopt budget revisions as necessary.

#### 5. Due from Other Governments and Accounts Receivable

Moneys due OBCS for the year ended June 30, 2006 are recorded as Due from Other Governments and as Accounts Receivable. A current asset for the receivable amount is recorded at the time of the event causing the moneys to be due.

## A Community School —Cuyahoga County

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### 6. Capital Assets, Mortgage Fees and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the dates received. All items with a useful life of one year or greater and a value of \$500 or more 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 capitalized.

Mortgage Fees have been capitalized at cost and are being amortized over the term of the mortgage for which they have been incurred.

Depreciation of buildings, building improvements, computers, office equipment and furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Improvements to capital assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Capital Asset Classification	Years
Building	40
Building Improvements	10
Mortgage Loan Fees	5 or 15
Computers and Office Equipment	3
Furniture and Equipment	10

#### 7. Intergovernmental Revenues

OBCS currently participates in the State Foundation Program and the State Poverty Based Assistance Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Amounts awarded under the above named programs for the 2006 school year totaled \$1,900,879.

## A Community School — Cuyahoga County

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### II. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### 8. Compensated Absences

Vacation is taken in a manner which corresponds with the school calendar; therefore, OBCS does not accrue vacation time as a liability.

Sick leave benefits are earned at the rate of one and one-quarter day per month and can be accrued up to a maximum of one hundred twenty days. OBCS will accept the transfer of sick days from another school district up to the maximum accrual amount. No financial accrual for sick time is made since unused sick time is not paid to employees upon employment termination.

#### 9. Use of Estimates

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

#### 10. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. The deferred revenue for OBCS consists of material and fees received in the current year which pertain to the next school year.

#### III. Deposits

At fiscal year end June 30, 2006, the carrying amount of OBCS' deposits totaled \$399,870 and its bank balance was \$453,757. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2006, \$295,680 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$158,077 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, OBCS will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at the Federal Reserve Banks or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of OBCS.

#### A Community School — Cuyahoga County

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### IV. Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2006 follows:

	Balance <u>6/30/05</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>6/30/06</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Land Building Building Improvements Computers/Office Equipment Furniture, Equipment &	\$ 80,800 936,429 249,402 162,346 116,450 1,545,427	\$0 0 133,136 0 11,170 144,306	\$0 0 0 0	\$ 80,800 936,429 382,538 162,346 127,620 1,689,733
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building Building Improvements Computers & Office Equip Furniture, Equipment &	(66,309) (12,960) (76,863) (40,820) (196,952)	(18,430) (12,287) (45,417) (11,645) (87,779)	0 0 0	(84,739) (25,247) (122,280) (52,465) (284,731)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$1,348,475</u>	<u>\$56,527</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,405,002</u>

#### V. Purchased Services

Purchased Services include the following:

Instruction	\$80,181
Pupil Support Services	74,934
Staff Development & Support	29,305
Administrative	249,863
Occupancy Costs	90,713
Extracurricular Activities	350
Total	<u>\$525,346</u>

#### A Community School — Cuyahoga County

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### VI. Dawning School Building Purchase

On July 1, 2002, OBCS moved its operations to the former Dawning School located at 4430 State Road, Cleveland, which it purchased on November 12, 2002. The purchase price of \$950,000, along with other purchase costs totaling \$61,759, have been capitalized and will be depreciated over a forty year period. Loan fees totaling \$5,470, have been capitalized and will be depreciated over a fifteen year period. All operations of the school are located at this site.

#### VII. Mortgage Notes Payable

On November 12, 2002, OBCS entered into two mortgage agreements relating to the purchase of the former Dawning School (see note VI).

A first mortgage note in the amount of \$707,500 is held by US Bank National Association. The note is for a term of fifteen years with an interest rate of 5.60 percent per annum. The Ohio School Facilities Commission has guaranteed the first mortgage up to \$600,000.

A second mortgage note in the amount of \$232,500 is held by G & W Properties and is subordinate to the first mortgage. The note is for a term five years with an interest rate of 9.50 percent per annum.

During fiscal year 2006 principal was reduced by \$35,054 for US Bank National Association and \$48,702 for G & W Properties. Interest expense totaled \$34,512 for US Bank National Association and \$9,717 for G & W Properties. As of June 30, 2006 outstanding principal balances are \$593,073 for the first mortgage and \$77,381 for the second mortgage. Interest payable totaling \$2,675 due US Bank National Association and \$323 for G & W Properties has been recorded as a current liability as of June 30, 2006.

Principal payments due on the mortgage notes are as follows:

<u>Yea</u> r	<u>US Bank</u>	G & W Properties
2007 2008	\$37,102 39,181	\$53,535 23,846
2009	41,548	0
2010 2011	43,969 46,532	0 0
After 2011	<u>384,741</u>	0
Total	<u>\$593,073</u>	<u>\$77,381</u>

#### A Community School — Cuyahoga County

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### VIII. Risk Management

#### 1. Property and Liability Insurance

OBCS 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 fiscal year 2006, OBCS contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company for all of its' insurance.

General liability is covered at \$2,000,000 single occurrence limit and \$4,000,000 aggregated. Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles are covered at \$500,000 combined single limit of liability. Other coverage includes School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Employee Crime, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, Electronic Data Processing and Business Interruption.

#### 2. Workers' Compensation

OBCS makes premium payments to the Ohio Worker's Compensation System for employee injury coverage. As of June 30, 2006, there have been no claims filed by OBCS employees with the Ohio Worker's Compensation System.

#### 3. Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Benefits

OBCS provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to all full time employees. Employees participate in premium payments through pretax payroll deductions. Total insurance benefits paid by OBCS for the fiscal year is \$64,175.

#### IX. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

#### 1. School Employees Retirement System

OBCS contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. OBCS is also the account through which the management company (CCS) makes their required contributions to SERS. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, standalone 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 St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 by calling (800)878-5853 of by visiting the SERS website at ohsers.org.

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#### IX. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

#### 1. School Employees Retirement System (Continued)

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and OBCS is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate for OBCS is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of OBCS' contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2006, 10.58 percent of annual covered salary was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. OBCS' required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$4,470, \$3,723 and \$3,346. For fiscal year 2006, all required contributions have been made.

#### 2. State Teachers Retirement System

OBCS participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. OBCS is also the account through which the management company (CCS) makes their required contributions to STRS. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (614)227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 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 Combined Plan offers features of both the DC 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. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during the fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

#### IX. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

#### 2. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

Plan into the DC or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service 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 dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary. OBCS was required to contribute 14 percent, 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligation. For fiscal year 2005, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. 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.

OBCS' required contribution for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$103,987, \$108,069 and \$101,369. For fiscal year 2006, OBCS contributions totaling \$448 were payable at year end and are reflected in Due to Other Governments in the accompanying financial statements. All other required contributions have been made.

#### X. Post-Employment Benefits

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

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#### X. Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

All STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or Combined Plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For OBCS, this amount equaled \$7,999 during fiscal 2006.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2005, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.3 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2005, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$254,780,000 and STRS had 115,395 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premiums for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

After the allocation for the basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.42 percent of covered payroll, compared to 3.43 percent of covered payroll for fiscal year 2005. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2006, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at 2 percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For OBCS, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, during the 2006 fiscal year equaled \$3.667.

The surcharge added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level of the health care fund. The target level of the health care reserve is 150 percent of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next fiscal year. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 (the latest information available), were \$178,221,113. At June 30, 2005, SERS had net assets available for health care benefits of \$267.5 million. SERS has 58,123 participants eligible to receive health care benefits.

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#### XI. State School Funding Decision

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school-funding plan is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...".

OBCS is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and its financial operations.

#### XII. Contingencies

#### 1. Grants

OBCS received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs requires compliance with terms and conditions, specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of OBCS. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of OBCS at June 30, 2006.

#### 2. Litigation

A suit was filed in the US District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division on October 6, 2004, which challenges the funding of charter schools under Equal Protection, Due Process and claims violation of a right to vote on the bodies administering public schools. The case is still pending. The effect of this suit, if any, on OBCS is not presently determinable.

#### 3. Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment 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. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. As of the date of this report adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2006 are reflected in the financial statements.

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#### XIII. Sponsorship and Management Agreements

OBCS entered into an agreement with Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) to provide sponsorship and oversight services as required by law. The agreement is effective October 16, 2003. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 1% of state funds received by OBCS, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from OBCS for fiscal year 2006 was \$17,350 of which \$962 was outstanding as of June 30, 2006.

OBCS entered into an agreement with Constellation Community Schools (CCS) to provide legal, financial, and business management services for the fiscal year 2006. The agreement was for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2005. Management fees are calculated as 11% of the Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation payment received by OBCS, as reported in the Monthly Community School Foundation Report. The total amount due from OBCS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$186,878 of which \$3,968 was overpaid prior to June 30, 2006 and has been credited to the next fiscal year.

In addition OBCS is participating in a payroll bonus reserve established through CCS. Payroll bonus reserve fees are calculated as 1% of the Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation payment received by OBCS, as reported in the Monthly Community School Foundation Report. The total amount due from OBCS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$16,979 of which \$14 was outstanding as of June 30, 2006.

#### XIV. Related Parties

The members of the OBCS Board of Trustees were also members of Constellation Community Schools until June 15, 2006 at which time a separate CCS Board was formed. OBCS contracts with CCS for legal, financial and business management services.

OBCS Board members are also Board members of Parma Community School, Elyria Community School, Lorain Community School, Westpark Community School, Mansfield Community School, Puritas Community School, Stockyard Community School, Madison Community School, Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Academy for Gifted Students, Lorain Community Middle School, Old Brooklyn Community Middle School, Westpark Community Middle School and Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities.

Effective March 1, 2006 Old Brooklyn Community Middle School (OBCMS) began operations located in the building owned and occupied by OBCS. OBCS has charged rent and personnel costs to OBCMS totaling \$16,800 and \$55,891 respectively. As of June 30, 2006 the personnel costs of \$55,891 remained outstanding.

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# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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

Old Brooklyn Community School Cuyahoga County 4430 State Road Cleveland, Ohio 44109

#### To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Old Brooklyn Community School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the School's management dated March 22, 2007, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the School's management dated March 22, 2007, we reported another matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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March 22, 2007



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#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 22, 2007