# **REGULAR AUDIT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Lorain Preparatory Academy Lorain County 3038 Leavitt Road Lorain, Ohio 44053

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Lorain Preparatory Academy, Lorain County, Ohio (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Lorain Preparatory Academy, Lorain County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Academy will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 18 to the financial statements, the Academy's deficit net assets (\$373,145) and operating loss (\$631,282) raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Note 18 describes management's plan regarding these issues. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 5, 2009, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

March 5, 2009

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

The discussion and analysis of the Lorain Preparatory Academy, (the "Academy") financial performance provides an overall review of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance. The first year of the Academy's operations was 2007. The School began accepting students and community school foundation revenue in December of 2006. However, the Academy did receive start-up grants before December 1, 2006.

#### Financial Highlights

- Net assets decreased \$389,212 as compared to an increase of \$19,636 for the prior fiscal year.
- Operating expenses accounted for \$1,351,814 of the total expenses of \$1,372,547.
- Operating revenues accounted for \$720,532 of the Academy's total funding of \$983,335.
- The Academy had an operating loss of \$631,282 and \$262,803 of the operating loss was alleviated by non-operating state federal grants. The Academy was able to utilize majority of the federal grant allocations for fiscal year 2008.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial report consists of three parts the management discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the financial position of the Academy. 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 net assets represents the statement of position of the Academy. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances and meets its cash flow needs. Finally, the notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided on the basic financial statements.

#### Financial Analysis of the Academy as a Whole

The Academy is not required to present government-wide financial statements as the Academy is engaged in only business-type activities. Therefore, no condensed financial information derived from governmental-wide financial statements is included in the discussion and analysis.

The following tables represent a summary the Academy's condensed financial information for 2008 derived from the statement of net assets and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's nets assets for 2008 as compared to 2007:

#### Table 1 Net Assets

	2008	2007	Change
Assets:			
Current Assets	\$ 125,014	\$ 49,690	\$ 75,324
Capital Assets	87,623	31,890	55,733
Total Assets	212,637	81,580	131,057
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities	536,388	53,180	483,208
Long-term Liabilities	49,394	12,333	37,061
Total Liabilities	585,782	65,513	520,269
Net Assets:			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	13,691	4,978	8,713
Restricted for Other Purposes	25	-	25
Unrestricted	(386,861)	11,089	(397,950)
Total Net Assets	\$ (373,145)	\$ 16,067	\$ (389,212)

Results of fiscal year 2008 indicate an ending net asset balance of (\$373,145), a decrease of \$389,212 over fiscal year 2007. The decrease is the result of lower than anticipated enrollment in the Academy's second full year of operations. We anticipate that the Academy will have a small decrease in net assets for fiscal year 2009 but should have an increase in net assets in fiscal year 2010. The goal is to grow enrollment to be closer to the capacity of the facility at which point the school would generate surpluses on an annual basis sufficient to eliminate accumulated deficits. The initial losses are typical for a new Academy which may not typically achieve positive net assets until the third or fourth year of operations due to significant start-up costs.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets for the fiscal year 2008 as compared to 2007:

# Table 2 Change in Net Assets

	2008	2007	Change
Operating Revenues:			
Community School Foundation	\$ 712,938	\$ 486,815	\$ 226,123
Charge for Services	2,718	459	2,259
Miscellaneous	4,876	-	4,876
Total Operating Revenues	720,532	487,274	233,258
Operating Expenses:			
Building	184,038	31,500	152,538
Purchased Services	994,453	409,674	584,779
Depreciation	11,424	8,504	2,920
General Supplies	144,821	15,042	129,779
Other Operating Expenses	17,078	7,667	9,411
Total Operating Expenses	1,351,814	472,387	879,427
Operating Loss	(631,282)	14,887	(646,169)
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses:			
Federal and State Restricted Grants	262,803	9,675	253,128
Interest Expense	(20,733)	(4,926)	(15,807)
Net Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	242,070	4,749	237,321
Change in Net Assets	(389,212)	19,636	(408,848)
Net Assets (Deficit) Beginning of Year	16,067	(3,569)	19,636
Net Assets (Deficit) End of Year	\$ (373,145)	\$ 16,067	\$ (389,212)

At the onset of planning for the opening of the Academy, management and the board carefully calculated the costs and risks associated with offering a high quality educational program that would be competitive with the educational programs available at the traditional public schools and weighed those costs and risks against the enhanced educational opportunities that would be available to students. Based on that analysis, the board and its management made the decision to make an investment in the future of the children of this community, not based on a plan that was expected to generate large economic profits, but rather on a plan that is economically sustainable and that would generate dividends to the community in the form of enhanced opportunities for children and families. As the Governing Board makes decisions to accommodate growth over the next year or two, we anticipate that the positive net asset position will temporarily erode, but we are projecting that the Academy should return to positive net assets shortly thereafter.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

#### **Budget**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor, St. Aloysius Orphanage, does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

At the end of FY 2008, the Academy had \$87,623 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for furniture and equipment, an increase of \$55,733 or 63.60 percent. The following table shows fiscal year 2008 compared to 2007:

	2008 2007		Change	
Furniture & Equipment	\$87,623	\$31.890	\$55,733	
Net Capital Assets	\$87,623	\$31,890	\$55,733	

The increase primarily represents acquisitions of classroom furniture, data cabling, phone and security systems purchased during the school year. There were no asset disposals during the year. For further information regarding the Academy's capital assets, refer to Note 6 of the basic financial statements.

# Debt

At June 30, 2008, the Academy had \$73,932 of capital lease obligations for furniture and equipment outstanding. Of that amount, \$24,538 is due within one year. The following outstanding table summarized the Academy's debt outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

#### Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	2008	2007	Change
Capital Lease Payable	\$73,932	\$26,912	\$47,020
Total	\$73,932	\$26,912	\$47,020

For further information regarding the Academy's debt, refer to Note 13 to the basic financial statements.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

#### **Economic Factors**

Management is not currently aware of any facts, decisions or conditions that have occurred that are expected to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations.

#### **Operations**

Lorain Preparatory Academy is a public school established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in third through eighth grade. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors 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 any questions concerning this report, please contact Robert Schirhart, Treasurer for Lorain Preparatory Academy, 3333 Chippewa Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

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# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2008

Assets: <i>Current assets:</i> Cash and Cash Equivalents Intergovernmental Receivable Prepaid Expense <b>Total current assets</b>	\$ 10,838 97,601 16,575 125,014
<i>Noncurrent assets:</i> Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	87,623
Total assets	212,637
Liabilities: <i>Current liabilities:</i> Accounts Payable, Trade Accounts Payable, Related Party Accrued Liabilities Deferred Revenue	75,425 431,625 143 4,657
Capital Leases Payable, Current Portion Total current liabilities	24,538 536,388
Noncurrent liabilities: Capital Leases Payable, Non Current Portion	49,394
Total liabilities	585,782
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Restricted Net Assets Unrestricted Net Assets Total Net Assets	13,691 25 (386,861) \$ (373,145)

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Operating Revenues:	
Community School Foundation	\$ 712,938
Charge for Services	2,718
Miscellaneous	4,876
Total Operating Revenues	720,532
Operating Expenses:	
Building	184,038
Purchased Services	994,453
Depreciation	11,424
General Supplies	144,821
Other Operating Expenses	17,078
Total Operating Expenses	1,351,814
Operating (Loss)	(631,282)
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses:	
Federal and State Restricted Grants	262,803
Interest Expense	(20,733)
Net Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	242,070
Change in Net Assets	(389,212)
Net Assets (Deficit) Beginning of Year	16,067
Net Assets End of Year	\$ (373,145)

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Foundation Receipts Charge for Services Other Operating Receipts Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services Net Cash Used by Operating Activities CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Federal and State Grant Receipts Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	\$ 656,391 2,718 4,876 (817,472) (153,487) 181,095 181,095
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CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Short-term Financing Payments	(14,950)
Capital Lease Principal Payments	(20,137)
Capital Lease Interest Retirement	 (5,641)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	 (40,728)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(13,119)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	23,957
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending of the Year	\$ 10,838
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	\$ (631,282)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	11,424
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Prepaid Expense	(6,735)
Increase in Accounts Payable, Trade	64,178
Increase in Accounts Payable, Related Party	404,271
Increase in Deferred Revenue	 4,657
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (153,487)

# Noncash capital and related financing activities

The Academy entered into a capital lease agreement for \$67,157 for the purchase of furniture and equipment.

#### See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

# Note 1 – Description of the School

The Lorain Preparatory Academy (the "Academy") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314. The Academy offers education for Ohio children in grades 3-8. The Academy is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The Academy may lease or acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the Academy.

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with the St. Aloysius Orphanage (the Sponsor) for a period of five academic years commencing after July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2010. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.02 (E) states in part that the Academy operates under the direction of a Governing Board that consists of not less than five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives or owners or employees of any for-profit firm that operate or manage the Academy for the Governing Board. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract that include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Academy's Governing Board for the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc., for management services including management of personnel and human resources, the program of instruction, technology, marketing, data management, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. See Note 16.

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. 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 entity has elected not to apply FASB pronouncements 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 a single enterprise presentation for its financial records. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows.

# B. Measurement Focus

The enterprise activity is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Academy are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net assets. The statement of cash flows reflects how the Academy finances meet its cash flow needs.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Academy's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenue resulting from nonexchange transactions, in which Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the period when the resources are required to be used or the period when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

# D. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provision set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the Academy's contract with its sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its sponsor, the St. Aloysius Orphanage, does not prescribe a budgetary process for the Academy.

# E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the Academy is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net assets. The Academy had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

# F. Prepaid Items

The Academy records payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2008, as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

#### G. Capital Assets

The Academy's capital assets during fiscal year 2008 consisted of capital leases for computers and other equipment. All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The Academy does not have any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### G. Capital Assets (Continued)

All capital asset leases are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Useful Lives
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Computer Technology	5 years

#### 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 the enabling legislation adopted by Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. As of June 30, 2008, there were no net assets restricted for enabling legislation.

The statement of net assets reports \$25 in restricted net assets related to certain unspent federal grant receipts and \$13,691 invested in capital assets net of related debt.

# I. 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.

#### J. Estimates

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

#### K. Economic Dependency

The Academy receives approximately 99% of its operating revenue from the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the significance of this revenue source, the Academy is considered to be economically dependent on the State of Ohio Department of Education.

#### Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2008, the Academy has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions", GASB Statement No. 48, "Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues", and GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures". The implementation of GASB Statement 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Academy; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (Refer to Note 10) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement 48 and GASB Statement 50 did not have effect on the financial statements for the Academy.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

#### 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, 2008, the bank balance of Academy's deposits was \$11,319. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance which covers deposits up to \$100,000. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

#### Note 5 – Receivables

At June 30, 2008, the Academy had intergovernmental receivables, in the amount of \$97,601. The receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Grant	Amount	
School Lunch	\$4,671	
Title I	26,866	
Charter School Grant	64,804	
IDEA Part B	1,260	
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$97,601	

# Note 6 – Capital Assets

The capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions (Deletions)	Depreciation Expense	Balance June 30, 2008
Depreciable Capital Assets Furniture & Equipment	\$42,520	67,157	0	\$109,677
Less Accumulated Depreciation Furniture & Equipment	(10,630)	0	(11,424)	(\$22,054)
Capital Assets, Net	\$31,890	\$67,157	(\$11,424)	\$87,623

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

#### Note 7 – Risk Management

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the Academy contracted with the Hartford Casualty Insurance Company. The types and amounts of coverage provided are as follows:

General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Medical Expense Limit - Any One Person/Occurrence	10,000
Damage to Rented Premises - Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Business Personal Property	109,900
Building	840,000
Automobile Liability:	
Combined Single Limit	1,000,000
Excess/Umbrella	
Each Occurrence	6,000,000
Aggregate Limit	6,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any prior years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year.

#### Note 8 – Purchased Services

For the year ended June 30, 2008, purchased service expenses were for the following services:

Service		Amount
Personnel Services		509,613
Management Fee		124,807
Food Service		422,98
Professional Contractors		23,382
Utilities		24,787
Building Maintenance		105,241
IT/Telephone		35,427
Consulting		49,512
Advertising		20,559
Sponsor Fee		22,005
Nursing Services		21,340
Professional Development		6,289
Legal Services		1,416
Other Service		7,777
	Total:	\$994,453

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Academy has contracted with Mosaica Education, Inc. to provide employee services. However, these contracted services do not relieve the Academy of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the Academy is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below.

#### A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

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 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 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 to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, and 2007 were \$3,864 and \$2,653 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

# B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The Academy participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling (888) 227-7877, 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'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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

# B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (Continued)

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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, 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. For fiscal year 2007, 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.

The Academy's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, and 2007 were \$46,647 and \$21,274 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008 and 2007. The Academy did not make contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008.

# C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages. As of June 30, 2008, none of the Academy's staff have elected Social Security.

# Note 10 – Postemployment Benefits

# A. School Employees Retirement System

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

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 10 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

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

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care.

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

The Academy's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 were \$1,763 and \$825 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The Academy's contribution for Medicare Part B for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 was \$278; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008.

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, 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, 2008 and 2007 were \$3,588 and \$1,635 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

#### Note 11 - Contingencies

# A. Grants

The Academy received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Academy. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2008.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

#### Note 11 – Contingencies (Continued)

#### B. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by community schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the Academy is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. A review conducted by the Ohio Department of Education in November 2008 concluded that \$4,657 is owed by the Academy to the Ohio Department of Education. This amount is reported as deferred revenue on the June 30, 2008 Statement of Net Assets.

#### Note 12 – Building Leases

In September 2007, the Academy entered into an agreement with Lorain-Leavitt Properties, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mosaica Education, Inc. for the use of the site as a school facility. Mosaica Education, Inc. is a related party, as disclosed in the Footnote 16. The lease agreement terminates on June 30, 2008 and has a base rent of \$1 for the entire term of the lease. In addition, in July 2007, the Academy entered into a sub-lease agreement with another community school for the use of thirteen modular buildings. The lease has a base rental rate of \$16,253 per month and terminates on August 2, 2009. The lease assigns the Academy the right to purchase the modulars at the end of the lease at fair market value. Base rent expense for the fiscal year ended 2008 was \$184,038.

#### Note 13 – Long-Term Obligations

Changes in the Academy's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

					Amount Due
	Balance			Balance	Within One
	6/30/2007	Additions	Reductions	6/30/2008	Year
Capital Leases Payable	\$26,912	\$67,157	(\$20,138)	\$73,931	\$24,538
Long-Term Obligations	\$26,912	\$67,157	(\$20,138)	\$73,931	\$24,538

#### Note 14 – Capital Lease-Lessee Disclosure

The Academy has entered into capitalized leases for the use of computer equipment and furniture. Each lease meets the criteria of capital lease as defined by the State of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13,"Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risk of ownership to the lessee. Principal payments in 2008 were \$20,138.

	Amount
Furniture and Equipment	\$109,677
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(22,054)
Total June 30, 2008	\$87,623

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

# Note 14 - Capital Lease-Lessee Disclosure (Continued)

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2008.

	Ca	Capital Lease		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest		
2009	\$24,538	\$5,048		
2010	\$13,181	\$3,347		
2011	\$13,876	\$2,298		
2012	\$14,459	\$1,217		
2013	\$7,877	\$184		
Total	\$73,932	\$12,094		

#### Note 15 – Tax Exempt Status.

The Academy has filed for its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Note 16 – Related Party Transactions/Management Company

The Academy contracts with Mosaica Education, Inc. for a variety of services including management of personnel and human resources, board relations, financial management, marketing, technology services, the program of instruction, purchasing, strategic planning, public relations, financial reporting, recruiting, compliance issues, budgets, contracts, and equipment and facilities. Financial management services include, but are not limited to, financial statement and budget preparation and accounts payable and payroll preparation.

Per the management agreement with the Academy, Mosaica Education is entitled to a management fee that is equivalent to 12.5% of the Academy's revenues. The management fee for fiscal year 2008 was \$124,807. In addition, upon termination of the agreement due to nonperformance by either party, or in the event of nonrenewal upon expiration of the agreement, the Academy must pay Mosaica Education, Inc. \$100,000 per year for three consecutive years.

Also, per the management agreement there are expenses that will be billed to the Academy based on the actual cost incurred for the Academy by Mosaica Education, Inc. These expenses include rent, salaries, of Mosaica Education, Inc employees working at the Academy, and other costs related to providing educational and administration services. The total expenses paid to Mosaica Education Inc. during fiscal year 2008 were \$261,752.

At June 30, 2008, the Academy had payables to Mosaica Education, Inc. in the amount of \$431,625. The following is a schedule of payables owed to Mosaica Education, Inc.

	Amount
Payroll	\$276,611
Management Fee	71,326
Miscellaneous	83,688
Total June 30, 2008	\$431,625

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 (Continued)

#### Note 17 – Sponsor

The Academy was approved for operation under a contract with St. Aloysius Orphanage (the Sponsor) for a period of five academic years commencing July 18, 2005. As part of this contract, the Sponsor is entitled to a maximum of 1% of the total state funds. Total amount due and paid for fiscal year 2008 was \$22,005.

#### Note 18 – Management's Plan

For fiscal year 2008, the Academy had an operating loss of (\$631,282), a decrease in net assets of (\$389,212), and a cumulative net asset deficit of (\$373,145). The Academy's management is projecting an operating loss and another decrease in net assets for the year ending June 30, 2009 due to lower than expected enrollment. As of January 31, 2009 the Academy's change in net assets was \$15,503 and the net asset deficit was (\$615,779).

Final fiscal year 2007 full-time equivalent student enrollment was 73 students and final fiscal year 2008 full-time equivalent student enrollment was 106 students. Enrollment in January 2009 was 162.

As of March 5, 2009, the Board of Directors has not approved plans to address these concerns.

Mosaica Education, Inc. plans to continue to operate the Academy by delaying payments on invoices owed to Mosaica Education for certain rent, management services, other operating expense, and employee payroll. Over time, Mosaica Education, Inc. believes the anticipated increase in enrollment should allow the Academy to reduce its operating losses and have operating gains. Mosaica Education, Inc. plans to increase enrollment through active advertising via print, radio, mailings, and through referrals of current parents which may increase enrollment, reduce future deficits and may lead to no operating losses in future years.

# Note 19 – Subsequent Event

In August of 2008, Mosaica Education, Inc purchased modular buildings and leased them back to Lorain Preparatory Academy at a reduced cost of \$9,250 per month from July 1, 2008 through January 1, 2011 at which time the monthly rent increases to \$10,175 for the balance of the lease which ends June 30, 2015.

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

Lorain Preparatory Academy Lorain County 3038 Leavitt Rd. Lorain, Ohio 44053

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Lorain Preparatory Academy, Lorain County, Ohio, (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2009 wherein we noted matters which raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Academy's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial date reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Academy internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be 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.

We noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Academy's management in a separate letter dated March 5, 2009.

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

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

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Academy's management in a separate letter dated March 5, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and the St. Aloysius Orphanage. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

March 5, 2009

# SCHEUDLE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2008

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2007-001	Board Members- The Academy did not have five individuals participating on the Governing Board	Yes	N/A
2007-002	Board Monitoring- A Statement of Net Assets was not being reviewed; therefore, the Board could not effectively monitor the Academy's assets, liabilities, and net assets throughout the year.	No	Partially corrected: this finding is being repeated in the Management Letter.
2007-003	Monitoring of Purchased Services Expenses	No	Partially corrected: this finding is being repeated in the Management Letter.





# LORAIN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

LORAIN 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MAY 7, 2009

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