



**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY  
REGULAR AUDIT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State



**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
Independent Accountants' Report.....	1
Management's Discussion and Analysis.....	3
Basic Financial Statements	
Balance Sheets .....	5
Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets.....	6
Statements of Cash Flows .....	7
Notes to the Financial Statements .....	9
Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by <i>Government Auditing Standards</i> .....	17

**This page intentionally left blank.**



# Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain  
Lorain County  
2140 East 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lorain Ohio 44055-2799

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The Auditor of State has billed the School approximately \$1,549 for audit services provided for fiscal year 2007 and as of the date of this report, \$468 remains unpaid. AICPA Code of Professional Conduct, Section 100, ET Section 191 normally considers unpaid audit fees related to periods more than one year prior to the current period under audit to impair the independence of the Auditor of State. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity because Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. Ohio Revised Code § 117.13 also includes provisions for the collection of unpaid audit fees including negotiating a schedule for payment of the amount due or seeking payment through the office of budget and management. We did not audit the amounts of actual direct and indirect expenses incurred by Summit Academy Management on behalf of the School which total \$2,173,895 and \$1,609,633, as indicated in Note 14. Other auditors audited these amounts and have furnished their report thereon to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Note 14, is based on the report of the other auditors.

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 and the report of the other auditors provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years 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 February 24, 2009, 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 for the year ended June 30, 2008. We previously issued our report dated March 24, 2008, 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 grants for the year ended June 30, 2007. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, these reports describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. These reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read them in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

February 24, 2009

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)**

As management of Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain (the School), we offer readers of the School's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

**Financial Highlights**

By agreement with its management company, Summit Academy Management, 100% of all revenue is passed through to the management company in order to manage the affairs of the School. In this regard, a cash management system was fully implemented during fiscal year 2006, in which all School cash was 'swept' into the bank account of the management company. As a result, the School has no cash on June 30, 2008 or 2007.

The School also has no net assets (the difference between its assets and liabilities) as of June 30, 2008 or 2007.

The School has intergovernmental receivables of \$42,870 for federal and state grants earned in 2008, but not received until after June 30, 2008. At the same time, the financial statements show a management fee payable to the management company for the same amount reflecting the 100% pass-through of revenue to the management company.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements presented by the School are the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The *Balance Sheet* presents information on all the School's assets and liabilities, with the difference being the net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating. However, given the School's management agreement with the management company, which calls for 100% of all receipts to be paid to the management company, the School's net assets balance is not expected to change significantly in the near future.

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets* presents information showing how the School's net assets changed during the year. This statement summarizes operating revenues and expenses, along with non-operating revenues and expenses.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* allows financial statement users to assess the School's adequacy or ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet its obligations in a timely manner. The statement is classified into four categories (as applicable): 1) Cash flows from operating activities, 2) Cash flows from non-capital financing activities, 3) Cash flows from capital and related financing activities, and 4) Cash flows from investing activities.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Finally, it should be noted that the School utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Accrual accounting is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies in that it recognizes revenues and expenses when earned regardless of when cash is received or paid.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)**

**Financial Analysis**

The following tables indicate our financial analysis of the School:

**Table 1 - Balance Sheets**

	<u>6/30/2008</u>	<u>6/30/2007</u>	<u>Amount of Change</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>	<u>6/30/2006</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Management fee receivable	-	-	-	0.0%	29,179
State foundation receivable	-	29,167	(29,167)	-100.0%	-
Intergovernmental receivables	<u>42,870</u>	<u>32,260</u>	<u>10,610</u>	32.9%	<u>53,789</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 42,870</u>	<u>\$ 61,427</u>	<u>\$ (18,557)</u>	-30.2%	<u>\$ 82,968</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Management fee payable	\$ 42,870	\$ 61,427	\$ (18,557)	-30.2%	\$ 53,789
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	0.0%	29,179
<b>Net Assets</b>					
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	0.0%	<u>-</u>
Liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 42,870</u>	<u>\$ 61,427</u>	<u>\$ (18,557)</u>	-30.2%	<u>\$ 82,968</u>

**Table 2 - Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets**

	<u>6/30/2008</u>	<u>6/30/2007</u>	<u>Amount of Change</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>	<u>6/30/2006</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 2,033,680	\$ 1,292,132	\$ 741,548	57.4%	\$ 810,097
Operating expenses	<u>2,256,111</u>	<u>1,489,572</u>	<u>766,539</u>	51.5%	<u>1,145,293</u>
Operating loss	(222,431)	(197,440)	(24,991)	12.7%	(335,196)
Non-operating revenues	<u>222,431</u>	<u>197,440</u>	<u>24,991</u>	12.7%	<u>334,863</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	0.0%	<u>\$ (333)</u>

On the Balance Sheet, intergovernmental receivable increased by \$10,610 or 32.9% because more state and federal grants were owed to the School at June 30, 2008. In addition, state foundation receivables decreased by \$29,167 or 100.0% as the School was not owed state foundation revenue at June 30, 2008.

With respect to the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets, operating revenues increased by \$741,548 or 57.4% due to an increase in state foundation revenue caused by an increase in enrollment. Operating expenses increased by \$766,539 or 51.5% due to the overall increase in revenues.

Non-operating revenues increased by \$24,991 or 12.7% as a result of more state and federal grant funding during 2008.



**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**BALANCE SHEETS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$ -	\$ -
State foundation receivable	-	29,167
Intergovernmental receivables	<u>42,870</u>	<u>32,260</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>\$ 42,870</u>	<u>\$ 61,427</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Management fee payable	\$ 42,870	\$ 61,427
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<u>\$ 42,870</u>	<u>\$ 61,427</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Operating revenues</b>		
Food service	\$ 3,364	\$ 2,948
Materials and fees	11,627	10,441
State foundation	2,018,689	1,278,723
Other operating revenue	-	20
Total operating revenues	2,033,680	1,292,132
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Purchased services	2,256,111	1,489,552
Other operating expenses	-	20
Total operating expenses	2,256,111	1,489,572
<b>Operating loss</b>	(222,431)	(197,440)
<b>Non-operating revenues</b>		
State and Federal grants	222,431	197,440
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	-	-
Net assets at beginning of year	-	-
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from other operating sources	\$ 14,991	\$ 13,409
Cash from the State of Ohio	2,047,856	1,220,378
Cash payments to management company	(2,274,668)	(1,452,756)
Net cash used for operating activities	(211,821)	(218,969)
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>		
State and Federal grants	211,821	218,969
Net decrease in cash	-	-
Cash at beginning of year	-	-
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used for operating activities:</b>		
Operating loss	\$ (222,431)	\$ (197,440)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used for operating activities:</b>		
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in assets:		
State foundation receivable	29,167	(29,167)
Management fee receivable	-	29,179
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Management fee payable	(18,557)	7,638
Deferred revenue	-	(29,179)
Total adjustments	10,610	(21,529)
Net cash used for operating activities	\$ (211,821)	\$ (218,969)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**This page intentionally left blank.**

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain, located in Lorain County (the School), is a state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3314 and 1702. The School provides educational, literary, scientific, and related teaching services for "at-risk" children with the symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Asperger's Syndrome. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any public school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

As further described in Note 5 to the financial statements, the School has contracted with Summit Academy Management, Inc. (SAM) to employ and facilitate the day-to-day management of the School. SAM is a legally separate nonprofit corporation, the results of which are not reflected in these financial statements.

Effective July 1, 2006, the governing boards of SAM and the School have completely different members, and all members of the School Board are independent of SAM. Effective the same date, the board members of SAM are elected by the majority vote of the affiliated school boards.

SAM also provides management services to the following 26 legally separate community schools whose results of operations are not included herein:

- Summit Academy Akron Elementary School
- Summit Academy Akron Middle School
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Akron
- Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners – Canton
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Canton
- Summit Academy Community School – Cincinnati
- Summit Academy Transition High School – Cincinnati
- Summit Academy Community School – Columbus
- Summit Academy Middle School – Columbus
- Summit Academy Transition High School – Columbus
- Summit Academy Community School – Dayton
- Summit Academy Transition High School – Dayton
- Summit Academy Middle School – Lorain
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Lorain
- Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners – Middletown
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Middletown
- Summit Academy Community School - Painesville
- Summit Academy Community School – Parma
- Summit Academy Community School – Toledo
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Toledo
- Summit Academy Community School – Warren
- Summit Academy Middle School - Warren
- Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners – Xenia
- Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners – Youngstown
- Summit Academy Middle School – Youngstown
- Summit Academy Secondary School – Youngstown

The School has been approved for operation under a contract with the Lucas County Educational Service Center (Sponsor). The contract was extended for a term ending May 30, 2010 and then renews for additional one-year terms from July 1 to June 30, unless the sponsor has given written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the expiration date.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY (continued)**

The School operates under a self-appointing Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specifies that vacancies that arise on the Board are filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then-existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor. These include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers.

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

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

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

**B. 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 balance sheet. Equity (i.e., net total assets) is the difference between assets and liabilities. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike other public schools located in the state of Ohio, community schools are generally not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor, Lucas County Educational Service Center, requires a detailed budget in the form of a five-year forecast, as described in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

**D. Cash**

The School's revenues are received into a demand deposit account, and then are swept into an account of the management company in accordance with the management agreement discussed in Note 5.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

The School does not possess any capital assets. All capital assets used by the School belong to SAM as further described in Note 5.

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The School participates in the State Foundation Program through the Ohio Department of Education. Revenue from this program is recognized as operating revenue in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

The School also participates in various federal and state grant programs through the Ohio Department of Education. Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

**G. Accrued Liabilities**

Accrued liabilities include amounts payable to SAM for various intergovernmental (grant) receivables, in accordance with the School's management contract as further described in Note 5.

**H. Use of Estimates**

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

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS**

At June 30, 2008 and 2007, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$0, and the bank balance was \$0.

**NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2008 and 2007, consisted of intergovernmental (e.g. federal grants) and state foundation receivables. All intergovernmental and state foundation receivables are considered collectible in full, due to the stable condition of these programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 5 – AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT ACADEMY MANAGEMENT**

The School has contracted with Summit Academy Management (SAM) to facilitate the day-to-day operations of the School. Per the agreement, the School pays SAM, as a management fee, 100 percent of revenues received. In turn, SAM is responsible for all costs and decisions associated with operating the School. Such costs and decision areas include, but are not limited to: personnel (all teaching and administrative personnel are employees of SAM); insurance; pension and retirement benefits; curriculum materials, textbooks, computers and other equipment, software, and supplies; as well as utilities, janitorial services, and legal and financial management services. SAM is also responsible for maintenance of the School's facility. See Note 14 for the amount of direct and indirect expenses incurred by SAM on behalf of the School.

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The School has contracted with SAM to provide all teaching and administrative personnel. Such personnel are employees of SAM; however, the School is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that SAM makes pension contributions on its behalf. The retirement systems consider the School as the "Employer of Record", therefore the School is ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below.

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

On behalf of the School, SAM 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.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 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, up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The School's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$35,773, \$28,821, and \$26,355, respectively; 77.4 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for 2007 and 2006.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

On behalf of the School, SAM also contributes to 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 (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strs.org](http://www.strs.org).



**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

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 times 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 Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DC 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 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 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, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School 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 School's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$82,745, \$73,799, and \$60,138, respectively; 90.1 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for 2007 and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$3,297 made by the School and \$3,140 made by the plan members.

**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 Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2008, no members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employee Retirement System**

On behalf of the School, SAM 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.

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. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$4,069.

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 School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$16,324, \$8,959, and \$8,519 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

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 School's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$2,578, \$1,835, and \$1,943 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

On behalf of the School, SAM 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](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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 School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$6,365, \$5,677, and \$4,626 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 8 – OTHER BENEFITS**

SAM has contracted with a private carrier to provide employees within the School medical/surgical benefits. SAM pays a portion of the monthly premium for full-time employees and for part-time employees depending on the employee's status. The employees are responsible for the remaining amounts. SAM's and the employees' monthly premiums vary depending upon family size and the level of coverage the employee selected.

SAM also allows employees to participate in 403(b) deferred annuities through four vendors.

**NOTE 9 – TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

As of June 30, 2008 and 2007, the School had a management fee payable to SAM of \$42,870 and \$61,427, respectively. These payables consist of state foundation and intergovernmental (grants) receivables to be transferred to SAM to cover expenses incurred by SAM on the School's behalf. During fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the School paid management fees to SAM totaling \$2,274,668 and \$1,452,756, respectively.

**NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. SAM has contracted with a commercial insurance company for property and general liability insurance on behalf of the School. Property coverage carries a \$5,000 deductible, with the School's contents insured for \$60,000. General liability coverage provides \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate with a \$2,500 deductible.

Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years, and there was no significant reduction in coverage amounts from the prior year policy.

**NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES**

**Grants** – The School receives financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants, which are then remitted to SAM. 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. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School at June 30, 2008.

**NOTE 12 – TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The School was granted status as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), effective November 5, 2002.

**NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

**ODE Review** – After the end of the year, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data submitted by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The results of this review for fiscal year 2008 resulted in no significant adjustment to the School's state foundation revenue.

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 14 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES**

As per the agreement with SAM (See Note 5), 100 percent of the School's revenue is paid to SAM as a management fee. The related 'purchased services' expense totaled \$2,256,111 and \$1,489,552 for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Summit Academy Management incurred the following direct and indirect expenses on behalf of the School during fiscal years 2008 and 2007:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Utilities Services	\$ 91,726	\$ 79,497
Property Services	91,137	69,468
General Supplies	36,127	47,387
Professional and Technical Services	146,296	78,956
Retirement and Insurance Benefits	203,746	155,650
Salaries and Wages	958,633	712,706
Food and Related Supplies	46,525	36,883
Capital Outlay	67,056	9,024
Other Direct Costs	12,753	10,921
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<u>1,653,999</u>	<u>1,200,492</u>
<b>Total Indirect Costs (Overhead)</b>	<u>519,896</u>	<u>409,141</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,173,895</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,609,633</u></u>

Summit Academy Management charges expenses benefiting more than one school (i.e. indirect overhead expenses) pro rata based on the number of students within each school it manages.



# 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

Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners - Lorain  
Lorain County  
2140 East 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lorain Ohio 44055-2799

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Summit Academy Community School for Alternative Learners – Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio, (the School) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2009, wherein we noted Note 14 was audited by other auditors, and the School has been billed a total of \$1,549 for fiscal year 2007 and has unpaid audit fees of \$468 as of the date of this report. AICPA Code of Professional Conduct, Section 100, ET Section 191 normally considers unpaid audit fees related to periods more than one year prior to the current period under audit to impair the independence of the Auditor of State. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity because Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. Ohio Revised Code § 117.13 also includes provisions for the collection of unpaid audit fees including negotiating a schedule for payment of the amount due or seeking payment through the office of budget and management. 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 as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School'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 School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School's 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 School's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

101 Central Plaza South / 700 Chase Tower / Canton, OH 44702-1509  
Telephone: (330) 438-0617 (800) 443-9272 Fax: (330) 471-0001  
[www.auditor.state.oh.us](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us)

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 matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated February 24, 2009.

#### **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*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated February 24, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and the Community School's sponsor. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

February 24, 2009



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**SUMMIT ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS - LORAIN**

**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 Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
APRIL 16, 2009**