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# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

#### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Urbana Community School Champaign County 711 Wood Street Urbana, Ohio 43078

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Urbana Community School, Champaign County (the School), a component unit of the Urbana City School District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Urbana Community School, Champaign County, as of June 30, 2009, 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2010, 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 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

February 22, 2010

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 UNAUDITED

The discussion and analysis of the Urbana Community School's (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2009 are as follows:

- In total, net assets were \$690,740 at June 30, 2009.
- The School's total assets were \$815,241 and total liabilities were \$124,501.
- The School had operating revenues of \$346,123 and operating expenses of \$237,155 for fiscal year 2009.
- The School also received \$4,200 in state grants during the year and \$2,139 in interest revenue.
- Total change in net assets for fiscal year 2009 was an increase of \$115,307. The increase was primarily the result in a reduction in expenditures.

#### **Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the School's financial activities. The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets provide information about the activities of the School, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

#### Reporting the School's Financial Activities

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

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2009?" The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 UNAUDITED (Continued)

The table below provides a summary of the School's net assets for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

#### **Net Assets**

Net Assets	3	
Assets:		
Current assets	\$815,241	\$854,204
Total assets	815,241	854,204
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	124,501	278,771
Total Liabilities	24,501	278,771
Net Assets:		
Restricted	15,000	10,800
Unrestricted	675,740	564,633
Total net assets	\$690,740	\$575,433

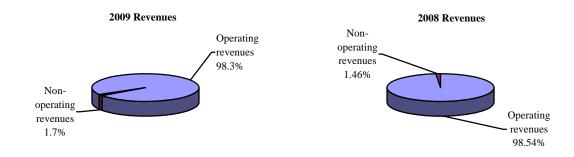
Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2009, the School's net assets totaled \$690,740.

The table below shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2009 and 2008.

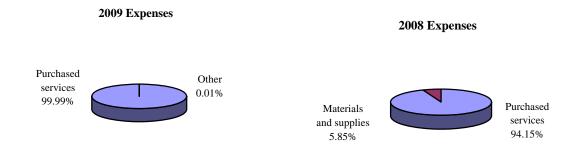
Change in Net Assets			
	2009	2008	
Operating Revenues:	_		
State foundation	\$346,123	\$384,608	
Total operating revenue	346,123	384,608	
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased services	237,136	248,309	
Materials and supplies		15,421	
Other operating expenses	19		
Total operating expenses	237,155	263,730	
Non-operating revenues:	_		
State Grants	4,200	1,800	
Interest income	2,139	3,918	
Total non-operating revenues	6,339	5,718	
Change in net assets	\$115,307	\$126,596	

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 UNAUDITED (Continued)

The charts below illustrate the revenues for the School during fiscal years 2009 and 2008.



The charts below illustrate the expenses for the School for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.



#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

The School is sponsored by Urbana City School District. The School is reliant upon State Foundation monies to offer quality, online learning to students.

It is the intent of the School to apply for other State funds that are made available.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Amanda Hildebrand, Treasurer, Urbana Community School, 711 Wood Street, Urbana, OH 43078.

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# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2009

Assets:	
Current assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$815,241
Liabilities:	
Due to other governments	21,995
Due to primary government	102,506
Total liabilities	124,501
Net Assets:	
Restricted for:	
State funded programs	15,000
Unrestricted	675,740
Total net assets	\$690,740

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Operating Revenues:	
State foundation	\$346,123
Operating Expenses:	
Purchased services	237,136
Materials and supplies	19
Total Operating Expenses	237,155
Operating income	108,968
Non-Operating Revenues:	
State grants	4,200
Interest income	2,139
Total non-operating revenues	6,339
Change in net assets	115,307
Net assets at beginning of year	575,433
Net assets at end of year	\$690,740

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from State foundation	\$357,187
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(402,470)
Cash payments for other expenses	(19)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(45,302)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
State grants	4,200
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	4,200
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	2,139
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,139
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(38,963)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	854,204
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$815,241
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$108,968
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in due to other governments	6,286
Decrease in due to primary government	(160,556)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(\$45,302)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Urbana Community School (the School) is a school as provided for by Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 within the Urbana City School District (the Sponsor). The Schools' objective is to use technology to reach a diverse student population. The School is designed for students who have a desire for, and whose education can be optimized by, a program of online instruction in an independent environment that does not include most ancillary components of a more traditional education. Because the focus is on distance learning, the ability of students to learn independently in their own homes using an online educational program is an essential element of the School's program. This population may include, but will not be limited to, home schoolers, children with special physical and mental needs, students removed from the regular classroom for discipline concerns, students who need an alternative to the traditional classroom for various reasons, including religious reasons, transient students, and students within the Sponsor school district that desire a specific course not currently offered but available through online instruction. The program will permit the use of a "blended" approach to the delivery of educational services designed to provide the optimum balance between online and traditional instruction for each individual student. The School offers students the choice of on-line or correspondence schooling. The School, which is part of the state's education program, is independent of any school district and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and all other operations. The School may sue and be sued in its own name, acquire facilities as needed and contract for services necessary for the operation of the School. The School is considered a component unit of the Urbana City School District for reporting purposes, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB Statement No.39.

The School was approved under contract with the Sponsor for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2003. The School began operations on July 1, 2004.

The School operates under the direction of a Board of Directors of which a majority shall be elected or appointed public officials or employees, or shall be other community leaders as set forth in the School's code of regulations. The Board may also include one or more parents of students enrolled in the School or civic leaders, also as set forth in the School's code of regulations.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements (BFS) of the School have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 School also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided those pronouncements do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The School has the option to also apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, subject to this same limitation. The School has elected not to apply these FASB Statements and Interpretations. The School's significant accounting policies are described below.

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (CONTINUED)

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### A. Basis of Presentation

Enterprise fund 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) 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

Enterprise fund accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net 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 used 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 not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires the School to prepare a five-year annual budget detailing revenues and expenses. The five-year projection is also required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.391.

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School maintains an interest bearing depository account. All funds of the School are maintained in this account. This interest bearing depository account is presented on the statement of net assets as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

#### E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at (cost or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date donated. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500. The School 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. The School does not have any assets over the threshold at June 30, 2009.

#### F. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (CONTINUED)

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### G. Intergovernmental Revenues

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

Grants and entitlements are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met. Eligibility includes 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. State grants for the fiscal year 2008 received by the School was \$4.200.

#### H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

#### 3. ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2009, the School has implemented GASB Statement No.49, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligation", GASB Statement No. 52, "Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments", GASB Statement No.55, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting for State and Local Governments", and GASB Statement No. 56 "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards".

GASB Statement No. 49 addresses accounting and financial reporting standards for pollution remediation obligations, which are obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities such as site assessments and cleanups. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 49 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 52 improves the quality of financial reporting by requiring endowments to report their land and other real estate investments at fair value, creating consistency in reporting among similar entities that exist to invest resources for the purpose of generating income. The implementation of GASB statement No. 52 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (CONTINUED)

### 3. ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 55 incorporates the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments into the GASB's authoritative literature. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 55 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 56 incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance presented in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Statements on Auditing Standards. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 56 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

#### 4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2009, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$815,241. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "<u>Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures</u>", as of June 30, 2009, \$565,281 of the School's bank balance of \$815,281 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$250,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School. The School has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School to a successful claim by the FDIC.

### 5. COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRECA

The School entered into a one-year contract on December 3, 2008 for fiscal year 2009, with Tri-Rivers Education Computer Association (TRECA). Under the contract, the following terms were agreed upon:

- 1. TRECA shall provide the School with instructional, supervisory/administrative, and technical services sufficient to effectively implement the School's educational plan and the School's assessment and accountability plan.
- All personnel providing services to the School on behalf of TRECA under the agreement shall be employees of TRECA and TRECA shall be solely responsible for all payroll functions, including retirement system contributions and all other legal withholding and/or payroll taxes, with respect to such personnel. All shall possess any certification or licensure which may be required by law.
- 3. The technical services provided by TRECA to the School shall include access to, and the use of, computer software, computer hardware, networking hardware, network services, and the services of technical support personnel necessary to implement the plan of operation.
- 4. The School shall secure the services of an Executive Director, who shall be the chief operating officer of the school, with primary responsibility for day-to-day operations of the School.

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (CONTINUED)

## 5. COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRECA (Continued)

- Curricular services provided by TRECA shall be limited to the standardized curriculum developed by TRECA.
- 6. The School shall pay to TRECA \$3,875 per full-time student enrolled in the School per year. Part time students may be enrolled on such terms as are agreed to by the parties.

For fiscal year 2009, \$135,592 was paid to TRECA for purchased services.

To obtain TRECA's audited June 30, 2009 financial statements, please contact Scott Armstrong at <a href="mailto:scott@treca.org">scott@treca.org</a>.

#### 6. AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

In addition to providing students with online technology classes, the School also permits students to enroll in the American Correspondence School (Correspondence School), in which students perform educational duties through mail correspondence. The School incurs the tuition costs for students enrolled in the Correspondence School and the tuition is not reimbursed by the students. The payments are remitted by the Sponsor and the School reimburses the Sponsor for the expenses. For fiscal year 2009, the School paid \$5,754 to the Correspondence School.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to contracted personnel; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2008, the School was named on the Sponsor's policy for property and general liability insurance.

#### 8. PURCHASED SERVICES

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, purchased services expenses were as follows:

TRECA Services	\$135,592
Other	4,195
Sponsor Services	54,395
Director's Expense	37,200
American Correspondence Tuition	5,754
Total	\$237,136

#### 9. CONTINGENCIES

#### A. Grants

The School received financial assistance from State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and 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, 2009.

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (CONTINUED)

### 9. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

#### B. Litigation

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

### C. State Foundation Funding

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment data and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the state, upon which State foundation funding is calculated. As a result of the review after fiscal year-end, the School owed the Ohio Department of Education \$18,911. This amount is reflected as an intergovernmental payable (Due to other Governments) on the basic financial statement.

#### 10. FISCAL AGENT

The School utilizes the services of the Urbana City School District Treasurer as their fiscal officer. The School does not directly pay the Treasurer; however, it does reimburse the District for her services.





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

Urbana Community School Champaign County 711 Wood Street Urbana, Ohio 43078

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Urbana Community School, Champaign County, (the School), a component unit of Urbana City School District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2010. 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.

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 a certain matter that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated February 22, 2010.

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#### **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 that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management, 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

Mary Taylor

February 22, 2010

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2009

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2008-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.02(E)(1) Failure to have a governing board to oversee management	Yes	

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Urbana Community School District Champaign County 711 Wood Street Urbana, Ohio 43078

To the Board of Directors:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

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

- 1. We noted the Board adopted an anti-harassment policy at its meeting in December 2007.
- We read the policy, noting it included the following requirements from Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666(B):
  - 1) A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events;
  - 2) A definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that includes the definition in division (A) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666:
  - 3) A procedure for reporting prohibited incidents;
  - 4) A requirement that school personnel report prohibited incidents of which they are aware to the school principal or other administrator designated by the principal;
  - 5) A requirement that parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident be notified and, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, have access to any written reports pertaining to the prohibited incident;
  - 6) A procedure for documenting any prohibited incident that is reported;

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- 7) A procedure for responding to and investigating any reported incident;
- 8) A strategy for protecting a victim from additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report;
- 9) A disciplinary procedure for any student guilty of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, which shall not infringe on any student's rights under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
- 10) A requirement that the district administration semiannually provide the president of the district board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on its web site, if the district has a web site, to the extent permitted by section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

February 22, 2010



# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

#### **URBANA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

#### **CHAMPAIGN 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MARCH 25, 2010