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**QUEST ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ALLEN COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Quest Academy Community School
Allen County
190 East Eighth Street
Lima, Ohio 45804

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Quest Academy Community School, Allen County, (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, 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 Academy, as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in financial position and 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 December 6, 2005, 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.

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 "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

December 6, 2005

**QUEST ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of Quest Academy Community School's (the Academy) financial performance provides an overall view of the Academy's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Academy's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Academy's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Assets were \$227,733.
- Total Liabilities \$83,720.
- Total Net Assets \$144,013.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This report consists of three parts, the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during 2005?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Academy's net assets for fiscal year 2005 compared to fiscal year 2004:

Table 1		
Net Assets		
	2005	2004
Assets		
Current Assets	\$204,708	\$267,723
Capital Assets, Net	23,025	32,225
Total Assets	227,733	299,948
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	83,720	61,668
Noncurrent Liabilities	0	1,684
Total Liabilities	83,720	63,352
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	21,341	27,443
Restricted	81,728	62,787
Unrestricted	40,944	146,366
Total Net Assets	\$144,013	\$236,596

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Total assets decreased by \$72,215, which represents a 24.08 percent decrease from fiscal year 2004. While cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$79,961, total receivables increased by \$19,984. Total liabilities increased by \$20,368, which represents a 32 percent increase from fiscal year 2004. The Academy's net assets decreased by \$92,583, represents a 39 percent decrease from fiscal year 2004.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets shows the cost of operating expenses and the revenues offsetting those services. Table 2 shows the total amount of operating and non-operating expenses and the revenues associated with those expenses for the year. That is, it identifies the amount of operating expenses supported by State and other funding.

**Table 2
Change in Net Assets**

	2005	2004
Operating Revenue		
Foundation Payments	\$564,091	\$525,635
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	23,145	73,668
Special Education	4,588	9,925
Food Services	5,755	5,364
Other Operating Revenues	1,725	2,221
Total Operating Revenues	599,304	616,813
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	490,624	448,072
Fringe Benefits	110,630	105,825
Purchased Services	178,621	158,093
Materials and Supplies	38,128	47,688
Depreciation Expense	12,622	12,394
Other Operating Expense	21,930	14,479
Total Operating Expenses	852,555	786,551
Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)		
Operating Grants - Federal	157,248	128,309
Operating Grants - State	1,844	20,531
Interest	1,990	1,241
Contributions and Donations	2,000	1,570
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(2,414)	(711)
Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	160,668	150,940
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$92,583)	(\$18,798)

State Foundation Payments, Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, and Special Education, as a whole, are the primary support for the Academy, representing 98.8 percent of the operating revenue. Salaries and Fringe Benefits comprise 70.5 percent of operating expenses.

The Academy had total revenues of \$762,386, and total expenses of \$854,969. The change in net assets for the year was a decrease of \$92,583 which was due, in part, to the addition of personnel and the corresponding increase in wages and benefits, and increased purchased services.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of fiscal year 2005, the Academy had \$23,025 (net of \$42,367 in accumulated depreciation) invested in furniture, fixtures, and equipment and leasehold improvements. Table 3 shows fiscal year 2005 balances compared to fiscal year 2004:

**Table 3
Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$19,831	\$32,225
Leasehold Improvements	3,194	-
Totals	<u>\$23,025</u>	<u>\$32,225</u>

Acquisitions were less than depreciation this year by \$9,200. The leasehold improvements are a result of Academy purchases in the amount of \$3,422.

For more information on capital assets, see note 7 to the basic financial statements.

DEBT

At June 30, 2005 the School had \$1,684 in outstanding debt, all of which is due within one year. Table 4 summarizes the debt outstanding.

**Table 4
Outstanding Debt, at Year End**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Capital Leases Payable	\$1,684	\$4,782
Total Outstanding Debt	<u>\$1,684</u>	<u>\$4,782</u>

For more information on outstanding debt, see Note 13 to the basic financial statements.

CURRENT FINANCIAL ISSUES

The utilization of the Lucas County Educational Service Center as the Academy's fiscal agent greatly improves its internal control structure and the quality of its financial records. During the 2004-2005 school year, there were approximately 97 students enrolled in the Academy. The Academy receives its finances mostly from state aid. Per pupil aid for fiscal year 2005 amounted to \$5,169 per student.

CONTACTING THE ACADEMY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to show the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact Mr. Martin Stephens, Treasurer of Quest Academy Community School, 190 E. 8th Street, Lima, Ohio 45804 or e-mail at mstephe2@ford.com.

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**QUEST ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

Assets:

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$109,916
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	91,057
Prepaid Items	<u>3,735</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>204,708</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>23,025</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>23,025</u>
Total Assets	227,733

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	3,625
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	55,158
Compensated Absences Payable	4,128
Due to Students	2,779
Intergovernmental Payable	16,346
Capital Leases Payable	<u>1,684</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>83,720</u>

Net Assets:

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	21,341
Restricted	81,728
Unrestricted	<u>40,944</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$144,013</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

Operating Revenues:

Foundation Payments	\$564,091
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	23,145
Special Education	4,588
Food Services	5,755
Other Operating Revenues	1,725
Total Operating Revenues	<u>599,304</u>

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	490,624
Fringe Benefits	110,630
Purchased Services	178,621
Materials and Supplies	38,128
Depreciation	12,622
Other Operating Expenses	21,930
Total Operating Expenses	<u>852,555</u>

Operating Loss (253,251)

Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses:

Operating Grants - Federal	157,248
Operating Grants - State	1,844
Interest	1,990
Contributions and Donations	2,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(2,414)
Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	<u>160,668</u>

Change in Net Assets (92,583)

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 236,596

Net Assets at End of Year \$144,013

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$589,839
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	7,500
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(240,057)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(474,301)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(97,106)
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Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(214,125)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:

Cash Received from Operating Grants - Federal	123,372
Cash Received from Operating Grants - State	15,736
Cash Received Contributions and Donations	2,000
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Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	141,108

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:

Cash Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(3,422)
Cash Payments for Principal Payments	(3,098)
Cash Payments for Interest Payments	(2,414)
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Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(8,934)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Cash Received from Interest on Investments	1,990
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Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents (79,961)

Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year 189,877

Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year 109,916

**Reconciliation of Operating Loss
to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Operating Loss (253,251)

**Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss
to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:**

Depreciation	12,622
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Prepaid Items	3,038
Increase in Accounts Payable	351
Increase in Accrued Wages Payable	16,471
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	7,466
Decrease in Due to Students	(674)
Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable	(148)
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Total Adjustments	39,126

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities (\$214,125)

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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**QUEST ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ALLEN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2005**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Quest Academy Community School (the Academy) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The Academy is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Academy's tax-exempt status.

The Academy's objective is to provide a holistic education utilizing the classroom as well as the community. The educational approach addresses multiple learning styles while emphasizing teamwork, community service and family involvement to build on the students' cultural inheritance in order to nurture their individual creativity, talents, and special interests.

The Academy is a general population school, although a majority of the students are anticipated to reside in neighborhoods whose populations are "at risk" demographically: low income, low education levels, higher unemployment than surrounding areas, high transience rate, and a correspondingly high percentage of rental homes and aged housing in poor repair. The Academy provided services to students in grades kindergarten through fifth for the fiscal year ended 2005.

The Academy, 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 Academy may acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the school.

The Academy was reassigned for operation under a contract with the Ohio Department of Education to the Lucas County Educational Service Center (the Sponsor) for a period of five years commencing in the 2006 academic year. 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.

The Academy operates under the direction of a seven-member Governing Board. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The Governing Board controls the Academy's one instructional/support facility staffed by 8 non-certified and 12 certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 97 students.

The Academy has entered into a service agreement with the Sponsor to provide certain financial and accounting services and the Treasurer of the Sponsor serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Academy. (See Note 15)

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 a governmental nonprofit organization. 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, to its proprietary activities, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the Academy's accounting policies are described below.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2005
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis of Presentation

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. The Academy uses Enterprise accounting to track and report on its financial activities. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position, and cash flows.

B. 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 statements of net assets. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Academy finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

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.

Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to Academy on 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 provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the Academy and its Sponsor. The contract between the Academy and its Sponsor does prescribe an annual budget requirement in addition to preparing a five-year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the Academy are accounted for by the Academy's fiscal agent, the Lucas County Educational Service Center. All cash received by the fiscal agent is maintained in separate bank accounts in the Academy's name. Monies for the Academy are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net assets, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Academy are considered to be cash equivalents.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2005
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Intergovernmental Revenues

The Academy currently participates in the State Foundation Program, the State Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) Program, and the State Special Education Program. Revenues from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements are met.

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

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

The Academy participates in various federal and state programs through the Ohio Department of Education. The programs the Academy participated in during fiscal year 2005 includes: EMIS, ONE NET, Schoolnet, Student Intervention, IDEA Part B, Title I, Title V, Title IV, Title IIA, Title IID, and the School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

Amounts awarded under the above named programs for fiscal year 2005 totaled \$750,916.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2005, are recorded 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.

H. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars for tangible assets and fifteen thousand dollars for improvements to capital assets. The Academy does not possess 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.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5
Leasehold Improvements	15

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2005
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Accrued Liabilities

The Academy has recognized certain expenses due but unpaid as of June 30, 2005. These expenses are reported as accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements, which includes STRS employer's share of \$11,452, SERS employer's share of \$692, SERS surcharge of \$1,405, Medicare of \$705 and worker's compensation of \$2,092.

J. Compensated Absences

Full-time Academy staff earns vacation leave each year, after six months of service, and are allowed to carry-over any unused vacation leave to subsequent school years. Vacation leave must be used, in lieu of payment, prior to separation of employment. No members of the staff had vacation leave earned in the current year that had not been used at year-end.

Personal leave may not be accumulated from year to year; however, personal days remaining at June 30 are compensated to each staff member at the rate of \$100 dollars per unused day. Nine members of the staff had personal leave earned in the current year that had not been used at year-end. The unused personal leave amounts are shown as current liabilities.

Employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may accumulate to equal the number of days contracted, plus sixty. Sick leave is not paid upon termination. Upon retirement, regular employees of the Academy shall be entitled to severance pay based upon the monetary value of their accumulated and unused sick leave at the time of retirement at the rate of one-fourth of the first one hundred twenty days plus one-seventh of any days in excess of the 120 days, at the per diem rate at the time of retirement. Currently the Academy does not have any employees eligible to receive severance pay.

K. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditor, grantor, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Academy applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

L. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. For the Academy, these revenues are primarily foundation payments from the State. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the Academy. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

M. 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.

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3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal year 2005, the Academy implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 40, *"Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosure"*. GASB Number 40 establishes and modifies the disclosure requirements related to investment risks. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change to the Academy's financial statements.

4. RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The restatement is due to adjustments to record the prior year accrued wages and related liabilities and to adjust the overstatement of the SERS surcharge amount. This restatement had the following effect on net assets at June 30, 2004.

Net Assets June 30, 2004	\$259,612
Change in Accrued Wages	(37,919)
Change in Intergovernmental Payable	<u>14,903</u>
Adjusted Net Assets at July 1, 2004	<u>\$236,596</u>

5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes require the classification of the monies held by the School into three categories:

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the School Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive monies are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim monies must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings accounts including but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim monies are to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, or Ohio local governments;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Protection of the School's cash and deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets. By law, financial institutions must collateralize all public deposits.

At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$109,916. \$100,000 of the School's deposits was insured by Federal depository insurance.

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2005, \$30,292 of the School's bank balance of \$130,292 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the School's name.

The School has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Academy or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Investments - The School had no investments.

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6. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2005, consisted of intergovernmental receivables. All receivables are considered collectable in full due to the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Intergovernmental:	
IDEA-B '05	\$14,983
Title I '05	57,358
Title V '05	839
Title IV '05	1,785
Title IIA '05	15,337
Title IID '05	755
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>\$91,057</u>

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	<u>Balance 06/30/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/05</u>
Capital Assets:				
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$61,970			\$61,970
Leasehold Improvements		3,422		3,422
Total Capital Assets	<u>61,970</u>	<u>3,422</u>		<u>65,392</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(29,745)	(12,394)		(42,139)
Leasehold Improvements		(228)		(228)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(29,745)</u>	<u>(12,622)</u>		<u>(42,367)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$32,225</u>	<u>(\$9,200)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$23,025</u>

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Insurance Coverage

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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, the Academy contracted with the Zurich Insurance Company and American National Life Insurance Company for insurance coverage as follows:

Commercial General Liability	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	3,000,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000
Excess Liability	1,000,000
Directors and Officers Liability	1,000,000
Directors and Officers Aggregate	3,000,000

The Academy owns no real estate, but leases a facility located at 190 E. 8th Street, Lima, Ohio, 45804.

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

B. Workers' Compensation

The Academy pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

C. Employee Medical and Life Benefits

The Academy has contracted through an independent agent to provide employee medical and life insurance to its full time employees who work 20 or more hours per week. The Academy pays the monthly premiums for all selected coverage (medical and life insurance).

9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Academy contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to 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. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476, or by calling (614) 222-5833.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Academy was required to contribute 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 the fiscal year 2005, 10.57 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 statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board.

The Academy's required contribution for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$9,686, \$7,196 and \$6,659, respectively; 100 percent has been paid for fiscal years 2005, 2004 and 2003.

B. State Teachers Retirement Systems (STRS)

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 issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, or by calling (614) 227-4090 or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Options – New members have a choice of three retirement plan options, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan.

DB Plan Benefits – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. This plan offers an annual retirement based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit,” the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years.

The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2 percent multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5 percent. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6 percent for 32 years, 2.7 percent for 33 years and so on) until 100 percent of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5 percent instead of 2.2 percent.

Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

DC Plan Benefits – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5 percent are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices.

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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. 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.

Combined Plan Benefits – The member allocates Member contributions, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1 percent of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for a money-purchase benefit or a lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance.

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9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Benefits are increased annually by 3 percent of the original base amount for Defined Benefit Plan participants.

The Defined Benefit and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependent. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio Law health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A Defined Benefit 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. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the Defined Benefit Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC, or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contributions rate 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.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, 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. The Academy's required contribution for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$49,746, \$42,922 and \$39,462, respectively; 90 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2005 and 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 2003. Contributions to the DC and Combined plans for fiscal year 2005 were \$0 made by the Academy and \$0 made by the plan members.

10. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The Ohio Revised Code gives SERS the discretionary authority to provide postretirement health care to retirees and their dependents. Coverage is made is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, disability and survivor benefit recipients. Effective January 1, 2004, all retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their health care premium. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status. A safety net is in place for retirees whose household income falls below federal poverty levels. Premiums are reduced by 50 percent for those who apply.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. At June 30, 2005, the healthcare allocation is 3.43 percent of covered payroll, a decrease of 1.48 percent from fiscal year 2004.

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10. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2005, the minimum pay was established at \$27,400. However, the surcharge is capped at 2 percent of each employer's SERS salaries. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. For the fiscal year 2005, the Academy paid \$4,548 to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge.

Health care benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses, before premium deduction. Gross expenses for health care at June 30, 2004 (the latest information available), were \$223,443,805, and the target level was \$335.2 million. At June 30, 2004, the Retirement System's net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$300.8 million. The number of recipients currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 62,000.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans and their dependents. Coverage under the current plan includes hospitalization, physicians' fees prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Pursuant to the Revised Code, the State Teachers Retirement Board (the Board) has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. The Revised Code grants authority to STRS Ohio to provide health care coverage to eligible benefit recipients, spouses and dependents. By Ohio Law, health care benefits are not guaranteed and the cost of the coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. The Retirement Board allocates employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund from which health care benefits are paid. For fiscal year June 30, 2005, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the Academy, this amount equaled \$3,827 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. STRS pays health benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2004, (the latest information available) the balance in the fund was \$3.1 billion. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$268,739,000 and there were 111,853 eligible benefit recipients.

11. OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

Full-time Academy staff earns vacation leave each year, after six months of service, and are allowed to carry over any unused vacation leave to subsequent school years. Vacation leave must be used, in lieu of payment, prior to separation of employment.

Personal leave may not be accumulated from year to year; however personal days remaining at June 30 are compensated to each staff member at the rate of \$100 per unused day.

Employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may accumulate to equal the number of days contracted, plus sixty. Sick leave is not paid upon termination. Upon retirement, regular employees of the Academy shall be entitled to severance pay based upon the monetary value of their accumulated and unused sick leave at the time of retirement at the rate of one-fourth of the first one hundred twenty days plus one-seventh of any days in excess of the 120 days, at the per diem rate at time of retirement.

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12. OPERATING LEASES

The Academy entered into a lease for classroom facilities with the Philippian Missionary Baptist Church, located at 190 East Eighth Street, Lima, Ohio. The term of the lease is for one year commencing on July 1, 2004 and ending on June 30, 2005. The rent for the lease is \$36,000 annually, payable in equal monthly installments of \$3,000 each.

13. CAPITALIZED LEASE - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During 2001, the Academy entered into a capital lease for a copying machine. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. The capital lease has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The capital lease has a term of 63 months and is payable monthly. The capital lease principal payments for the fiscal year totaled \$3,098. Monthly lease payments (principal and interest) are \$290. In addition to the lease payments, the lease agreement included a \$45 monthly copy cost and an excess copy charge of \$0.015 per copy for copies in excess of 3,000 on each copier.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2005:

<u>Year Ending 2006</u>	
Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$1,740</u>
Less: Amount representing Interest	<u>(56)</u>
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u><u>\$1,684</u></u>

The Academy had committed to the purchase of a copier with the Philippian Missionary Baptist Church who also leased a copier. The two copiers were leased under one lease agreement in order to keep costs at a minimum. The Church and the Academy each separately pay their proportionate share of the lease on a monthly basis.

14. PURCHASED SERVICES

For the year ended June 30, 2005, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, as follows:

Professional and Technical Services	\$40,955
Property Services	69,611
Travel Mileage/Meeting Expense	6,869
Communications	10,459
Contracted Craft or Trade Services	<u>50,727</u>
Total Purchased Services	<u><u>\$178,621</u></u>

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15. FISCAL AGENT

The Academy entered into a service agreement as part of its Sponsorship contract with the Treasurer of the Lucas County Educational Service Center to serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Academy. As part of this agreement, the Academy shall compensate the Lucas County Educational Service Center two percent (2 percent) of the per pupil allotment paid to the Academy from the State of Ohio. A total contract payment of \$13,940 was paid during the fiscal year, and an amount of \$681 was accrued as a liability for the year ended June 30, 2005.

The contract stipulates that the Treasurer shall perform all of the following functions while serving as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Academy:

- Maintain custody of all funds received by the Academy in segregated accounts separate from the Sponsor or any other Community School's funds;
- Maintain all books and accounts of the Academy;
- Maintain all financial records of the Academy and follow procedures for receiving and expending state funds, which procedures shall include that the Treasurer shall disburse money only upon receipt of a voucher signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Academy or that Officer's designee;
- Assist the Academy in meeting all financial reporting requirements established by the Auditor of Ohio;
- Invest funds of the Academy in the same manner as the funds of the Sponsor are invested, but the Treasurer shall not commingle the funds with any of the Sponsor or any other community school; and
- Pay obligations incurred by the Academy within a reasonable amount of time, not more than 14 calendar days after receipt of a properly executed voucher signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Academy so long as the proposed expenditure is within the approved budget and funds are available.

16. RELATED PARTIES

The Academy committed to the purchase of a copier under a capital lease in the name of Philippian Missionary Baptist Church. The Philippian Missionary Baptist Church is also leasing a copier. The two copiers were leased under one legal agreement to obtain a better price for each copier. The Executive Administrator (Superintendent) for Quest Academy is also the minister of the Philippian Missionary Baptist Church. During the year ended 2005, the school leased classroom space from the church and paying maintenance cost with the lease of this space. (See Notes 12 and 13)

17. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The Academy receives significant financial assistance from numerous 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 is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the operating funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial statements or on the overall financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2005.

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17. CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

B. School 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. ODE has not yet conducted a review of the Academy's 2005 student enrollment data and FTE calculations. For 2005, the Academy does not anticipate revenue adjustments based on the results of any such review.

C. Litigation

A suit was filed in Franklin County common Pleas Court on May 14, 2001 alleging Ohio's Community (i.e., Charter) Schools program violates the state Constitution and state laws. On April 21, 2003 the court dismissed the counts containing constitutional claims and stayed the other counts pending appeal of the constitutional issues. The plaintiffs appealed to the Court of Appeals, the issues have been briefed, and the case was heard on November 18th, 2003.

On August 24, 2004, the Court of Appeals rendered a decision that Community Schools are part of the state public educational system and this matter was sent to the Ohio Supreme Court. The Ohio Supreme Court accepted the appeal from the Court of Appeals for review on February 16, 2005. Oral arguments occurred on November 29, 2005. The effect of this suit, if any, on the Academy is not presently determinable.



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

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

Quest Academy Community School
Allen County
190 East Eighth Street
Lima, Ohio 45804

To the Governing Board:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Quest Academy Community School, Allen County, (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2005. 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 to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Academy's management dated December 6, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Academy'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 intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Directors. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

December 6, 2005



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
DECEMBER 30, 2005**