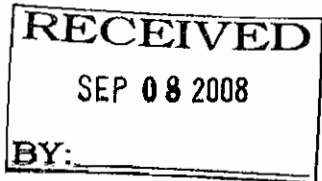


Lawrence Academy

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2008



LAWRENCE ACADEMY
(A Department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and a Component Unit of Miami-Dade County School District)
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
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Introductory Summary

Name and Address

Lawrence Academy Inc
777 W. Palm Drive
Florida City, FL 33177

Director

Dr. Keitha Burnett

Governing Board

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Report of Independent Auditor

To The Board of Directors
Lawrence Academy, Inc
777 W. Palm Drive
Florida City, FL 33177

I have audited the accompanying government-wide and fund financial statements of Lawrence Academy (a department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and a component unit of Miami-Dade County School District) as listed in the table of contents as of June 30, 2008 and for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These statements are the responsibility of management; my responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on the audit.

I conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America, and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, as they relate to financial audits. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether these statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used, and significant estimates made by management, and examining the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that the audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements mentioned in the first paragraph, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lawrence Academy as of June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, and the changes in its net assets 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, I have also issued a report dated August 26, 2008, on our consideration of Lawrence Academy's internal control over financial reporting, and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts and grants. The report on internal control is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budget comparison are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Auditor general of the State of Florida. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Verna James
Certified Public Accountant

August 26, 2008

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

The management of Lawrence Academy has prepared this discussion and analysis to serve as an introduction to the School's financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008 are presented in accordance with GASB 34. The basic financial statements have 3 parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, the report also contains other required supplementary information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (pages 8-9)

The government-wide financial statements consist of the statement on net assets and statements of activities, and are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the school's finances. The statement of net assets presents information on all the School's assets and liabilities, the difference between the two being described as net assets. Increases or decreases in net asset may be an indicator of improvement or deterioration in the School's financial position.

The statement of activities presents information on how the School's net assets changed during the past year. All changes in net assets are reported when underlying event occurs without regard to the timing of related cash flows. Accordingly revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items for which the actual cash flows will result in the following year.

Fund Financial Statements (pages 10-13)

A fund is a self balancing set of related accounts grouped together to maintain control over resources that have been provided for specific activities, projects, or objectives. Lawrence Academy uses fund accounting to ensure and report compliance with financial-related legal requirements. All the activities of the School are governmental activities, and are reported under the general fund, as there are no activities that require separate reporting. The general fund reports on the same activities included in the government-wide statements, but with a focus on near term inflows and outflows. The general fund balance as of June 30, 2008, therefore excludes investments in fixed assets, and represents resources available for expenditure in the near term.

The School's Board adopts an annual budget for the general fund, and a budgetary comparison statement has been provided to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information which is essential to a full understanding of the basic financial statements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

Analysis of Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

At year's end Lawrence Academy had a sound financial position with assets exceeding liabilities by \$160,172 as shown in the comparative statement of net assets below.

Statement of Net Assets

ASSETS	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	75,155	144,770
Prepaid Equipment	4,631	9,325
Due From Other Agencies	<u>22,012</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>101,798</u>	<u>154,095</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:		
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (Note 4)	175,130	143,861
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(87,715)</u>	<u>(48,688)</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	<u>87,415</u>	<u>95,173</u>
Total Assets	<u>189,213</u>	<u>249,268</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes Payable	21,741	35,609
Other accrued liabilities	<u>7,300</u>	<u>11,084</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>29,041</u>	<u>46,693</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	87,415	95,173
Unrestricted (Note 2)	<u>72,757</u>	<u>107,402</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>160,172</u>	<u>202,575</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>189,213</u>	<u>249,268</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

The statement of activities shown below indicate increases in revenues, but relatively more increases in expenses resulting in a reduction in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2008. The primary reason for the reduction in net assets is the effort to increase the School's academic performance over the previous year. The School hired a math coach, a reading coach, and purchased specialized texts and other teaching materials. Increased expenses also reflect additional facilities such as a canteen, and a teacher's lounge. Management is very happy to report that our efforts were rewarded with the School's 'FCAT' grade improving from an F to a C.

Statement of Activities

	Y/e June 30, 2008	Y/e June 30, 2007
REVENUES	\$	\$
General Revenues	821,063	786,682
Program Revenues	175,179	86,450
Charges for Services	<u>12,294</u>	<u>14,975</u>
Total Revenue	1,008,536	888,107
EXPENSES		
Instruction	322,108	245,849
General Administration	222,137	143,491
School Administration	141,262	191,164
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	224,303	111,967
Fiscal Services	30,475	9,749
Food Services	39,960	59,653
Pupil Transportation Services	36,854	34,575
Operation of Plant	27,313	19,411
Maintenance of Plant	6,527	
Total Expenses	1,050,939	815,859
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 (42,403)	 72,248
NET ASSET AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>202,575</u>	<u>130,327</u>
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF YEAR	<u><u>160,172</u></u>	<u><u>202,575</u></u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

Fund Financial Statements

At year's end Lawrence Academy's general fund had a balance \$72,757. This is the amount that is available for near term expenditures. The difference between the fund balance and the net assets is the amount invested in fixed assets.

General Fund Budget Analysis

The excess of actual expenditures over amounts budgeted was primarily due to programs designed to improve student academic performance.

	Annual Budget	Actual
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
General Revenues	859,476	896,607
Program Revenues	93,230	100,784
Charges for Services	<u>-</u>	<u>11,145</u>
Total Revenues	952,706	1,008,536
EXPENSES		
Instruction	310,611	322,108
General Administration	159,372	222,137
School Administration	132,331	141,262
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	173,250	185,276
Fiscal Services	5,280	30,475
Food Services	39,204	39,960
Pupil Transportation Services	23,400	36,854
Operation of Plant	39,000	27,313
Maintenance of Plant	744	6,527
Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	<u>10,000</u>	<u>31,269</u>
Total Expenses	893,192	1,043,181
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	59,514	(34,645)
FUND BALANCE AT THE START OF THE YEAR	<u>107,402</u>	<u>107,402</u>
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF YEAR	<u>166,916</u>	<u>72,757</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

Enrollment

Lawrence Academy had enrollment as follows during the year:

	2008/2007	2007/2006
Grade 6	40	47
Grade 7	48	45
Grade 8	46	44
Total	<u>134</u>	<u>136</u>

Achievement

The School's 'FCAT' grade improved by two letter grades; moving from an F for the school year ending June 30, 2007 to a C for the year ending June 30, 2008.

Request for Information

This financial report is intended to provide an overview of the financial position of Lawrence Academy. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Dr. Keitha Burnett, Lawrence Academy, 777 W. Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida City, FL 33177.

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Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

ASSETS

\$

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	75,155
Prepaid Equipment	4,631
Due From Other Agencies	<u>22,012</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>101,798</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (Note 4)	175,130
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(87,715)</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	<u>87,415</u>

Total Assets 189,213

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes Payable	21,741
Other accrued liabilities	<u>7,300</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>29,041</u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets	87,415
Unrestricted (Note 2)	<u>72,757</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>160,172</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 189,213

The notes on pages 14-18 are an integral part of these financial statements.

LAWRENCE ACADEMY
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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended June 30, 2008

FUNCTIONS	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
Governmental Activities	Expenses	Charges for	Operating	Revenue
		Services	Grants and	and Changes in
			Contributions	Net Assets
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Instruction	321,150		100,784	(220,366)
General Administration	172,650			(172,650)
School Administration	141,267			(141,267)
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	225,256			(225,256)
Fiscal Services	79,962			(79,962)
Food Services	39,960	11,145		(28,815)
Pupil Transportation Services	36,854			(36,854)
Operation of Plant	27,313			(27,313)
Maintenance of Plant	6,527			(6,527)
Total governmental activities	1,050,939	11,145	100,784	(939,010)
General Revenues				
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				896,607
				(42,403)
NET ASSETS AT THE START OF THE YEAR				202,575
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR				160,172

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General Fund Balance Sheet
Year Ended June 30, 2008

ASSETS

\$

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	75,155
Due to Other Agencies	22,012
Prepaid Equipment	<u>4,631</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	101,798
Total Assets	<u>101,798</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes Payable	21,741
Other accrued liabilities	<u>7,300</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	29,041
 General fund	 <u>72,757</u>
Total Liabilities and fund balances	<u>101,798</u>

The notes on pages 14-18 are an integral part of these financial statements

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Reconciliation of the Government Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement Of Net Assets

As of Year Ended June 30, 2008

	\$
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	72,757
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in funds	<u>87,415</u>
Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities	<u><u>160,172</u></u>

The notes on pages 14-18 are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund \$
General Revenues	821,063
Program Revenues	175,179
Charges for Services	<u>12,294</u>
	1,008,536
Expenditures	
Instruction	322,108
General Administration	222,137
School Administration	141,262
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	185,276
Fiscal Services	30,475
Food Services	39,960
Pupil Transportation Services	36,854
Operation of Plant	27,313
Maintenance of Plant	6,527
Furniture Fixtures & Equipment	<u>31,269</u>
	1,043,181
Net Change in fund balance	(34,645)
Fund balance at beginning of the year	<u>107,402</u>
Fund balance at the end of the year	<u>72,757</u>

The notes on pages 14-18 are an integral part of these financial statements

Lawrence Academy

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities.

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

\$

Net Change in General Fund Balance (34,645)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in
the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.
However in the statement of activities the cost of these
is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation
expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense
exceeds capital outlays in the current period.

(7,758)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

(42,403)

The notes on pages 14-18 are an integral part of these financial statements

Lawrence Academy

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

NOTE –1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

Lawrence Academy, a charter school, is a department of Lawrence Academy, Inc., which was incorporated on November 10, 2004 as a not-for-profit under the laws of the state of Florida. The School is recognized as a public school (a component unit) within the District of Miami Dade County, as such, the school is funded on the same basis as the District. Additionally, Florida Statutes Section 1002.33, states that the School Board shall monitor revenues and expenditures of the charter schools. Charter schools are funded from public funds based on enrollment, and can also be eligible for grants in accordance with the state and federal guidelines, including food service and capital outlay. Additionally, all students enrolled in charter schools are included in the District's total enrollment. Charter schools can accept private donations and incur debt in the operation of the school. The school operates under a charter granted by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the sponsor). The current charter is affective until June 30, 2015, and may be renewed for an additional fifteen years by mutual agreement of the parties.

In April 2007 Lawrence Academy, Inc was granted an additional charter from the School Board of Miami Dade County of Florida to operate a public high school within the school district. This new school, Lawrence Academy Senior High operates from the same location, but has separate financial statements which are not incorporated in these basic financial statements. The sponsor may cancel the contract for cause as set out in the contract.

The school may also be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the school regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by another government, or jointly approved board. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the school are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

As a result of evaluating the above criteria, management has determined that no component units exist for which the school is financially accountable, which would require inclusion in the school's basic financial statement.

NOTE 2- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Basis of Presentation

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – Audits for States and Local Governments and Provisions of the Florida Statutes, the School is presented as a governmental organization for financial reporting purposes.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include a statement of net assets and statement of activities. These statements report results for the school as a whole, and cover only government activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities.

The statement of net assets presents the difference between assets and liabilities as net assets, which are divided into three categories: amount invested in capital assets, restricted net assets, and unrestricted net assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when constraints are imposed on the use of the amounts either externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations by other governments or enabling legislation.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities, and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include (1) charges for services which report fees, and (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to specific program uses. Other revenues not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a self balancing set of related accounts grouped together to maintain control over resources that have been provided for specific activities, projects, or objectives. Lawrence Academy uses fund accounting to ensure and report compliance with financial and legal requirements. All the activities of the School are governmental activities, and are reported under the general fund, as there are no activities that require separate reporting. The general fund reports on the same activities included in the government-wide statements, but with a focus on near term inflows and outflows. The general fund balance as of June 30, 2008, therefore excludes investments in fixed assets, and represents resources available for expenditure in the near term.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly revenues are recorded when earned and expenses when incurred without regard to the timing of related cash flows.

The general fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are both measurable and available. 'Measurable' means the amount of transaction can be determined, and 'available' means the amount is collectible within the near term. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Functional allocation of expenses

The cost of providing program services, have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly certain costs have been allocated among the programs benefited.

Property and equipment

The organization capitalizes all expenditures for fixed assets in excess of \$500. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

Revenue Recognition

The organization's revenue is derived from local governmental. Grant revenue is recognized based on the amount of grant expenses incurred in accordance with budgeted items provided in the grant contract. Grants awarded for specific purposes other than general operations of the organization are deemed to be earned when the organization has incurred expenses in compliance with specific restrictions.

Post Retirement Benefits

The school provides no post retirement benefits.

Compensated Absences

The school grants ten days for sick and personal leave to full time employees. Employees with unused days at the end of the fiscal year may carry them forward to the following year. The School does not allow employees to take cash in lieu of leave. The financial statements include an accrual for unused sick and vacation leave.

Income Tax

Lawrence Academy Inc., under which the School operates, is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The School is a department of Lawrence Academy, Inc. (the corporation) and is affiliated with the Lawrence Academy High School, another department of the corporation. The two schools share certain costs as a result of operating out of the same facility. The schools may also advance monies temporarily, to each other. Resulting from such transactions, there remains a due from Lawrence Academy Senior High of \$22,012 as of June 30, 2008.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital asset balances for the year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Balance July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2008</u>
	\$	\$		\$
Buildings and Improvements	19,811	18,650	-	38,461
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	<u>124,050</u>	<u>12,619</u>		<u>136,669</u>
	143,861	31,269		<u>175,130</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>48,688</u>	<u>39,027</u>		<u>87,715</u>
Total	<u>95,173</u>	<u>(7,758)</u>		<u>87,415</u>

NOTE 5 – GRANT SOURCES

Below is a schedule of sources of grant for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	\$
2005-2008 Public Charter School Planning program	
Design & Implementation Project	74,395
State Funds – Remedial Programs	36,579
Title 1 Funds	64,205
Florida Education Finance Program	819,562
Total	<u>994,741</u>

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 6 – CONTINGENCIES:

Grantor Audits

Costs reflected in the accompanying financial statements relating to government funded programs are subject to audit by the Grantor Agency. The possible disallowance by the Grantor of any item charged to the program cannot be determined at this time. No provision has been made in these financial statements for any liability that may result.

NOTE 7 – LEASE EXPENSES

The organization has entered into a five year lease for the premises occupied by the School. Accordingly, lease commitments are as follows:

Year ending June 30, 2009	\$ 198,000
Year ending June 30, 2010	16,500
Total	<u>214,500</u>

NOTE 8 – RISK FINANCING

The school is exposed to risks inherent in operating a school. The school places all risks, less nominal deductibles, with commercial insurance carriers. The management believes that risks are adequately insured, and that any deductibles that may be incurred in the event of a loss, will not materially affect the financial position of the school.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Lawrence Academy
A department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and
A component unit of the School District of Miami-Dade County
777 W. Palm Drive
Florida City, FL 33177

I have audited the basic financial statements of Lawrence Academy (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 and have issued a report thereon dated August 26, 2008. I conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of Lawrence Academy, are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The result of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

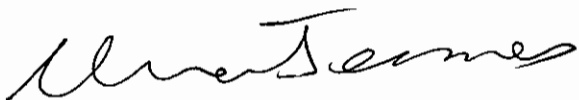
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing the audit, I considered internal control over financial reporting in order to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school's internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control reporting that might be considered significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However as discussed, below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting considered to be significant deficiencies. A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow

management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned duties, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control elements does not reduce to a relatively low level, the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we considered to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving internal control over financial reporting, which we reported to management of Lawrence Academy.

This report is intended solely for the Board of Directors, management, and grantor agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Verna James
Certified Public Accountant

August 26, 2006



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August 26, 2008

Dr. Keitha Burnett
Director
Lawrence Academy
751 West Palm Drive
Florida City FL 33034

Dear Dr. Burnett:

I have audited the accompanying government-wide and fund financial statements of Lawrence Academy as of June 30, 2008 and for the year then ended, and have issued a report thereon dated August 26, 2008.

I conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America, and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, as they relate to financial audits. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated August 26, 2008, on our consideration of Lawrence Academy's internal control over financial reporting, and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts and grants. Disclosures in that report, if any, should be read in conjunction with this management letter.

This audit was also conducted in accordance with Section 218.39(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 10.856(2), which govern the conduct of charter school audits in the state of Florida, and require that certain items be addressed in this letter. Those items are as follows:

1. A statement as to whether corrective actions have been taken to address findings, and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

2. A statement as to whether or not the charter school has met one
Prior Year Findings and Recommendations

Cancellation of Invoices and other supporting documents

This item was discussed during the previous audit, and we note that a paid stamp was acquired and is being used to stamp the purchase order. We believe that it is also necessary to stamp the invoice and any other supporting documents as well.

Subsequent Action Taken

This procedure has been implemented, but the departure of a crucial staff member resulted in a period when it was not consistently applied. Management is committed to filling this position during the coming year, and consistently carrying out this function.

Coding of transactions

It was noted a number of transaction coded to the incorrect account, and inquiries have indicated that the primary reason for this is that the invoices and or the purchase order that includes the details are not provided to the outside accountant preparing your financial statements.

Subsequent Action Taken

Implemented

Evidence of receipt of equipment and supplies

It was noted that there is no written procedure to verify that supplies and equipment have been received prior to payment.

Management's response

In future the person receiving equipment and supplies will be required to sign the packing slip or other delivery document to detail what has been received. Such evidence of receipt of goods will be required before payments are made.

Management was not able to implement this procedure last year due to the unplanned departure of staff. Management is committed filling this position in the coming year, and instituting this procedure.

Cash Receipts

It was noted that there was no efficient way to verify deposits with cash receipts.

Management's response

Beginning immediately, an excel spreadsheet will be prepared for each cash deposit. The spreadsheet will detail different categories of collections and be traceable to the written receipts. Departure of staff during the year prevented this procedure from being consistently performed. Management is committed to filling the position in the coming year, so that the procedures can be performed.

Board Stewardship

It is necessary for the board's approval of the following items to be noted in the minutes:

- The budget
- The quarterly financial statements
- Items that exceed the budget by a material amount
- The pay rate including any supplementary pay

Subsequent Action Taken

Implemented

Review of Payroll Calculation

It was noted that there is no review of payroll calculations performed by the payroll leasing company, and recommend that the payroll calculation be reviewed and approved by a responsible official before the payroll is finalized.

Subsequent Action Taken

Implemented

Providing All Check Stubs to Outside Accountant

It was noted that checks were being entered from the bank statements instead of the check stubs, which could result in unrecorded transactions. It is recommended that all check stubs be provided to the outside accountant for processing.

Management's response

Recommendation will be implemented immediately. Staff departures prevented implementation of this procedure. Management is committed to filling the position in the coming year, so that the procedures can be performed.

2. A statement as to whether or not the charter school has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. [See also Rule 10.857(1).]

The School has not any conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. [See also Rule 10.857(1).] Specifically the School's results do not reveal a state of financial emergency.

3. Any recommendations to improve the school or center's financial

Current Year Findings

It is recommended that the fixed asset register be organized in the same categories as the general ledger, so that the details can be agreed with the general ledger.

Management's Response

This task will be part of the duties of the accounting clerk who will be hired in the coming year.

4. Violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial statement amounts that is less than material but more than inconsequential.

No violations of laws, regulations, contracts or agreements, or abuse have come to my attention, during the performance of the audit.

6. The name or official title of the school or center.

This is disclosed in the address section of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Verna James".

Verna James

Certified Public Accountant

August 26, 2008

Lawrence Academy Charter School

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August 26, 2008

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Management's Response to matters described below

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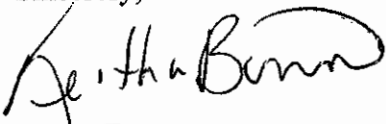
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Sincerely,



Keitha Burnett
Director

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AUDITOR GENERAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND CHARTER SCHOOL
AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST
(SECTION 11.45(3) (a), FLORIDA STATUTES
(To be submitted with the 2004-2005 fiscal year audit report)

DSB/Charter School Entity Name: **Lawrence Academy Charter School**
DSB/ Charter School Address: **777 West Palm Drive Florida City, Florida 33034**
DSB/Charter School E-Mail ADDRESS: **926286@dadaschools.net**
DSB/Charter School Contact Person:

Name : **Dr. Keitha Burnett**
Title : **Director**
Phone Number: **305-247-4800**

CPA or Other (if applicable):

Name: **Verna James**
Address: **10749 SW 104 ST, MIAMI FL 33176**
Phone Number: **305-595-2886**

Fiscal Year Audited: **Year ended June 30, 2008**

Date Auditor Delivered Audit Report to the DSB or Charter School Operations.
September 5, 2008

Does the audit report include the following items required by Sections 10.806(2) and 10.856(2),
Rules of the Auditor General:

- Yes Financial statements, as described in Sections 10.805(3) and 10.855(4), Rules of the Auditor General (as applicable), together with related notes to financial statements?
- Yes The auditor's report on the financial statement?
- yes The auditor's report on compliance and internal control?
- N/A Any other auditor's reports and related financial information required pursuant to the Federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, OMB Circular A-133, or other applicable Federal Law?
- Yes The management letter defined in sections 10.804(1)(d) and 10.854(1)(d), Rules of the Auditor General?
- Yes The written statement of explanation or rebuttal required by Sections 10.807(1) and 10.857(1), Rules of the Auditor General?

In addition to the above, have the following requirements been complied with:

Yes No Are two copies of the audit report being submitted as required by Sections 10.807(3) and 10.857(3), Rules of the Auditor General?

Yes No Was the audit report submitted within 45 days after the completion of the audit, but no later than 12 months after the end of the fiscal year? NOTE: There are no provisions in the statutes for any extensions for filling the audit report.

This checklist should accompany the audit report. It is suggested that you retain a copy of the checklist for your files. Do not hesitate to contact this office if assistance or clarification is needed regarding reporting requirements. Our address, telephone, and fax numbers are as follows:

Auditor General's Office
Claude Pepper Building, Room 412E
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450
Telephone: (850) 487-9039
Suncom: 277-9039
Fax : (850) 414-7488
Fax-Suncom : 994-7488
Contact Person: David Martin

The following information should be included in the audit by the organizations submitting their annual external audit. For charter schools, the Auditor General of the State of Florida has issued rules that must be complied with (chapter 10.850).

- Yes 1. The name and address of the school.
- Yes 2. The name of the principal running the school.
- Yes 3. Current list of the Board of Directors of the company:
- N/A 4. If the school is operated by a management company:
- _____ a. Name of the company
- _____ b. Address
- _____ c. List of principal officials
- _____ d. Contractual arrangement with the company, such as length of contract, terms total fees paid for the year, etc. (This information should be included in the footnotes to the financial statements)
- Yes 5. The financial statements must include comparative totals for the prior year.
- Yes 6. The financial statements must comply with GASB 34 requirements if applicable.
7. In the footnotes to the financial statements, the following should be disclosed:
- Yes a. Total school enrollment and grade configuration. If separate facilities are in operation, disclose name, address, and the enrollment and grade configuration at each facility.
- Yes b. Full disclosure of related party transactions, which should include the related party's name and address, disclosure of the address, and disclosure of the transaction, particularly if it is a loan that needs to be repaid (principal and interest paid and unpaid) If the debt is in arrears, disclosure of arrangements made to satisfy the debt.
- N/A c. Full disclosure of any other debt in arrears, particularly as they relate to the payment of withholding/social security taxes. Arrangements made to pay the debt(s)
- Yes d. For charter schools, full disclosure in the notes or as a separate schedule in the audit of the tangible personal property purchased with public funds. (It is a current contractual requirement for charter schools; however we recommend that it be part of the audit).
- N/A e. If there is a cash deficit position or significant losses shown in the financial statements, full disclosure as to how the school plans to keep operating. The current assets should be sufficient to cover the current liabilities. The issue is whether sufficient resources would be available to maintain the school open. This issue may be addressed in the management letter.
- N/A f. Any disclosure of events subsequent to the balance sheet date that the auditor believes are important to the readers of the financial statements (e.g. significant contractual arrangements and financing or refinancing of debt, payment of past due taxes, etc.).
- N/A 8. If the audit is not submitted within the contractually required deadline, the management letter must comment on it with the appropriate response from the organization as to how it is going to be remedied in future audit submittals.
- Yes 9. If there are Management Letter findings, each finding must include a response by the organization. If there were prior audit findings, the current audit must include the status of action taken, i.e., whether the recommendation was fully implemented and, if not, when (dates) it will be fully implemented. Note that quarterly reports may be required on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity or lack of resolution of the issues noted in the Management Letter.

10. Please enter the following information about the Certified Public Accountant issuing the audit report:

CPA's Name Verna James

CPA' Address 10749 SW 104 ST, Miami FL 33176

License No. AC0032641

Status Current/active

Expiration Date December 31, 2008