



**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORTS THEREON**

JUNE 30, 2009



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**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

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

Financial Highlights

The assets of the School exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$126,408 (net assets). This is an increase from the prior year, when assets of the School exceeded its liabilities by \$114,479.

Revenues from state and local sources increased 21% (\$445,966), while revenues from federal sources increased 6% (\$6,774) for a net increase in revenues. Expenses correspondingly increased 17% (\$393,740). The changes are primarily due to increases in enrollment.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts - the management discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the School:

The first two statements - the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, are government-wide financial statements that provide information about the School's overall financial status.

The remaining statements - the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the School, reporting the School's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by the private sector. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the School's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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The two government-wide financial statements report the School's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets - the difference between the School's assets and liabilities - are one way to measure the School's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

Net Assets

Table 1 provides a comparative summary of the School's net assets for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

(Table 1)
Net Assets

| | 2009 | 2008 | Increase (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | \$ 145,336 | \$ 61,866 | \$ 83,470 |
| Capital Assets, net | 30,725 | 62,734 | (32,009) |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 176,061</u> | <u>\$ 124,600</u> | <u>\$ 51,461</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | <u>\$ 49,653</u> | <u>\$ 10,121</u> | <u>\$ 39,532</u> |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets | 30,725 | 62,734 | (32,009) |
| Restricted for Capital Projects | 17,508 | - | 17,508 |
| Unrestricted | 78,175 | 51,745 | 26,430 |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 126,408</u> | <u>\$ 114,479</u> | <u>\$ 11,929</u> |

The increase in current assets is directly related to capital outlay income which is due to the School, but was not received by year end. Net capital assets decreased as a result of depreciation expense in excess of capital assets purchased in the current year. Current liabilities increased due to amounts due to WHLS of Florida. Net assets increased due to the current years excess of revenues over expenses.

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Change in Net Assets

Table 2 shows the comparative summary of changes in net assets and revenues and expenses for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

(Table 2)
Change in Net Assets

| | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Federal Sources Passed Through | | | |
| Local School District | \$ 115,954 | \$ 109,180 | \$ 6,774 |
| State and Local Sources | 2,569,526 | 2,123,560 | 445,966 |
| Total Revenues | <u>2,685,480</u> | <u>2,232,740</u> | <u>452,740</u> |
| Expenses | | | |
| Instruction | 812,181 | 889,211 | (77,030) |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 266,637 | 228,591 | 38,046 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 57,972 | 116,992 | (59,020) |
| Board | 37,977 | 23,605 | 14,372 |
| School Administration | 1,074,313 | 610,265 | 464,048 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | - | 22,587 | (22,587) |
| Operation of Plant | 397,405 | 328,464 | 68,941 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 27,066 | 60,096 | (33,030) |
| Total Expenses | <u>2,673,551</u> | <u>2,279,811</u> | <u>393,740</u> |
| Change in Net Assets | <u>\$ 11,929</u> | <u>\$ (47,071)</u> | <u>\$ 59,000</u> |

Total revenue increased as a result of a higher FTE count in the current year and as a result of federal grants received by the School. Total expenses increased due to the management agreement that the School has in place with the management company that provides that specific amounts of funding received be paid back to the management company (see Note 7). The School also had to meet the needs of a higher student count than in the previous year.

Certain reclassifications were made in the 2008 amounts to conform to their classifications in fiscal year 2009.

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Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts, which the School uses to keep track of sources of funding and spending.

The School's basic services are included in governmental funds which focus 1) on how financial assets can be converted to cash flows and 2) on the year-end balances available for spending.

In particular, unreserved fund balance is a useful measure of the School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As of the end of the current fiscal year the School's governmental funds reported a combined ending unreserved fund balance of \$78,175.

Budgetary Highlights

The School prepares an annual budget in June based on the expected funded enrollment figure for the following school year. The budget is revised once the School's final full-time equivalent enrollment is determined based on the required count dates.

The School's final general fund budget estimated a \$90,245 carryover to the following year. Actual results produced a carryover in the general fund of \$78,175.

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2009 the School had \$250,459 invested in computer software and furniture and equipment. Table 3 shows comparative balances of capital assets for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

(Table 3)
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

| | 2009 | 2008 | Increase (Decrease) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | |
| Computer Software | \$ 24,667 | \$ 53,914 | \$ (29,247) |
| Furniture and Equipment | 6,058 | 8,820 | (2,762) |
| | \$ 30,725 | \$ 62,734 | \$ (32,009) |

For more information on capital assets, see Note 4 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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Current Financial Issues

As explained more fully in Note 7 to the basic financial statements, the School contracts with WHLS of Florida, LLC ("WHLS") for the majority of its day-to-day services which include facilities, equipment, technology, operational support services (including execution of the educational model), personnel and training, management and management consulting. WHLS agrees to provide these services for a percentage share of the per pupil revenues received by the School from the District School Board of Palm Beach County thereby assuming the financial risk that such share of revenues will not be sufficient to cover expenses. Payment of any excess expenses by WHLS do not represent a loan or future obligation of the School to WHLS.

For fiscal year 2009, the School's third year of operation, WHLS provided no additional support to the School. The School projects that with the absence of upfront capital investments in the facility, the School will not require support from WHLS during fiscal year 2010.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Trudy Crowetz, Financial Manager for the Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc., 600 N. Congress Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33445.



Report of Independent Auditors on Basic Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

To the Board of Directors of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc. (the "School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc. as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 September 26, 2009 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 - 5 and the budgetary comparison schedules on pages 21 - 22 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

BKHM, P.A.

Winter Park, Florida
September 26, 2009

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2009

| ASSETS | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 93,383 |
| Accounts Receivable | 51,953 |
| Capital Assets: | |
| Furniture and Equipment | 13,811 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | (7,753) |
| Computer Software | 236,648 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(211,981)</u> |
| Total Capital Assets, net | <u>30,725</u> |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$ 176,061</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 2,500 |
| Due to Management Company | <u>47,153</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>49,653</u> |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Invested in Capital Assets | 30,725 |
| Restricted for Capital Projects | 17,508 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | <u>78,175</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>126,408</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u><u>\$ 176,061</u></u> |

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

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

| FUNCTIONS | Expenses | Program Revenues | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| | | Capital Grants and Contributions | Operating Grants and Contributions | Governmental Activities |
| Governmental Activities: | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 812,181 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (812,181) |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 266,637 | - | - | (266,637) |
| Instructional Staff Training | 57,972 | - | - | (57,972) |
| Board | 37,977 | - | - | (37,977) |
| School Administration | 1,074,313 | - | - | (1,074,313) |
| Operation of Plant | 397,405 | 268,400 | - | (129,005) |
| Maintenance of Plant | 27,066 | - | - | (27,066) |
| Total Governmental Activities | \$ 2,673,551 | \$ 268,400 | \$ - | (2,405,151) |
| General Revenues: | | | | |
| Federal Sources | | | | 115,954 |
| State and Local | | | | 2,301,126 |
| Total General Revenues | | | | 2,417,080 |
| Change in Net Assets | | | | 11,929 |
| Net Assets-Beginning | | | | 114,479 |
| Net Assets-Ending | | | | \$ 126,408 |

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

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2009

| | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 93,383 | \$ - | \$ 93,383 |
| Accounts Receivable | - | 51,953 | 51,953 |
| Due from Capital Projects Fund | 34,445 | - | 34,445 |
| Total Assets | \$ 127,828 | \$ 51,953 | \$ 179,781 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 2,500 | \$ - | \$ 2,500 |
| Due to Management Company | 47,153 | - | 47,153 |
| Due to General Fund | - | 34,445 | 34,445 |
| Total Liabilities | 49,653 | 34,445 | 84,098 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Reserved for Capital Projects | - | 17,508 | 17,508 |
| Unreserved | 78,175 | - | 78,175 |
| Total Fund Balances | 78,175 | 17,508 | 95,683 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 127,828 | \$ 51,953 | \$ 179,781 |

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

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2009**

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 95,683

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 as assets in the governmental funds.

30,725

Total net assets - governmental activities \$ 126,408

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

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> | <u>Total Governmental Funds</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Federal Sources Passed Through | | | | |
| Local School District | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 115,954 | \$ 115,954 |
| State and Local Sources | <u>2,283,618</u> | <u>285,908</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,569,526</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>2,283,618</u> | <u>285,908</u> | <u>115,954</u> | <u>2,685,480</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Instruction | 672,980 | - | 72,954 | 745,934 |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 266,637 | - | - | 266,637 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 51,972 | - | 6,000 | 57,972 |
| Board | 37,977 | - | - | 37,977 |
| School Administration | 1,071,551 | - | - | 1,071,551 |
| Operation of Plant | 129,005 | 268,400 | - | 397,405 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 27,066 | - | - | 27,066 |
| Capital Outlay | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>37,000</u> | <u>37,000</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>2,257,188</u> | <u>268,400</u> | <u>115,954</u> | <u>2,641,542</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | 26,430 | 17,508 | - | 43,938 |
| Fund Balances, July 1, 2008 | <u>51,745</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>51,745</u> |
| Fund Balances, June 30, 2009 | <u>\$ 78,175</u> | <u>\$ 17,508</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 95,683</u> |

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

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
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, 2009**

| | | |
|--|----|--------|
| Net changes in fund balances - governmental funds | \$ | 43,938 |
|--|----|--------|

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 those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$69,009) exceeded capital outlays (\$37,000) in the current period.

| | | |
|--|--|----------|
| | | (32,009) |
|--|--|----------|

| | | |
|--|----|--------|
| Change in net assets of governmental activities | \$ | 11,929 |
|--|----|--------|

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

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc. (the School) is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes.

The School contracts with WHLS of Florida, LLC (WHLS) for most of its functions. See Note 7.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Palm Beach County (the District). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2013 and may be renewed for up to an additional fifteen years by mutual agreement between the School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under the grounds specified in the charter. In this case, the District is required to notify the School in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if any good cause is shown. In the event of termination of the charter, any property purchased by the School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds, except capital outlay funds, revert back to the District. Any unencumbered capital outlay funds revert back to the Florida Department of Education to be redistributed among eligible charter schools. The School is considered a component unit of the District and meets the definition of a governmental entity under the *Audit and Accounting Guide – State and Local Governments* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governments.

The School operates under a self-appointing, three-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specifies that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the District, which includes, but is not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The School has one instructional/support facility, which is leased by WHLS. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel employed by WHLS.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements report information about the School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the School's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide financial statements of the School consist of governmental activities. The School's basic services are included here, such as instruction and school administration. Funds received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is an accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts for recording assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds in the financial statements of this report are as follows:

Governmental Funds:

- General Fund - to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Capital Projects Fund - to account for the proceeds of capital outlay funds provided to charter schools pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 1013.62.
- Special Revenue Fund - to account for the proceeds of federal grant funds received in connection with the Federal Charter School Start Up Grant.

For the purposes of these statements, all of the above funds are considered major funds.

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses/expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting and an economic resources focus. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when they occur.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

The modified accrual basis of accounting and current financial resources focus is followed by the governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

C. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

All cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account. For purposes of presentation on the Statement of Net Assets, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

E. REVENUE SOURCES

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. The School Board receives a 5% administrative fee from the School, which is reflected as a school administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. REVENUE SOURCES (Continued)

The School may receive federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School is also eligible for charter school capital outlay funding. The amounts received under this program are based on the School's actual and projected student enrollment during the fiscal year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures and, as such, are reflected as restricted net assets and reserved fund balance in the accompanying statement of net assets and balance sheet – governmental funds, respectively, to the extent that they remain unexpended.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

For purposes of recording capital assets, the Board has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.

The capital assets are recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Assets at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$30,725. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over three years for Computer Software and related Furniture and Equipment over five years.

Aside from those mentioned above, the School has no other capital assets, as the School operates under a management agreement with WHLS (see Note 7).

G. USE OF ESTIMATES

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

H. NET ASSETS

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, restricted net assets and unrestricted net assets.

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
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3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable included in the accompanying statement of net assets and balance sheet – governmental funds includes \$51,953 in capital outlay funds receivable and related interest income from the District. As indicated in Note 2, the amount received under the capital outlay program is based on the School’s actual and projected student enrollment during the 2009 fiscal year and may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures. Based on the collectibility of funds from this source, an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

For the year ended June 30, 2009, the School’s capital assets consisted of the following:

| | Beginning Balance | Additions | Deletions | Ending Balance |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated: | | | | |
| Computer Software | \$ 199,648 | \$ 37,000 | \$ - | \$ 236,648 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 13,811 | - | - | 13,811 |
| | <u>213,459</u> | <u>37,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>250,459</u> |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated | | | | |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation: | | | | |
| Computer Software | (145,734) | (66,247) | - | (211,981) |
| Furniture and Equipment | (4,991) | (2,762) | - | (7,753) |
| | <u>(150,725)</u> | <u>(69,009)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(219,734)</u> |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | | | | |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net | <u>\$ 62,734</u> | <u>\$ (32,009)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 30,725</u> |

Depreciation expense was charged to the functions as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | |
| Instruction | \$ 66,247 |
| School Administration | <u>2,762</u> |
| Total governmental activities depreciation expense | <u>\$ 69,009</u> |

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. SCHEDULE OF STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES

For the year ended June 30, 2009, state and local revenues were received from the District as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Florida Education Finance Program | \$ 1,465,027 |
| Class size reduction | 341,606 |
| Capital outlay | 285,908 |
| Discretionary millage | 192,884 |
| Student transportation | 98,304 |
| Supplemental academic instruction | 72,704 |
| ESE guaranteed allocation | 59,550 |
| Instructional materials | 32,089 |
| Safe schools | 10,549 |
| Discretionary lottery funds | 8,787 |
| Teacher lead | 2,118 |
| Total State and Local Revenue | \$ 2,569,526 |

The administration fee paid to the District during the year ended June 30, 2009 totaled \$114,072, which is reflected as a school administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Property and Liability - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with WHLS, WHLS has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance (see Note 7).

Director and Officer - Coverage includes a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit and \$25,000 deductible.

LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(Continued)

7. AGREEMENT WITH WHLS

The School enters into an annual Management Agreement (“Agreement”) with WHLS, which is an educational consulting and management company. The Agreement’s term will renew on an annual basis unless one party notifies the other party at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the then-current term of its intention to not renew the agreement. Substantially all functions of the School have been contracted to WHLS. WHLS is responsible and accountable to the School’s Board of Directors for the administration and operation of the School. The School is required to pay WHLS a monthly continuing fee of 97 percent of the School’s “Qualified Gross Revenues,” defined in the Agreement as “...all revenues and income received by the School except for charitable contributions” and shall receive 100 percent of any and all grants or funding of any kind generated by WHLS, and its affiliates beyond the regular per pupil state funding received by the School, subject to any terms and conditions attached to the grants, if any.” The continuing fee is paid to WHLS based on the previous month’s qualified gross revenues less any fees the School is required to remit to the District. The continuing fee earned by WHLS for the year ended June 30, 2009 was \$2,215,109. WHLS will be responsible for all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the School, which include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, building payments, maintenance, capital, and insurance.

Per the Agreement, no other amounts are required other than the continuing fee as calculated above. For year ended June 30, 2009, the continuing fee paid to WHLS included \$485,408 in management fees over and above the direct site expenses of the School itself. This amount is reflected within the “School Administration” function on the accompanying Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Government Funds. Aside from those items defined as direct site costs, “School Administration” also includes a certain amount of indirect cost that is incurred by WHLS in managing the School. These indirect costs include expenses incurred in such areas as curriculum, human resources, finance/grants management, facilities, marketing, etc. which are focused on supporting the operations of the School. The actual management fee paid to WHLS goes towards offsetting these indirect costs.

8. CONTINGENCES

Grants

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts that may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| State and Local Sources | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ 2,282,432 | \$ 2,283,618 | \$ 1,186 |
| Total Revenues | <u>2,100,000</u> | <u>2,282,432</u> | <u>2,283,618</u> | <u>1,186</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Instruction | 612,000 | 700,000 | 672,980 | 27,020 |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 235,000 | 265,000 | 266,637 | (1,637) |
| Instructional Staff Training | 25,000 | 55,000 | 51,972 | 3,028 |
| Board | 30,000 | 30,000 | 37,977 | (7,977) |
| School Administration | 850,000 | 776,932 | 1,071,551 | (294,619) |
| Operation of Plant | 260,000 | 391,000 | 129,005 | 261,995 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 55,000 | 26,000 | 27,066 | (1,066) |
| Total Expenditures | <u>2,067,000</u> | <u>2,243,932</u> | <u>2,257,188</u> | <u>(13,256)</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | 33,000 | 38,500 | 26,430 | (12,070) |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2008 | <u>51,745</u> | <u>51,745</u> | <u>51,745</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2009 | <u>\$ 84,745</u> | <u>\$ 90,245</u> | <u>\$ 78,175</u> | <u>\$ (12,070)</u> |

See report of independent auditors.

**LIFE SKILLS CENTER PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

| | <u>Original and Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Federal Through State | \$ 115,100 | \$ 115,954 | \$ 854 |
| Total Revenues | <u>115,100</u> | <u>115,954</u> | <u>854</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Instruction | 72,100 | 72,954 | (854) |
| Instructional Staff Training | 6,000 | 6,000 | - |
| Capital Outlay | <u>37,000</u> | <u>37,000</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>115,100</u> | <u>115,954</u> | <u>(854)</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | - | - | - |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2008 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2009 | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

See report of independent auditors.



**Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Board of Directors of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc. (the "School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2009. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

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



weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described as follows:

2009-1 Board Training: Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33(9)(j), states that all board members should complete the required governance training by December 31, 2008. During our audit procedures, we noted that a board member had not completed the governance training by the required date. We recommend that the Board member complete the training and submit the required documentation to the District and Department of Education.

The School's response to the finding identified in our audit is included in the Written Statement of Explanation or Rebuttal on page 28. We did not audit the School's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended for the information and use of management of the School, the District, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BKHM, P.A.

Winter Park, Florida
September 26, 2009

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY
RULES OF THE FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL,
CHAPTER 10.850, *AUDITS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS
AND SIMILAR ENTITIES***



To the Board of Directors of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc. (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2009.

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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Disclosures in that report, which is dated September 26, 2009, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of charter school and similar entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports:

- Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the prior year.
- Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.
- Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address 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 financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that are inconsequential to the determination of financial statement amounts, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, and (2) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies, including but not limited to (a) improper or inadequate accounting procedures



(e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the annual financial statements); (b) failures to properly record financial transactions; and (c) inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention of, the auditor. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

- Section 10.854(1)(e)6, Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the School. The official title of the School is Life Skills Center Palm Beach County, Inc.
- Section 10.854(1)(e)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition met. During the course of our audit, nothing came to our attention to indicate that the School had met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes (“the conditions”). However, in planning and performing our audit, we considered whether the School had met any of the conditions as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the School had met any of the conditions. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion as to whether the School had met any of the conditions.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(3)7.a. and 10.855(10), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures as of June 30, 2009, which included calculation and analysis of certain financial indicators we considered relevant to the School. Our financial condition assessment procedures did not include the use of benchmarks. It is management’s responsibility to monitor the School’s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by management.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of management of the School, the Board of Directors and the Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BKHM, P.A.

Winter Park, Florida
September 26, 2009



September 26, 2009

BKHM, PA
Stacy McCrady
1560 Orange Avenue
Suite 600
Winter Park, FL 32789

Ms. McCrady –

We are providing the following as our formal response to the compliance matters noted in the Financial Audit for the Life Skills Center of Palm Beach County, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Specifically, your audit identified the following:

2009-1 Board Training: Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33(9)(j), states that all board members should complete the required governance training by December 31, 2008. During our audit procedures, we noted that a board member had not completed the governance training by the required date. We recommend that the Board member complete the training and submit the required documentation to the District and Department of Education.

School Response: The School agrees with the finding that a board member did not receive the required training. However, it should be noted that management did provide every member the opportunity to attend the training. Management will continue to be vigilant about encouraging Board members to attend the offered training when it is made available in the current year.

Thank you for your assistance with the audit this year. If you have any questions regarding any of the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call.

*Board of Directors
Life Skills Center of Palm Beach County, Inc.*