



*HAMILTON
ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY*

FRANKLIN COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

J.L. UHRIG
AND ASSOCIATES INC.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS





Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Hamilton Alternative Academy
775 Rathmell Road
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Hamilton Alternative Academy, Franklin County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Hamilton Alternative Academy is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 12, 2014

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FRANKLIN COUNTY**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Hamilton Alternative Academy
775 Rathmell Road
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Hamilton Alternative Academy (the Academy), a component unit of the Hamilton Local School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Governmental 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Academy as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and its cashflows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3-5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 16, 2013, on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. 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 provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
Chillicothe, Ohio

December 16, 2013

Hamilton Alternative Academy
Franklin County
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013
Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Hamilton Alternative Academy's (HAA) financial performance provides an overall review of the HAA's financial activities for the initial period ended June 30, 2013. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the HAA's financial performance.

Highlights

HAA is in operation as a Kindergarten through twelfth grade online internet school. Each student was provided a computer and scanner which were used to access a curriculum based on the state model and which used certified/licensed instructors. Enrollment varied during the year but averaged 76 students.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements.

The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position reflect how HAA did financially during the year ended June 30, 2013. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to that which is used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the fiscal year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These statements report HAA's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of HAA has increased or decreased during the period. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

HAA uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

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

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Table 1 provides a summary of HAA's net position as of June 30, 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012:

Table 1 Net Assets		
	2013	2012
<u>Assets:</u>		
Current Assets	\$68,525	\$110,581
Capital Assets	4,819	11,619
Total Assets	73,344	122,200
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Current Liabilities	65,894	8,540
<u>Net Position:</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,819	11,619
Unrestricted	2,631	102,041
Total Net Position	\$ 7,450	\$113,660

HAA's current assets decreased \$42,056 due to a decrease in cash and cash equivalent which is the result of a decline in enrollment and inability to decrease expenses. The capital assets decreased \$6,800 due to the offset by the depreciation during 2013 of all equipment and some capital acquisitions.

Current liabilities increased \$57,354 as a result of an increase in accounts payable.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2013 as compared to fiscal year 2012:

	2013	2012
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>		
Foundation	\$455,512	\$535,746
Other	817	207
<u>Non Operating Revenues:</u>		
Grants	22,646	42,408
Interest Earned	0	240
Total Revenues	478,975	578,601
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>		
Purchased Services	569,298	560,230
Materials and Supplies	6,153	15,448
Depreciation	9,275	11,531
Other Expenses	459	167
Total Expenses	585,185	587,376
Total Increase in Net Position	\$(106,210)	\$ (8,775)

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Revenues decreased \$99,626 during fiscal year 2013. The major factor in this change is the decrease of full-time students that has come to the program and thus our State Aid has decreased.

HAA's expenses decreased \$2,191 which is mostly due to a little employee's cost savings.

Budgeting

HAA is not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the HAA's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between HAA and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement of preparing a five year forecast, which is to be updated on an annual basis.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

HAA did invest \$2,475 during the period ended June 30, 2013. The accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2013 amounted to \$345,069. The capital assets net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2013 amounted to \$4,819.

Debt

HAA has incurred no debt as of June 30, 2013.

Current Issues

The cutting edge nature of this kind of instructional delivery makes for constant change during the first couple of years of operation. The upgrade and maintenance of equipment and technical support are some of the other challenges facing HAA.

Contacting the HAA's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the HAA's finances and to show the HAA's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Adam Collier, Treasurer, Hamilton Alternative Academy, 775 Rathmell Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207.

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Franklin County

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2013

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$47,197
Accounts Receivable	21,328
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	4,819
Total Assets	<u>73,344</u>

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	65,894
Total Liabilities	<u>65,894</u>

Net Position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,819
Total Net Position	<u>2,631</u>
	<u>\$7,450</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Operating Revenues:

Foundation	\$455,512
Other Revenue	817
Total Operating Revenues	<u>456,329</u>

Operating Expenses:

Purchased Services	569,298
Materials and Supplies	6,153
Depreciation	9,275
Other Operating Expenses	459
Total Operating Expenses	<u>585,185</u>

Operating Loss	(128,856)
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Non-Operatin Revenues:

Grants	22,646
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>22,646</u>

Change in Net Position	(106,210)
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Net Position, June 30, 2012	<u>113,660</u>
Net Position, June 30, 2013	<u>\$7,450</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received from Foundation, Other Revenue	\$456,329
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(518,556)</u>

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(62,227)</u>
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Cash Flows from Capital Related Activities:

Purchase of Capital Assets	<u>2,475</u>
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Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities:

Grants Received	<u>1,318</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>1,318</u>

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(63,384)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2012	<u>110,581</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2013	<u>47,197</u>
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Reconciliation of Operating Loss to

Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:

Operating Loss	(128,856)
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Depreciation	9,275
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Changes in Assets and Liabilities

Decrease in Accounts Payable	<u>57,354</u>
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Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$62,227)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Note 1: Description of the School

The Hamilton Alternative Academy (HAA) is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. HAA is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect HAA's tax exempt status. HAA's mission is to enhance and facilitate student learning by providing state of the art digital curriculum and instruction; innovative, collaborative leadership; and technical expertise and support that will prepare students to become lifelong learners and intelligent decision makers. The students may include, but will not be limited to, home schoolers, children with special physical and mental needs, students removed from the regular classroom for discipline concerns, students who need an alternative to the traditional classroom for various reasons, including religious reasons, transient students, and students with the Hamilton City School District, sponsor school district, that desire a specific course not currently offered but is available through online instruction.

HAA was created on February 24, 2003 by entering into a contract with Hamilton Local School District the Sponsor). The Sponsor is also the fiscal agent of the HAA with the Treasurer of the Sponsor completing the role of Treasurer for the HAA.

HAA operates under the direction of a six-member (five voting member) Board of Directors. The charter dictates the Board members. The Hamilton Local School District approves the Board, but does not appoint the members. The Sponsor can suspend the HAA's operations for any of the following reasons: 1) The HAA's failure to meet student performance requirements stated in its contract with the Sponsor, 2) The HAA's failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, 3) The HAA's violation of any provisions of the contract with the Sponsor or applicable state or federal law, or 4) Other good cause. The Board of Directors are responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract which include, but are not limited to, helping create, approve, and monitor the annual budget, develop policies to guide operations, secure funding, and maintain a commitment to vision, mission, and belief statements of HAA and the children it serves. During the fiscal year ended June 30 2005, HAA paid purchased services to TRECA for providing the planning, design, implementation, instructional, administrative, and technical services. Therefore, the HAA is a component unit of the Hamilton Local School District. Additional, the HAA entered into an agreement with Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) for management consulting services (See Note 4).

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the HAA have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the HAA's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The HAA's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and a statement of cash flows.

HAA uses a single enterprise presentation for its financial records. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus

The enterprise activity is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of HAA are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows reflects how HAA finances meet its cash flow needs.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. HAA's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Revenue resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which HAA receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the period when the resources are required to be used or the period when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which HAA must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to HAA on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. Budgetary Process

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided by the HAA's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between HAA and its Sponsor prescribes an annual budget requirement as part of preparing a five year forecast, which is updated on an annual basis.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by HAA is reflected as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the statement of net position. HAA had no investments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

F. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by HAA or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. HAA applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

G. Capital Assets

Capital asset additions during fiscal year 2013 consisted of \$2,475. All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for any additions and retirements during the fiscal year. HAA mentions a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars. All of HAA's reported capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over five years of useful life.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

H. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

I. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Deposits

The following information classifies deposits by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No.3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements".

At June 30, 2013, the carrying amount of HAA's deposits was \$47,197 and the bank balance was \$50,224. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance and pooled collateral agreements with the banking institution. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds by the nonprofit corporation.

Note 4 - Contract with TRECA

HAA entered into a contract with Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) for management consulting services. Under the contract, the following terms were agreed upon:

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

For the period \$0 was payable under this contract. HAA paid 100% of this amount as of June 30, 2013.

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Note 5 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2012	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2013
Equipment	<u>\$347,413</u>	<u>\$2,475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$349,888</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(335,794)</u>	<u>(9,275)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(345,069)</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$11,619</u>	<u>\$ (6,800)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$4,819</u>

Note 6 - Risk Management

HAA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. During the period ended June 30, 2013, HAA is covered under the liability insurance for the Hamilton Local School District (Sponsor). Management is unaware of any material pending claims that may effect the period ended June 30, 2013.

Note 7 - Related Party Transactions

The HAA is a component unit of the Hamilton Local School District (the District). As described in Note 1, the District is the HAA's sponsor. The HAA and the District entered into a five-year sponsorship agreement on February 25, 2003, whereby terms of the sponsorship were established. Pursuant to this agreement, the District's treasurer serves as the HAA's fiscal officer. Also, the HAA is required annually to pay the District, from funding provided to the HAA from the Ohio Department of Education pursuant to Section 3314.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, \$150 per student per year.

Note 8 - Contingencies

A. Grants

HAA received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the HAA. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the HAA at June 30, 2012.

B. Litigation

A suit was filed in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on May 14, 2001, alleging that Ohio's Community (Le., Charter) Schools program violates the state Constitution and state laws. On April 21, 2003 the court dismissed the counts containing constitutional claims and stayed the other counts pending appeal of the constitutional issues. The plaintiffs appealed to the Court of Appeals, the issues have been briefed, and the case was heard for oral argument on November 18th, 2003. The effect of this suit, if any, on HAA is not presently determinable.

C. Ohio Department of Education Enrollment Review

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) conducts reviews of enrollment data and full time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by HAA. These reviews are conducted to ensure HAA is reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated.

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Note 9 - State School Funding

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school-funding decision is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient..."

The School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have its future State funding and on its financial operations.

Note 10 – Management Plan

For fiscal year 2013, the Alternative Academy experienced an operating loss of \$128,856. Enrollment decreased during fiscal year 2013 from 2012. We have cut many positions going into 2014 because of the huge loss in 2013. Our net position went down \$106,210 from 2012 to 2013, but we are hoping to increase the revenue stream in 2013 with more students or we will further reduce costs.

Management plans to lower tremendously the purchased services compared with 2013 costs. Our hope is due to the fact we have open enrollment now (2nd year) for adjacent districts, students will increase and thus revenues will increase. We don't plan to increase purchase services even if our enrollment goes up. We need to raise our cash balance in 2014.

Note 11 – Changes in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the District has implemented the following:

GASB Statement No. 61 "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus-an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34" improves financial reporting for a government financial reporting entity. The requirements of Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, and the related financial reporting requirements of Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments, were amended to better meet user needs and to address reporting entity issues that have arisen since the issuance of those Statements. The implementation of this statement did not have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

GASB Statement No. 62 "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements" incorporates certain accounting and financial reporting guidance issued on or before November 30, 1989, into GASB's authoritative literature that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The implementation of this statement did not have a significant effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 63 "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position" standardizes the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position. The implementation of this statement did not have a significant effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 65 "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities" clarifies the appropriate use of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The implementation of this statement did not have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Academy.

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Note 12 – Subsequent Event

On October 10th, 2013 the Hamilton Alternative Academy instituted an appeal to the Ohio State Board of Findings made by the Ohio Department of Education (“ODE”) relating to a full-time equivalency (FTE) review. Review of year 2012-13 under former R.C. 3314.08 (O) (now R.C. 3314.08 (K)). After conducting an FTE review, ODE notified the Academy in correspondence dated September 27th, 2013, that it had determined there was insufficient documentation supporting the Academy’s reported FTE; ODE therefore found that the Academy was not entitled to any State foundation payments for the 2012-13 school year and must repay such funding. For the 2012-13 school year, the Academy had received state foundation payments of \$443,980. ODE indicated that it would not initiate repayment procedures pending appeal actions. The appeal instituted by the Academy is currently scheduled for a hearing on March 3, 4, and 5, 2014 before a hearing officer. The parties have also been engaging in settlement discussions. We feel settlement negotiations are going well and this matter will be resolved in the coming months with a minimal repayment, if any, to the repaying of foundation payments.

**Independent Accountant's Report on Internal Control over Financial
Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by
Government Auditing Standards**

Board of Directors
Hamilton Alternative Academy
775 Rathmell Road
Columbus, Ohio 43207

We have audited, 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 of America, the financial statements of the Hamilton Alternative Academy (the Academy), a component unit of Hamilton Local School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2013.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of supporting our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Board of Directors
Hamilton Alternative Academy
Independent Auditor's Report 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*

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
Chillicothe, Ohio

December 16, 2013

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Board of Directors
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Columbus, Ohio 43207

To the Board of Directors:

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

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

1. We noted the Board amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on June 18, 2012 to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student "on a school bus" or by an "electronic act".

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

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

J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

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Chillicothe, Ohio

December 16, 2013



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HAMILTON ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
FEBRUARY 25, 2014**