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October 7, 2008

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The Honorable Chair and Members of the Lawrence Academy Senior High Board 777 W. Palm Drive Florida City, Fl 33177

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL 305-247-4895

### RE: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND CONDITION OF FINANCIAL EMERGENCY

A review of your audited financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2008, raises concerns that require your immediate attention. Florida Statutes Section 218.503, *Determination of Financial Emergency*, requires you to notify your sponsoring school district if one or more of the conditions as follows have or will occur:

- (a) Failure within the same fiscal year in which due to pay short-term loans or failure to make bond debt service or other long-term debt payments when due, as a result of lack of funds.
- (b) Failure to pay uncontested claims from creditors within 90 days after the claim is presented, as a result of lack of funds.
- (c) Failure to transfer at the appropriate time, due to lack of funds:
  - 1. Taxes withheld on the income of employees; or
  - 2. Employer and employee contributions for:
    - a. Federal social security; or
    - b. Any pension, retirement, or benefit plan of an employee.
- (d) Failure for one pay period to pay, due to lack of funds:
  - 1. Wages and salaries owed to employees; or
  - 2. Retirement benefits owed to former employees.
- (e) An unreserved or total fund balance or retained earnings deficit, or unrestricted or total net assets deficit for which sufficient resources are not available.

According to your June 30, 2008 audited financial statements, the school has a net assets deficit of \$15,734 and there does not appear to be sufficient resources available to cover this deficit. This condition raises questions about the school's solvency and indicates your charter school meets the statutory definition of financial emergency.

Section 218.503(4), Florida Statutes provides that the sponsor contact the charter school governing body to determine what actions have or will be taken to resolve the financial emergency.

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This letter serves as the official communication requesting that the governing body of Lawrence Academy Senior High provide a financial recovery plan within 30 days, (sooner if possible) as required by F.S. 1002.33(9)(g).

The plan must address the specific audit findings and must also show how the charter school will meet its current and future obligations and be a financially viable entity within the time period specified. The plan must specify dollar amounts of cost cuts, cost avoidance, and/or realistic revenue projections that will allow the charter school to correct the condition(s) that caused the school to be found in a state of financial The financial recovery plan must include appropriate supporting emergency. documentation. Enclosed is the Florida Department of Education Technical Assistance Paper No. 2007-21 which outlines the comprehensive nature of the required Financial Recovery Plan. Failure to timely submit an adequate and credible recovery plan constitutes good cause to terminate the charter.

Please also note, the Capital Outlay Plan which you have submitted to the District requires our District Finance Officer to certify that the school "has financial stability for future operation as a charter school." We will be unable to approve your capital outlay plan until a satisfactory financial recovery plan has been received.

We plan to present your audited financial statements and recovery plan to the School Board's Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2008 in room 916 of the School Board Administration Building, 1450 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at 12:30 p.m. It is imperative that a representative from your school attend this meeting to respond to questions that the Audit Committee may have.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Trevor L. Williams at 305-995-1328 or Mr. Jon Goodman at 305-995-1323. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace L. Ali, Chief Financial Officer Affen M. Vann, Chief Auditor

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Management and Compliance Audits

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Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2008

#### LAWRENCE ACADEMY SENIOR HIGH

(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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COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

#### **Introductory Summary**

#### Name and Address

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

I have audited the accompanying government-wide and fund financial statements of Lawrence Academy Senior High (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 the School as of June 30, 2008 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 the School'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 Account

August 26, 2008

(A Department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and a Component Unit of Miami-Dade County School District)

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

The management of Lawrence Academy Senior High 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**

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**

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 Senior High 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. As there were no investments in capital assets as of June 30, 2008, the net assets of (\$15,734) is the same as the fund balance.

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.

(A Department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and a Component Unit of Miami-Dade County School District)

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

#### **Analysis of Financial Statements**

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

Lawrence Academy Senior High ended its first year with negative net assets of \$15,734, the amount by which liabilities exceeded assets.

#### **Statement of Net Assets**

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CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash	6,278
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,278
Total Assets	6,278
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Due to other Agency	22,012
TOTAL CURRENTLIABILITIES	22,012
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted (Note 2)	(15,734)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	(15,734)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	6,278

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

The statement of activities shown below indicates that the School reported more expenses than revenues.

#### Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

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		Charges for	and Changes in
FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Services	Net Assets
Governmental Activities	\$	\$	\$
Instruction	44,075		(44,075)
General Administration	14,283		(14,283)
School Administration	12,342		(12,342)
Facilities Acquisition and construction	20,586		(20,586)
Fiscal Services	8,563		(8,563)
Food Services	4,440	1,149	(3,291)
Maintenance of Plant	370		(370)
Total governmental activities	104,659	1,149	103,510
General Revenues			
Grants and contributions not restricted to			
specific programs			87,776
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			(15,734)
NET ASSETS AT THE START OF TH	E YEAR	-	to .
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE	YEAR	-	(15,734)

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

At year's end Lawrence Academy High School's general fund had a balance (\$15,734). This is the amount of financing required by the School as of June 30, 2008. As there was no investment in capital assets, there is no difference between net assets and fund balance.

#### General Fund Budget Comparison

	Annual	
	Budget	Actual
REVENUES	\$	\$
General Revenues	87,700	87,776
Program Revenues	-	_
Charges for Services		1,149
Total Revenues	87,700	88,925
EXPENSES		
Instruction	37,600	44,075
General Administration	5,850	14,283
School Administration	13,500	12,342
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	24,750	20,586
Fiscal Services	2,000	8,563
Food Services	4,000	4,440
Maintenance of Plant		370
Total Expenses	87,700	104,659
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	(15,734)
FUND BALANCE AT THE START OF THE YEAR	0	0_
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF YEAR	0	(15,734)

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

#### Enrollment

Lawrence Academy had enrollment of 15 students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the year:

#### Achievement

No FCAT grade was reported for the School as enrollment was less than 30. All students, however, recorded an educational gain in math and reading compared with the previous year, and the School met 97% of the criteria (AYP) set by the State of Florida.

#### Request for Information

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

Lawrence Academy Senior High

(A Department of Lawrence Academy Inc. and a Component Unit of Miami-Dade
County School District)

#### Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2008

ASSETS	
	\$
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash	6,278
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,278
Total Assets	6,278
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Due to other Agency	22,012
TOTAL CURRENTLIABILITIES	22,012
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted (Note 2)	(15,734)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	(15,734)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	6,278

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

Program Revenues

Net (Expense) Revenue

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		Charges for	and Changes in
FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Services	Net Assets
Governmental Activities	\$	\$	\$
Instruction	44,075		(44,075)
General Administration	14,283		(14,283)
School Administration	12,342		(12,342)
Facilities Acquisition and construction	20,586		(20,586)
Fiscal Services	8,563		(8,563)
Food Services	4,440	1,149	(3,291)
Pupil Transportation Services	-		-
Operation of Plant	-		-
Maintenance of Plant	370		(370)
Total Governmental Activities	104,659	1,149	103,510
General Revenues			
Grants and contributions not restricted to			
specific programs			87,776
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			(15,734)
NET ASSETS AT THE START OF TH	IE YEAR		-
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE	YEAR		(15,734)

Lawrence Academy Senior High

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#### **General Fund Balance Sheet** Year Ended June 30, 2008

#### ASSETS

	\$
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,278
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,278
Total Assets	6,278
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES:	
Due to other Agency	22,012
TOTAL CURRENTLIABILITIES	22,012
General fund	(15,734)
Total Liabilities and fund balances	6.278
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#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended June 30, 2008

	\$
General Revenues	87,776
Program Revenues	-
Charges for Services	1,149
	88,925
Expenditures	
Instruction	44,075
General Administration	14,283
School Administration	12,342
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	20,586
Fiscal Services	8,563
Food Services	4,440
Maintenance of Plant	370
	104,659
Net Change in fund balance	(15,734)
Fund balance at beginning of the year	
Fund balance at the end of the year	(15,734)

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

#### NOTE –1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

Lawrence Academy Senior High, a charter school, is a department of Lawrence Academy, Inc. (the corporation) 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 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 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, 2017, and may be renewed for an additional fifteen years by mutual agreement of the parties. The

Lawrence Academy Senior High operates from the same location as Lawrence Academy which is also a department of Lawrence Academy Inc. The two schools share facilities, resulting in the expenses of some activities being allocated based on the number of students enrolled.

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.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

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.

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, 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 Senior High 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. As of June 30, 2008, there was no difference between net assets and the general fund balance.

#### 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.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

#### 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 School made no capital expenditures because it shares facilities with Lawrence Academy. No charge for the use of capital assets was made to Lawrence Academy Senior High.

#### 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 has no employees; it shares facilities and employees with Lawrence Academy, and the cost of employees is allocated based on number of students enrolled.

#### Income Tax

Lawrence Academy Inc., under which Lawrence Academy Senior High 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 Senior High, 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 to Lawrence Academy of \$22,012 as of June 30, 2008.

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Notes to financial statement

Year ended June 30, 2008

#### NOTE 5 – GRANT SOURCES

The School received \$87,776 under the Florida Education Finance Program during the 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 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.

## Lawrence Academy Senior High Budget Comparison Year ended June 30, 2008 General Fund

	Annual Budget \$	Actual \$
REVENUES	0,77,77,00	07.776
General Revenues	87,700	87,776
Program Revenues	-	1 1 40
Charges for Services	-	1,149
Total Revenues	87,700	88,925
EXPENSES		
Instruction	37,600	44,075
General Administration	5,850	14,283
School Administration	13,500	12,342
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	24,750	20,586
Fiscal Services	2,000	8,563
Food Services	4,000	4,440
Maintenance of Plant		370
Total Expenses	87,700	104,659
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	0	(15,734)
FUND BALANCE AT THE START OF THE YEAR	0	00
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF YEAR	0	(15,734)



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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 Senior High 777 W. Palm Drive Florida City, FL 33177

I have audited the basic financial statements of Lawrence Academy Senior High (the school) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 and have issued a report thereon dated August 25, 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 Senior High.

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

Chartered Accountant

August 26, 2006



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August 26, 2008

Dr. Keitha Burnett Director Lawrence Academy Senior High 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.

This is the first year of operation for this school.

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).]

Based on definitions in Section 218.503, the School has a financial emergency in the form of negative net assets and fund balance. This financial emergency is not considered deteriorating as the budget for the year

2008/2009 has revenues in excess of expenditures, and is sufficient to cover the deficit.

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

There are no recommendations

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,

Verna James

Chartered Accountant

August 26, 2008

## Lawrence Academy Charter School

"Building Character of Tomorrow's Leaders"

777 West Palm Drive Florida City, Florida 33034 (305)247-4800 phone (305) 247-4895

Sofia Santiesteban Chairperson Keitha D. Burnett, Ph.D. Founder/Director

August 26, 2008

James Accounting & Tax Practice, PA 10749 SW 104th Street Miami FL 33176

Dear Sirs:

#### Management's Response to matters described below

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).]

Based on definitions in Section 218.503, the School has a financial emergency in the form of negative net assets and fund balance. This financial emergency is not considered deteriorating as the budget for the year 2008/2009 has revenues in excess of expenditures, and is sufficient to cover the deficit.

#### Management's Response

The year ending June 30, 2008 was the first school year for Lawrence Academy Senior High, and the expected implementation grant for start up expenses was not available. This resulted in expenditures being higher than revenues by \$15,734. This situation will be remedied during the 2008/2009 year as the budget reflects the availability of Title 1 and other funds, and is expected to show a surplus sufficient to erase the deficit which was reported as of June 30, 2008.

Thank you,

Keitha Burnett, Ph. D.

Director

#### **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 Senior High

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?

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

Yes	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	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 chicklist for your files. Do not hesitate to contact this office if assistance or clarification is needed reguarding 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

(850) 414-7488 Fax: 994-7488 Fax-Suncom: Contact Person: David Martin

The followin	g information should be included in the audit by the organizations submitting their
annual extern	nal audit. For charter schools, the Auditor General of the State of Florida has issued
	st be complied with (chapter 10.850).
Yes	1. The name and address or the school.
Yes	2. The name of the principal running the school.
Yes	3. Current list of the Board of Directors of the company:
	4. If the school is operated by a management company:
value de la constante de la co	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)
N/A	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.
1 C5	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
1 cs	operation, disclose name, address, and the enrollment and grade configuration at
	each facility.
37	b.Full disclosure of related party transactions, which should include the related
Yes	b. Full disclosure of felated party transactions, which should metade 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
3.7/4	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).
Yes	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

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### Lawrence Academy Charter School

"Building Character of Tomorrow's Leaders"

777 West Palm Drive Florida City, Florida 23034 (305)247-4800 phone (305) 247-4895 fax

Sofia Santiesteban Chairperson Keitha D. Burnett, Ph.D. Founder/Director

November 17, 2008

Dear Mr. Wagner,

This letter is in response to the \$15, 734 deficit that Lawrence Academy Senior High incurred for the 2007-2008 school year. The amount is owed to Lawrence Academy Middle for the shared cost of the monthly lease payment.

Determination that Lawrence Academy has a financial emergency in the form of a negative net asset and fund balance

The recovery plan takes the form of a budget for the year ending June 30, 2009 which shows a surplus of \$31,499, which is sufficient to cover the deficit of \$15,734 which existed as of June 30, 2008. This takes into account the 1.93% reduction from the state.

Enrollment increased from 15 students to 41, resulting in the stated FTE revenues. New funding for the high school such as Title 1 and projected capital outlay funds as identified in the budget also contribute to the 2009 surplus.

With Lawrence Academy Elementary approval for the 2008-2009 school year and the continuing operation of Lawrence Academy Middle, there are more shared costs for lease, selected personnel (e.g. security, custodian, cafeteria aide, registrar), bus service, and insurance, thus reducing the overall cost.

If you have questions on any of the above, please me at (305) 247-4864 or Ms. Sofia Santiesteban at (305) 348-1745.

Thank you,

Keitha D. Burnett

Founder/Executive Director of Lawrence Academy

Sofia Santiesteban

Lawrence Academy Governing Board Chairperson

### Lawrence Academy, Inc. (Senior High) Operating Budget 2007-2008

	•	(2008-2009)
9-12 Basic FTE		6594
No. of students		41
Weighed students		41
Teachers		2
Special Areas Teachers		
Paraprofessional		
Student/Teacher ratio		20.5
REVENUE FTE Revenue		270,354
District Fee (5% of		(13,518)
Revenue)		(13,518)
State Reduction (DecJul)		(3,479)
1.93%		(3,477)
Subtotal		253,357
Implementation Grant		200,001
(Elementary)		
Title I		31,400
Capital Outlay		16,000
NSLP Reimbursement		11,000
Subtotal		58,400
Subtotal		30,400
Total Revenue		311,757
EXPENSES	Total Shared Co	ost
Personnel costs		
Executive Director	95,000	19,000 (20%)
Assistant Executive Director		
(Part-time)		
Director/Elementary/Couns	60,000	9960 (16.6%)
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Director/Middle (Part-Time)	40,000	***
Lead Teacher (Middle)	39,000	***
Registrar	25,000	8,325 (33.3%)
Teachers (Full-time) 9	315,000	63,000 (20%)
Teachers (Part-time) 2	35,000	17,500 (50%)

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1	500 (20%)
1	7,200 (20%)
15,300	5,095 (33.3%)
24,000	4,800 (20%)
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56,160	11,232 (20%)
69,000	6,900 (10%)
6,000	1,200 (20%)
12,000	1,200 (10%)
	160,242
3,600	1,199 (33.3%)
50,000	5,000 (10%)
24,000	6,000 (25%)
46,000	9,200 (20%)
6,900	2,298 (33.3%)
10,000	3,330 (33.3%)
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53,280	5,328 (10%)
14,000	4,662 (33.3%)
12,000	3,996 (33.3%)
44,864	4,487 (10%)
93,000	18,600 (20%)
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4,800	1,600 (33.3%)
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Electricity	9,600	1,920 (20%)	
Janitorial	14,400	2,880 (20%)	
Insurance	12,000	2,400 (20%)	
Furniture, fixtures, and		, ,	
Equipment	60,000	6,000 (10%)	
Total		52,800	
Total Expenses		280,258	*****
Budget Surplus		31,499	en ann de tar en et an and é tar en en

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## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Juperintendent of Schools
Alberto M. Carvalho

October 8, 2008

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Dr. Keitha Burnett Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School 777 West Palm Drive Florida City, FL 33034

Dear Dr. Burnett:

Please find enclosed the approved 2008-2009, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Charter Schools Title I Budget Appropriation Details Form, for your school. Your 2008-2009 Reading Coach allocation is listed on the final line of this Budget form. You may proceed with said expenditures in accordance with this approved Budget form. Further Charter School budget guidelines are outlined in the M-DCPS Title I Handbook.

Should the need arise for an amendment to this approved Budget form, please provide the written request to M-DCPS, Title I Administration, Attn: Dr. Sharrie R. Dean, District Director, 1450 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132, 30 days in advance of need. Written authorization from this office, approving the budget amendment, is ded prior to executing said amended expenditures.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Dean, at 305 995-1713. As always, your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Magaly C. Abrahante, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent

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Title I Administration

MCA:mm MCA-F043 Attachment

cc: Mr. Michael Bell

Mr. Rafael E. Urrutia Dr. Sharrie R. Dean

Ms. Sofia Santiesteban



# CHARTER SCHOOLS TITLE I BUDGET APPROPRIATION DETAILS

Fiscal Year 20 <u>08</u> - 20 <u>09</u>

narter School: Lawrence Academy Sr.		Locatio	n Number:	7036		
Schoolwide	of units	Social Security or	YEAR-TO-DA	ATE EXPENDITUR	ES Total	Allocation:
Teachers/Paraprofessionals (Type name(s) below).	Circle one	Employee Number	Salary Expenditures	Fringe Benefits	Non-Salary	Total
After School Tutorial (TBA)	Jchr Para	u	\$500.00			\$500.00
After School Tutorial (TBA)	Tchr Para		\$500.00			\$500.00
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Community Involvement Specialist (Type name(s) b Sheneka Stevenson (part-time)	Para		\$500.00			\$500.00
Parental Involvement			\$200.00			\$200.00
Professional & Technical			7			
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Printing			\$200.00			\$200.00
Supplies			\$300.00		·	\$300.00
Equipment			\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Software			\$240.00			\$240.00
		TOTALS -	\$4,440.00			\$4,440.00
Reading Coach - Full-time or Part-time, Based on M-DCPS allocation for Reading Coach, (Type name below)		Social Security or Employee Number	Salary Expenditures	Fringe Benefits	Non-Salary	Total
TBA			<del>- \$38,000.0</del> 0	-		27,986 \$38,000.00
Disclaimer Statement: I certify that the exp staff hired meet the No Child Left Behind A budget amendment, I will provide the req Amendment, 30 days in advance.  Governing Board Chairperson (Signature)	ct of 200 uest with	1 (NCLB) High h appropriate (Type name)	ly Qualified crite	eria. Should the to Miami-Dade	need arise for a County Public 3	Title   program Schools, Title
Title I Administration			(Signature	e) 📈 Approv	ved Dis	sapproved
<u> </u>			Date	<u> </u>		
			Date	·.	FM-6	 6634 Rev. (05-08)



### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### VERIFICATION OF EARNED FTE

	Name of School		School Tel	ephone No. and Ext.		Contact Na	me	School No.
La	wrence Academy Charter Scho	ol	(305) 2	47-4800		K. Johnson	1	7036
	Signature Rethal	A 77	n		Date	10/24/08	10/29/08	
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	STUDENTS FUNDED							20.5000
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students goi	ng less than full time							0.0000
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# STUDENTS WITHDRAWN DURING SURVEY WEEK BUT ELIGIBLE FOR FTE SURVEY (DID NOT ENTER ANOTHER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL)

Only applies to student not present at least one day during the Survey Week.

	ID NUMBER	GRADE	STUDENT'S NAME	WD DATE
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2.				
3.				
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#### STUDENTS NOT FUNDED

	ID NUMBER	GRADE	STUDENT'S NAME
1.	0262345	10	Marisella Lopez
2.			
3.			
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5.			
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8.			
9.			
10.			

DATE RUN : 10/29/08 TIME RUN : 13:37:11

254

255

MATRIX LEVEL 5

GRADE TOTALS

SCHL GRD TOTAL

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL FUNDING CERTIFICATION

PRODUCT T13401301

PAGE 1

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\*\*\*\* GRAND TOTAL THIS CATEGORY

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I CERTIFY THIS INFORMATION TO BE CORRECT.

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(PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE)