

GRATTAN ACADEMY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(with required supplementary and additional information)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Grattan Academy

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grattan Academy (the Academy), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Grattan Academy'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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grattan Academy as of June 30, 2008, 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 22, 2008, on our consideration of Grattan Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 and budgetary comparison information on pages v through x and 24, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Grattan Academy's basic financial statements. The additional information on pages 26 and 27 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Maner, Costerisan + Ellis, P.C.

September 22, 2008

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Grattan Academy’s (Academy) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the public school Academy’s financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Academy’s financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

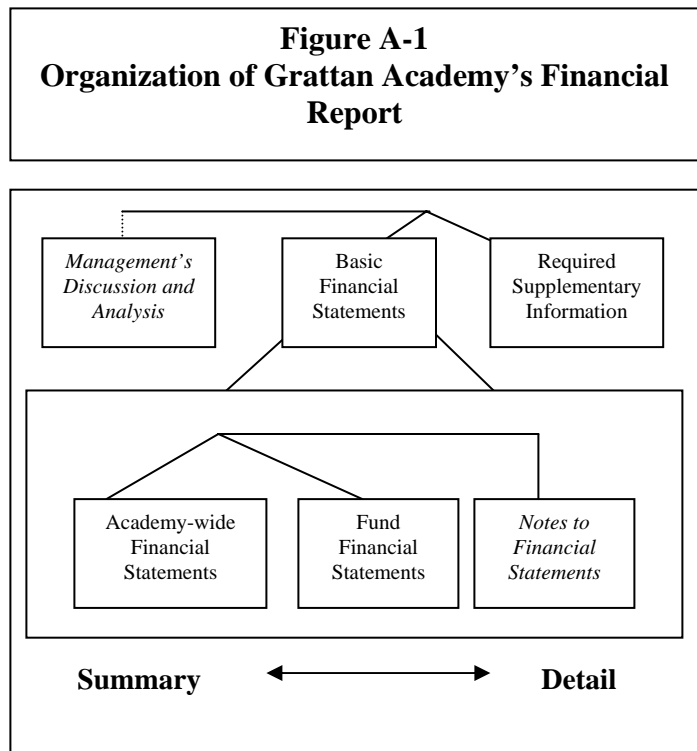
Financial highlights

- The Academy had a increase in the fund balance in the general fund of \$174,783 compared to a budgeted of \$71,869. This gives the Academy a general fund balance of \$142,536.
- The Academy retired \$25,902 in long term debt during the year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts - management’s discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Academy:

- The first two statements are academy-wide *financial statements* that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Academy’s overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the Academy, reporting the Academy’s operations in more detail than the academy-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds* statements tell how basic services like regular and special education were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.



The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Academy’s budget for the year. Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of the annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the Academy’s financial statements, including the portion of the Academy’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management’s discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2: Major Features of the Academy-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Academy-wide statements	Governmental funds	Fiduciary funds
Scope	Entire academy (except fiduciary funds)	All activities of the academy that are not fiduciary	Instances in which the academy administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as student activities monies
Required financial statements	* Statement of net assets * Statement of activities	* Balance sheet * Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	Statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term, the academy’s funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Academy-wide statements

The academy-wide statements report information about the Academy as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Academy’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 two academy-wide statements report the Academy's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets - the difference between the Academy's assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the Academy's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Academy's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Academy, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the Academy's enrollment, the condition of school buildings and other facilities, and the Academy's ability to be competitive with other public school academies and area school districts.

Governmental activities - The Academy's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education and administration. State foundation aid finances most of these activities.

Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Academy's funds, focusing on its more significant or "major" funds - not the Academy as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Academy uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by State law and by debt agreements.
- The Academy establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (like repaying its long-term debt).

All of the Academy's basic services are included in governmental funds which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Academy's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the Academy-wide statements, we provide additional information with the governmental funds statement that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Financial analysis of the Academy as a whole

Net assets (deficit) - the Academy's combined net assets (deficit) of (\$439,759) decreased by \$51,242 during the year. See Figures A-3 and A-4.

The total revenues decreased by .2% to \$1,590,826. Total general revenues were nearly identical in 2008. State aid foundation allowance included in revenue from state sources accounts for 89% of the Academy's revenue.

The total cost of instruction decreased by 20% to \$567,702. Total support service decreased by 18% to \$582,101. These decreases were primarily due to massive budget cuts designed to eliminate the general fund deficit.

**Figure A-3
Grattan Academy's Net Assets**

	2008	2007
Current assets	\$ 394,480	\$ 338,053
Capital assets, net	3,084,963	3,177,837
Other noncurrent assets	663,551	763,918
Total assets	<u>4,142,994</u>	<u>4,279,808</u>
Current liabilities	427,760	542,917
Long-term liabilities	4,154,993	4,227,892
Total liabilities	<u>4,582,753</u>	<u>4,770,809</u>
Net assets (deficit):		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(818,574)	(743,536)
Restricted for debt service	289,079	338,682
Unrestricted	89,736	(86,147)
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>\$ (439,759)</u>	<u>\$ (491,001)</u>

**Figure A-4
Changes in Grattan Academy's Net Assets**

	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Federal and state categorical grants	\$ 91,283	\$ 105,922
Charges for service	6,811	5,146
General revenues:		
State aid - unrestricted	1,412,200	1,439,334
Other local sources	80,532	44,074
Total general revenues	<u>1,492,732</u>	<u>1,483,408</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,590,826</u>	<u>1,594,476</u>
Expenses:		
Instruction	567,702	713,727
Support services	582,101	710,405
Community services	4,875	4,212
Interest on long-term debt	292,032	293,691
Unallocated depreciation	92,874	99,685
Total expenses	<u>1,539,584</u>	<u>1,821,720</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 51,242</u>	<u>\$ (227,244)</u>

Financial analysis of the Academy’s funds

The Academy’s general fund balance increased by \$174,783 to \$142,536. Principal and interest payments on long-term debt of \$55,621 and transfers to the debt service of \$190,335 were made from the general fund. The capital projects fund reimbursed the general fund \$575 for building improvement expenditures.

General fund budgetary highlights

Over the course of the year, the Academy revised the general fund annual operating budget when necessary. Changes were made in both the revenue and expenditure which reflected anticipated decreases in state aid and actual salary figures for staff.

While the Academy’s final budget for the general fund anticipated revenues would exceed expenditures and other financing sources or uses by \$71,869, the actual results for the year showed revenues over expenditures of \$174,783.

Actual revenues were \$39,114 more than budgeted, due primarily to additional special education monies received from the ISD.

The actual expenditures were \$55,735 under budget, due primarily to lower than anticipated instructional, general administration, school administration services and building operation costs.

Capital asset and debt administration

Capital assets

As of the year ended June 30, 2008, the Academy had invested \$3,084,963 in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation as summarized in Figure A-5. This amount represents a net decrease of \$92,874 from the beginning of the year. There were no fixed asset purchases during the year. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$92,874. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.

The Academy’s capital assets are as follows:

Figure A-5				
Grattan Academy's Capital Assets				
2008				
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	2007 net
Land	\$ 366,500	\$ -	\$ 366,500	\$ 366,500
Building and improvements	2,765,576	356,574	2,409,002	2,477,323
Land improvements	87,000	16,530	70,470	73,950
Furniture and fixtures	283,624	68,796	214,828	229,260
Office equipment	78,438	54,275	24,163	30,804
Total	\$ 3,581,138	\$ 496,175	\$ 3,084,963	\$ 3,177,837

Long-term debt

The Academy paid \$25,902 in principal and approximately \$280,000 in interest on long-term debt during the year. More detailed information about long-term debt can be found in Note 6 to the financial statements.

Factors bearing on the Academy's future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Academy was aware of existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future.

- Changes in the foundation allowance for the next year have yet to be determined. An increase of \$100 to \$7,304 per pupil has been budgeted.
- The Academy has adopted a general fund budget for 2009 in which revenues exceed expenditures by approximately \$13,000.

Contacting the Academy's financial management

This financial report is designed to provide our students, parents and creditors with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Academy's Management Company, Choice Schools Associates, LLC at P.O. Box 141493, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49514, phone (616) 785-8440.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Governmental activities</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,370
Due from other governmental units	280,115
Prepaid expense	62,995
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>394,480</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS:	
Investments - debt service	339,196
Investments - capital projects	62,483
Deferred charges, net of amortization	261,872
Capital assets	3,581,138
Less accumulated depreciation	(496,175)
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	<u>3,748,514</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 4,142,994</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	\$ 31,019
Accrued interest	102,917
Accrued salaries and related items	73,925
Note payable	147,000
Current portion of obligation under capital lease	3,072
Current portion of long-term obligations	69,827
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>427,760</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Obligation under capital lease	3,011
Long-term obligations	4,151,982
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>4,154,993</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,582,753</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT):	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(818,574)
Restricted for debt service	289,079
Unrestricted	89,736
TOTAL NET DEFICIT	<u>(439,759)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET DEFICIT	<u><u>\$ 4,142,994</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Functions/programs	Expenses	Program revenues		Governmental activities
		Charges for services	Operating grants	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net assets
Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 567,702	\$ -	\$ 84,226	\$ (483,476)
Support services	582,101	-	7,057	(575,044)
Community services	4,875	6,811	-	1,936
Interest and fees on long-term debt	292,032	-	-	(292,032)
Unallocated depreciation	92,874	-	-	(92,874)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,539,584</u>	<u>\$ 6,811</u>	<u>\$ 91,283</u>	<u>(1,441,490)</u>
General revenues:				
State sources				1,412,200
Investment earnings				13,120
Local sources				29,868
ISD special education allocation				<u>37,544</u>
Total general revenues				<u>1,492,732</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				51,242
NET DEFICIT, beginning of year				<u>(491,001)</u>
NET DEFICIT, end of year				<u>\$ (439,759)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	General fund	Debt service fund	Capital projects fund	Total governmental funds
ASSETS				
ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,370
Investments	-	339,196	62,483	401,679
Due from other governmental units	280,115	-	-	280,115
Prepaid expenditures	62,995	-	-	62,995
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 394,480	\$ 339,196	\$ 62,483	\$ 796,159
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$ 31,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,019
Accrued salaries and related items	73,925	-	-	73,925
Note payable	147,000	-	-	147,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	251,944	-	-	251,944

	General fund	Debt service fund	Capital projects fund	Total governmental funds
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for debt service	\$ 52,800	\$ 339,196	\$ -	\$ 391,996
Reserved for capital projects	-	-	62,483	62,483
Reserved for prepaid expenditures	62,995			62,995
Unreserved, undesignated	26,741	-	-	26,741
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	142,536	339,196	62,483	544,215
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 394,480	\$ 339,196	\$ 62,483	\$ 796,159

Total governmental fund balance \$ 544,215

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 are not reported in the funds

The cost of the capital assets is	\$ 3,581,138	
Accumulated depreciation is	<u>(496,175)</u>	3,084,963

Unamortized deferred charges - debt issuance costs		261,872
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds:

Obligation under capital lease		(6,083)
Certificates of participation		(3,800,000)
Promissory note		(421,809)
Accrued interest is not included as a liability in government funds, it is recorded when paid		<u>(102,917)</u>

Net deficit of governmental activities **\$ (439,759)**

GRATTAN ACADEMY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Debt service fund</u>	<u>Capital projects fund</u>	<u>Total governmental funds</u>
REVENUES:				
Local sources:				
Interest	\$ -	\$ 10,912	\$ 2,208	\$ 13,120
Other	33,679			33,679
Total local sources	33,679	10,912	2,208	46,799
State sources	1,450,128	-	-	1,450,128
Federal sources	53,355	-	-	53,355
Incoming transfers	40,544	-	-	40,544
Total revenues	1,577,706	10,912	2,208	1,590,826
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Basic programs	448,895	-	-	448,895
Added needs	121,671	-	-	121,671
Total instruction	570,566	-	-	570,566
Support services:				
Pupil	30,730	-	-	30,730
Instructional staff	21,248	-	-	21,248
General administration	158,792	-	-	158,792
School administration	186,754	-	-	186,754
Business	41,948	-	-	41,948
Operation and maintenance	129,466	-	-	129,466
Central	13,163	-	-	13,163
Total support services	582,101	-	-	582,101

	General fund	Debt service fund	Capital projects fund	Total governmental funds
EXPENDITURES (Concluded):				
Current (Concluded):				
Community service	\$ 4,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,875
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	23,038	-	-	23,038
Interest and fiscal charges	32,583	249,750	-	282,333
Total expenditures	<u>1,213,163</u>	<u>249,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,462,913</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>364,543</u>	<u>(238,838)</u>	<u>2,208</u>	<u>127,913</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	575	190,335	-	190,910
Operating transfers out	(190,335)	-	(575)	(190,910)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(189,760)</u>	<u>190,335</u>	<u>(575)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	174,783	(48,503)	1,633	127,913
FUND BALANCES:				
Beginning of year	(32,247)	387,699	60,850	416,302
End of year	<u>\$ 142,536</u>	<u>\$ 339,196</u>	<u>\$ 62,483</u>	<u>\$ 544,215</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds	\$ 127,913
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p> <p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.</p>	
Depreciation expense	(92,874)
<p>Accrued interest on certificates of participation is recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is not recorded in governmental funds until it is paid:</p>	
Accrued interest payable, beginning of the year	102,917
Accrued interest payable, end of the year	(102,917)
<p>Repayments of principal on long-term debt are expenditures in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where they are reductions of liabilities).</p>	
Amortization on issuance costs	(9,699)
Principal repayment - capital lease	2,864
Principal repayment - promissory note	<u>23,038</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 51,242</u></u>

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Agency fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 3,087
LIABILITIES	
Due to student groups	\$ 465
Due to parent groups	<u>2,622</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,087</u>

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Grattan Academy have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government 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 Academy's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting entity

Grattan Academy (the "Academy") is a public school academy as part of the Michigan Public School System under Public Act No. 362 of 1993. Saginaw Valley State University is the authorizing governing body for the Academy and has contracted with the Academy to charter the public school academy through June 2011. The Academy's board of directors is approved by the authorizing body and is authorized to manage the Academy and the property and affairs of the Academy. The Academy receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with all of the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Academy is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Academy's reporting entity does not contain any component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 14 and 39.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Academy. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The government-wide financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All of the Academy's activities are classified as governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges paid by recipients who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods or services by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. State Foundation Aid, certain revenue from the intermediate school district and other unrestricted items are not included as program revenues but instead as *general revenues*.

In the government-wide statement of net assets, the governmental activities column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis, and (b) is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Academy's net assets are reported in three parts - invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted net assets and unrestricted net assets.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements (Continued)

The Academy first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Academy's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (State Foundation Aid, certain intergovernmental revenues, investment income and other revenue). The statement of activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues and operating grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (State Foundation Aid, intermediate district sources, interest income and other revenues.)

The Academy does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Academy as an entity and the change in the Academy's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds even though the latter are excluded from the government wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental funds - Governmental funds are those funds through which most Academy functions typically are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Academy's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds.

The Academy reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the Academy's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Academy, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *debt service fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on certificates of participation.

The *capital projects fund* accounts for the receipt of debt proceeds and the acquisition of fixed assets or construction of major capital projects.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements (Concluded)

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the Academy in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Trust funds account for assets held by the Academy under the terms of a formal trust agreement. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide statements.

The *agency fund* is custodial in nature and does not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Agency funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. This fund is used to account for assets that the Academy holds for others in an agency capacity (primarily student and parent activities).

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting and basis of presentation

Accrual method

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Modified accrual method

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting and basis of presentation (Concluded)

State and federal aid and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Academy.

State revenue

The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per pupil based on a statewide formula. The Foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to the Academy based on information supplied by the Academy. For the year ended June 30, 2008, the foundation allowance was based on pupil membership counts taken in February and September of 2007.

The state portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The State revenue is recognized during the foundation period and is funded through payments from October 2007 to August 2008. Thus, the unpaid portion at June 30th is reported as due from other governmental units.

The Academy also receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be used for its specific purpose. Categorical funds received, which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

D. Other accounting policies

1. Cash and equivalents

The Academy reports its investments in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools* and No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*. Under these standards, certain investments are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices, or by estimated fair values when quoted market prices are not available. The standards also provide that certain investments are valued at cost (or amortized cost) when they are of a short-term duration, the rate of return is fixed, and the Academy intends to hold the investment until maturity.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Other accounting policies (Continued)

1. Cash and equivalents (Concluded)

State statutes authorize the Academy to invest in bonds and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The Academy is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

2. Receivables and payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds".

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

3. Prepaid expenditures

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenditures.

4. Capital assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Other accounting policies (Continued)

4. Capital assets (Concluded)

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Building and improvements	20 - 50 years
Land improvements	25 years
Furniture and other equipment	5 - 20 years

The Academy's capitalization policy is to capitalize individual amounts exceeding \$5,000.

5. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the statement of net assets. Debt premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt, are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts, as well as debt issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

6. Use of estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

F. Other accounting policies (Concluded)

7. Fund balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. Amounts reserved for debt service in the general fund consist of a portion of the amount due from other governmental units legally restricted for debt service. These funds are transferred to the debt service fund upon receipt.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund. Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Significant encumbrances outstanding at year end, if any, are reported as reservations of fund balance because they will be re-appropriated in the subsequent fiscal year.

The Academy follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Chief Administrative Officer submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budgets is at the functional level as set forth and presented as required supplementary information.
2. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (1968 PA 2). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will be less than anticipated or so that expenditures will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred, unless authorized in the budget, in excess of the amount appropriated. Violations, if any, in the general fund are noted in the required supplementary information section.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between major expenditure functions within any fund; however, these transfers and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Concluded)

4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund.
5. The budget was amended during the year with supplemental appropriations, the last one approved prior to June 30, 2008. The Academy does not consider these amendments to be significant.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS

As of June 30, 2008, the Academy had the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair value	Weighted average maturity (years)	Standard & Poor's Rating	%
First American Treasury Obligations Fund - class D	\$ 401,679	0.0027	AAAm	100.00%
Portfolio weighted average maturity		0.0027		

One day maturity equals 0.0027, one year equals 1.00

The Academy invests certain excess funds in external pooled investment funds which included treasury obligations. The treasury obligation reports as of June 30, 2008, the fair value of the Academy's investments is the same as the value of the pool shares.

These investments are restricted under the terms of the certificates of participation debt agreements primarily for debt service, capital projects and maintenance and repair of the related facilities.

Interest rate risk. The Academy will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by; structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and, investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, liquid asset funds, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the Academy's cash requirements.

Credit risk. State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). As of June 30, 2008, the Academy did not have investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS (Concluded)

Concentration of credit risk. The Academy will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Academy's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

Custodial credit risk - deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2008, \$25,546 of the Academy's bank balance of \$125,546 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. The above amounts include interest bearing deposits. Fiduciary fund balances are not included in the above balances. As of June 30, 2008, none of the Fiduciary fund's bank balance of \$3,087 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Custodial credit risk - investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Academy will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The Academy will minimize custodial credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities allowed by law; and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the Academy will do business.

Foreign currency risk. The Academy is not authorized to invest in investments which have this type of risk.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in the Academy's capital assets follows:

	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2008
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 366,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 366,500
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	2,765,576	-	-	2,765,576
Land improvements	87,000	-	-	87,000
Furniture and fixtures	283,624	-	-	283,624
Office equipment	78,438	-	-	78,438
Depreciable capital assets	3,214,638	-	-	3,214,638
Accumulated depreciation:				
Building and improvements	288,253	68,321	-	356,574
Land improvements	13,050	3,480	-	16,530
Furniture and fixtures	54,364	14,432	-	68,796
Office equipment	47,634	6,641	-	54,275
Total accumulated depreciation	403,301	92,874	-	496,175
Net depreciable capital assets	2,811,337	(92,874)	-	2,718,463
Net governmental capital assets	\$ 3,177,837	\$ (92,874)	\$ -	\$ 3,084,963

Depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 amounted to \$92,874. The Academy determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to the various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 5 - NOTES PAYABLE

As of June 30, 2008, the Academy has \$147,000 outstanding from a state aid anticipation note dated October 4, 2007. The note, which has an interest rate of 6.5%, matures August 31, 2008. The note is secured by future state school aid payments.

Balance June 30, 2007	Additions	Payments	Balance June 30, 2008
\$ 49,395	\$ 588,000	\$ 490,395	\$ 147,000

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions of the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	Promissory note	Certificate of participation	Capital lease	Total
Balance, July 1, 2007	\$ 444,847	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 8,947	\$ 4,253,794
Repayments	23,038	-	2,864	25,902
Balance, June 30, 2008	421,809	3,800,000	6,083	4,227,892
Less current portion	24,827	45,000	3,072	72,899
Total due after one year	\$ 396,982	\$ 3,755,000	\$ 3,011	\$ 4,154,993

Interest expense (all funds) for the year ended June 30, 2008 was approximately \$305,000. General fund interest on notes payable is included in support services.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Long-term debt currently outstanding at June 30, 2008 is as follows:

2006 Series full term certificates of participation due in annual principal installments of \$45,000 to \$545,000 through February 1, 2036 plus interest at 6.5%	\$ 3,800,000
Promissory note due in monthly installments of \$4,635 through September 2019, including interest at 7.5%.	<u>421,809</u>
Total certificates and notes payable	4,221,809
Less current portion	<u>(69,827)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 4,151,982</u></u>

The annual requirements to amortize the certificates of participation and notes payable outstanding as of June 30, 2008, including interest of \$4,931,048 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$ 69,827	\$ 277,794	\$ 347,621
2010	76,754	272,941	349,695
2011	83,831	267,614	351,445
2012	86,070	261,801	347,871
2013	93,482	255,814	349,296
2014-2018	585,675	1,170,803	1,756,478
2019-2023	571,170	968,606	1,539,776
2024-2028	690,000	778,700	1,468,700
2029-2033	945,000	523,900	1,468,900
2034-2036	<u>1,020,000</u>	<u>153,075</u>	<u>1,173,075</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,221,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,931,048</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,152,857</u></u>

An amount of \$339,196 is available in the debt service fund to service the certificates. The certificates may be paid off early beginning in 2016 at the discretion of the Academy at stated amounts based on the terms of the debt agreement.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Concluded)

Capital lease obligations at June 30, 2008 consist of the following:

A capital lease for equipment with monthly payments totaling \$283 including interest imputed at 7.0% maturing through June 2010	\$ 6,083
Less current portion	<u>(3,072)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,011</u></u>

The future minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the net minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2009	\$ 3,400
2010	<u>3,117</u>
Total minimum lease payments	6,517
Less: amounts representing interest	<u>(434)</u>
Capital lease obligations	<u><u>\$ 6,083</u></u>

The following is a summary of property held under capital lease as of June 30, 2008:

Equipment	\$ 14,309
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>8,824</u>
	<u><u>\$ 5,485</u></u>

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 7 - TRANSFERS

Operating transfers between the governmental funds were as follows:

Operating transfers out		Operating transfers in	
General fund	\$ 190,335	Debt service fund	\$ 190,335
Capital projects fund	575	General fund	575
	\$ 190,910		\$ 190,910

Transfers were made from the general fund to the debt service fund for interest payments on the certificates of participation. Transfers were made from the capital projects fund to the general fund for reimbursement of costs of capital expenditures paid for by the general fund.

NOTE 8 - OVERSIGHT FEES

The Academy pays an administrative oversight fee of 3% of its state school aid discretionary and Proposal A obligation payments to Saginaw Valley State University Board of Trustees, as set forth by contract, to reimburse the University Board for the cost of execution of its oversight responsibilities. These oversight responsibilities include the monitoring of the Academy’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, and the review of its audited financial statements and periodic reports. During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Academy incurred expense of approximately \$42,400 for oversight fees.

NOTE 9 - MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Academy had entered into a five year (through June 2008) management agreement with Choice Schools Associates, LLC (Choice Schools) for operation of the Academy. Under the terms of the management agreement, Choice Schools’ compensation for operating the Academy was up to 12% of the unrestricted state revenue. The contract was modified during 2008 and as a result, the total management fee incurred was \$100,459.

NOTE 10 - PURCHASED SERVICES

The Academy leases all employee services from Choice Schools. Salaries, retirement, social security, health insurance, and unemployment taxes are the responsibility of Choice Schools. The amount payable to Choice Schools at June 30, 2008 was approximately \$5,657.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees' and natural disasters. To minimize the risk, the Academy carries commercial insurance.

NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Academy anticipates borrowing \$450,000 on a state aid anticipation note in September 2008 at approximately 5.75% to be repaid monthly from October 2008 through August of 2009.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Original budget</u>	<u>Final budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with final budget positive (negative)</u>
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,725	\$ 33,679	\$ 10,954
State sources	1,656,305	1,450,125	1,450,128	3
Federal sources	49,939	53,356	53,355	(1)
Incoming transfers	3,000	12,386	40,544	28,158
Total revenues	<u>1,731,244</u>	<u>1,538,592</u>	<u>1,577,706</u>	<u>39,114</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Basic programs	448,341	464,451	448,895	15,556
Added needs	108,087	123,345	121,671	1,674
Total instruction	<u>556,428</u>	<u>587,796</u>	<u>570,566</u>	<u>17,230</u>
Support services:				
Pupil	47,500	52,000	30,730	21,270
Instructional staff	16,730	23,712	21,248	2,464
General administration	257,580	160,825	158,792	2,033
School administration	228,564	189,765	186,754	3,011
Business	39,238	44,000	41,948	2,052
Operation and maintenance	151,235	138,500	129,466	9,034
Central	12,500	9,000	13,163	(4,163)
Total support services	<u>753,347</u>	<u>617,802</u>	<u>582,101</u>	<u>35,701</u>

	<u>Original budget</u>	<u>Final budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with final budget positive (negative)</u>
EXPENDITURES (Concluded):				
Current:				
Community services	\$ 6,300	\$ 7,300	\$ 4,875	\$ 2,425
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	21,000	21,000	23,038	(2,038)
Interest and fiscal charges	35,000	35,000	32,583	2,417
Total expenditures	<u>1,372,075</u>	<u>1,268,898</u>	<u>1,213,163</u>	<u>55,735</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>359,169</u>	<u>269,694</u>	<u>364,543</u>	<u>94,849</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	-	575	575	-
Operating transfers out	(235,000)	(198,400)	(190,335)	8,065
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(235,000)</u>	<u>(197,825)</u>	<u>(189,760)</u>	<u>8,065</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 124,169</u>	<u>\$ 71,869</u>	174,783	<u>\$ 102,914</u>
FUND BALANCES:				
Beginning of year			<u>(32,247)</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 142,536</u>	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
FULL TERM CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION - SERIES 2006
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

\$3,800,000 Certificates issued February 17, 2006

Principal due February 1	Interest due		Debt requirement for fiscal year	
	August 1	February 1	June 30,	Amount
\$ 45,000	\$ 123,500	\$ 123,500	2009	\$ 292,000
50,000	122,037	122,038	2010	294,075
55,000	120,412	120,413	2011	295,825
55,000	118,625	118,625	2012	292,250
60,000	116,837	116,838	2013	293,675
65,000	114,887	114,888	2014	294,775
70,000	112,775	112,775	2015	295,550
75,000	110,500	110,500	2016	296,000
80,000	108,062	108,063	2017	296,125
85,000	105,462	105,463	2018	295,925
90,000	102,700	102,700	2019	295,400
95,000	99,775	99,775	2020	294,550
100,000	96,687	96,688	2021	293,375
105,000	93,437	93,438	2022	291,875
115,000	90,025	90,025	2023	295,050
120,000	86,287	86,288	2024	292,575
130,000	82,387	82,388	2025	294,775
140,000	78,162	78,163	2026	296,325
145,000	73,612	73,613	2027	292,225
155,000	68,900	68,900	2028	292,800
165,000	63,862	63,863	2029	292,725
175,000	58,500	58,500	2030	292,000
190,000	52,812	52,813	2031	295,625
200,000	46,637	46,638	2032	293,275
215,000	40,137	40,138	2033	295,275
230,000	33,150	33,150	2034	296,300
245,000	25,675	25,675	2035	296,350
545,000	17,712	17,713	2036	580,425
<u>\$ 3,800,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,554</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,571</u>		<u>\$ 8,527,125</u>

The above certificates bear an interest rate of 6.5%. The certificate proceeds were used to pay off a land contract and other long-term debt related to the purchase of the building, land and improvement thereto.

**GRATTAN ACADEMY
PROMISSORY NOTE PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

\$500,000 promissory note issued August 26, 2004

Principal due the first of each month	Interest due the first of each month	Debt requirement for fiscal year	
		June 30,	Amount
\$ 24,827	\$ 30,794	2009	\$ 55,621
26,754	28,866	2010	55,620
28,831	26,789	2011	55,620
31,070	24,551	2012	55,621
33,482	22,139	2013	55,621
36,081	19,540	2014	55,621
38,882	16,739	2015	55,621
41,900	13,720	2016	55,620
45,153	10,467	2017	55,620
48,659	6,962	2018	55,621
52,436	3,185	2019	55,621
13,734	171	2020	13,905
<u>\$ 421,809</u>	<u>\$ 203,923</u>		<u>\$ 625,732</u>

The above promissory note bears an interest rate of 7.5%. The note proceeds were used for the acquisition of real property.



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**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**

To the Board of Directors
Grattan Academy

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grattan Academy as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise Grattan Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2008. 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 Grattan Academy's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 Academy'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 Academy's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Academy'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 Academy'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 Grattan Academy'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management and others within the Academy, U.S. Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Education and pass through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Maner, Costerisan + Ellis, P.C.

September 22, 2008