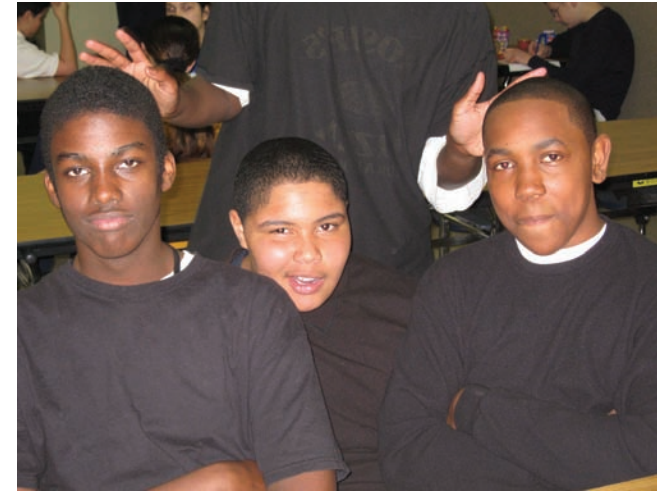




Constellation Schools

The Right Choice for Parents and a Real Chance for Children!



2006-2007 Annual Report • 2007-2008 School Calendar

LORAIN COMMUNITY MIDDLE



Mission Statement

Lorain Community Middle • 307 West 7th Street • Lorain, Ohio 44052 • Phone: 440.242.2023 • Fax: 440.242.2044

Mission

Constellation Schools creates and provides diverse superior educational opportunities for a community of learners, built on a foundation of character education in a safe environment, ensuring the success of all children in our advancing technological society.



Value

As a school of choice, we believe all children deserve a superior education in a safe, caring, nurturing environment. We will create a community of learners where children excel, become responsible citizens, and are exposed to the highest ethical standards.

Organization Slogan

*The Right Choice for Parents
and a Real Chance for Children!*

Vision

Constellation Schools will create a premiere learning community characterized by high expectations and academic excellence.

Our students will be engaged in the process of learning and will become responsible, involved citizens. They will be life long learners, technologically proficient, and perform to their maximum potential.

Our parents will be positively engaged in the education of their children and be participants in school activities.

Our personnel will be committed, competent, compassionate individuals who will consistently exemplify the highest ethical and professional standards.

Our management team will provide superior leadership, resources and support to facilitate the optimal operations of our school.

Our Board of Directors will guide the organization in creating a culture of excellence and success.

Character Education Slogan

*We all have Choices.
Choices have Consequences.
Be Smart and Make the Right Choice!*

Constellation Schools and Lorain Community Middle admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, disability, age or gender in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, hiring, and employee retention policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.



Constellation Schools & History

Constellation Schools • 5983 West 54th Street • Parma, Ohio 44129 • Phone: 440.845.7688 • Fax: 440.845.7689

Constellation Schools is an Ohio nonprofit corporation, and IRC 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization, that was established in 1999 to create and operate high quality community (charter) schools offering a superior, safe learning environment. Currently there are sixteen (16) schools in Constellation's community of schools; they are: Old Brooklyn Community Elementary, Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Parma Community Elementary, Middle and High, Elyria Community Elementary, Lorain Community Elementary, Lorain Community Middle, Westpark Community Elementary, Westpark Community Middle, Mansfield Community Elementary, Puritas Community Elementary, Puritas Community Middle, Stockyard Community Elementary, Madison Community Elementary, Lorain Gifted Academy, Outreach Academy for Children with Disabilities and Westside Community School of the Arts.

Our learning communities are characterized by small classes, high expectations, involved parents, and engaged students. We provide safe and secure buildings; the best available curriculum; current textbooks; and, extensive use of computers and other technology. Constellation Schools hires only highly qualified, state-certified/licensed teachers and provides extensive and on-going professional development for all personnel.

Character education is the cornerstone of our program. Students are expected to adhere to a demanding code of behavioral conduct, including a dress code, and are held accountable for their actions through a comprehensive and strict disciplinary policy.

Parents are expected to be active participants in the education of their children, support the school policies, supervise homework and attend conferences.

Constellation Schools Lorain Community Middle School Sponsor
Patricia Hughes, Ed. D., Director, Community School Division
Buckeye Community Hope Foundation
3021 East Dublin-Granville Road • Columbus, Ohio 43231
614.942.2002 • 614.942.2000 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-4

Old Brooklyn Community Elementary (1998)
Cherie Kaiser, Principal

4430 State Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.661.7888 • 216.661.5975 fax

Westpark Community Elementary (2001)
Macey Baldizzi, Principal

16210 Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio 44111
216.688.0271 • 216.688.0273 fax

Lorain Community Elementary (2001)
Melisa Shady, Principal

201 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.204.2130 • 440.204.2134 fax

Puritas Community Elementary (2003)
Donald Disantis, Principal

15204 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216.688.0680 • 216.688.0609 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-9

**Parma Community Elementary,
Middle & High** (2000)

**Linda Geyer, Principal
Elementary**

7667 Day Drive, Parma, Ohio 44129
440.845.5490 • 440.888.5890 fax

Middle and High

5983 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129
440.845.2587 • 440.845.2834 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-12

**Outreach Academy for Children with
Disabilities** (2006)

Mary Wideman-Blake, Principal
3326 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.661.6655 • 330.732.2497 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-8

Lorain Gifted Academy (2004)

Richard Hronek, Principal
307 West 7th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.244.0855 • 440.244.0857 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-6

Mansfield Community Elementary (2002)
Bethany Young, Principal

455 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 44906
419.522.4578 • 419.522.2705 fax

Stockyard Community Elementary (2004)
Audrey Petsche-Sims, Principal

3200 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
216.651.5143 • 216.651.9515 fax

Madison Community Elementary (2004)
Kathryn Fiorillo, Principal

2015 West 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
216.651.5212 • 216.651.9040 fax

Constellation Schools Grades K-8

Elyria Community Elementary (2001)
Lee Henderson, Principal

300 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035
440.366.5225 • 440.366.6280 fax

Constellation Schools Grades 5-8

Old Brooklyn Community Middle (2006)
Amy Mobley, Principal

4430 State Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216.351.0280 • 216.661.5975 fax

Westpark Community Middle (2006)
Karil Sako, Principal

16210 Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio 44111
216.251.7200 • 216.251.7220 fax

Puritas Community Middle (2006)

Donald Disantis, Principal
15204 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216.251.1596 • 216.688.0609 fax

Lorain Community Middle (2006)
Jennifer Cairns, Principal

307 West 7th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
440.242.2023 • 440.242.2044 fax



Message from the Chairman

Constellation Schools continues to grow and improve. During the 2006/2007 school year we have implemented many things designed to ensure our schools have the resources necessary to assist students, and that our teachers know how to use these resources.



Every teacher in every classroom is using AIMSweb to assess student performance on an ongoing basis. Where students are not advancing as expected, interventions can be implemented nearly immediately. Professional development for teachers and staff has always been a high priority for us, however, this year we greatly expanded and improved our professional development program. Our special education program remains second to none, and this year we have expanded our use of alternative assessments to ensure the success of all children. We have also focused on standardizing our curriculum, our summer school program, and our kindergarten readiness screening. Because of the growth we have experienced, and our expected future growth, we implemented a Principal Training Program. Two interns spent the entire year working with our experienced principals and administrators to ensure they will be ready to open and effectively operate Constellation schools for the 2007/2008 school year.

Despite our growth, student and school performance continue to improve. For the 2005/2006 school year, Westpark Community Elementary and Lorain Gifted Academy were rated "Excellent," and Old Brooklyn Community Elementary and Parma Community Elementary, Middle & High were rated "Effective" by the Ohio Department of Education. Most other Constellation schools are rated "Continuous Improvement" but all are focused on improving student performance.



Our expansion plans for Old Brooklyn Community Elementary/Old Brooklyn Community Middle, Westpark Community Elementary/Westpark Community Middle, Lorain Community Elementary/Lorain Community Middle, Stockyard Community Elementary and Parma Community Elementary, Middle & High continue with groundbreaking expected at Old Brooklyn and Westpark during the 2007/2008 school year. To accommodate the expansion we are currently seeking a \$20 million bond issue and expect to have the transaction finalized by fall. Our purchase of the Schaaf Community Center building in Parma will also allow us to initiate our first high school during the 2007/2008 school year.

Our specialty schools, Lorain Gifted Academy and Outreach Academy, continue to meet the needs of underserved populations. Gifted students at our Lorain Academy are flourishing with the rigorous program we have established. And, the profoundly disabled/medically fragile children served by Outreach Academy also flourish with the compassionate program we have created there.

Besides initiating our first-ever high school program, we will also open a school dedicated to bringing a high quality arts program to Cleveland's west side during the 2007/2008 school year.

Strategic planning continues to play a major role in the development of our organization and our schools, and our focus remains on one thing – providing a high quality education to all children.





Administrative Staff & Board Members



Lorain Community Middle Board Members

Left to Right:

Don Disantis

Cate Ryan – Secretary

Mark Stypczynski – Chairman

Laura Trivison

Not Pictured:

Mike Lippy

Constellation Schools' Board Members



**Richard Lukich,
Chairman**



Gerald Preseren



Rebecca Keeney

Gerald Preseren
Executive Director

Thomas Babb
Treasurer

Jean Sandler
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Lisa Geyer
Technology Specialists

John Roberts
Coordinator of Educational Programs

Roy Zeman
Coordinator of Educational Services

Becky Jordan
Lisa Stepney
Sonya Lewis
School Psychologists
Jill Teresczuk
Amanda Stricker
Sandra Shaprio
Speech and Language Pathologists

Karen Boose
Frances Horvath
Occupational Therapists

Kim Stanislo
Karen Baker
Lisa Stern
Kelley Vazquez
Diane Sauder
School Nurses

Sharon Morgan
Coordinator of Staff & Professional Development

Penny Hockey
Administrative Assistant

Deborah Kilbane
Principal In-Training

Richard Hronek
Coordinator of Gifted Services

Jeffrey Soltis
Facility Operations Manager
John Allen
Maintenance

Karen Florian
Human Resource Manager

Menetta Szabo
Administrative Assistant

Lisa Vinarcik
Manager of Marketing & Public Relations



Staff/Student Demographics

About Our Students

During the 2006-2007 school year Lorain Community Middle served 93 students in grades 5-8. Students at Lorain Community Middle are taken on a first come, first served basis during the first two weeks of December. Those students who are currently enrolled are ensured a place for the following school year if they enroll during these two weeks. If more students apply than there are spots, a lottery is held and a waiting list is formed.



The entire teaching staff at Lorain Community Middle have professional certificates and meet the "Highly Qualified Requirements" of the No Child Left Behind Act.

All teaching assistants are professionally licensed and are continuing to work toward other educational degrees.

Staff Roster:

Principal Jennifer Cairns

Administrative Assistant Yazmin Millan

Fifth Grade Steve Gedeon, Jeannine Wolfe

Sixth Grade Dyana Scott

Seventh Grade Jess Rion

Eighth Grade Robin Dahman

Special Education Patti Crimaldi, Kristen Volle

Physical Education Jill Fuleki

Spanish Grades 5-7 Laura Ban

Spanish Grade 8 Marlene Calco

Teacher Assistant Anna Kontos, Victoria Laymon

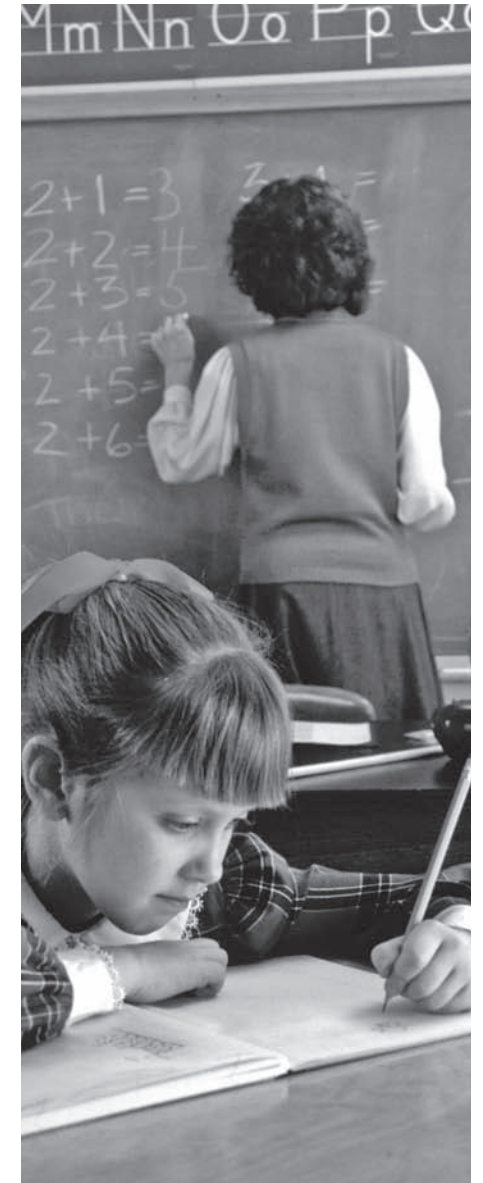
Title I Lindsay Moser, Mike Plas

Personal Aide Ryan Cinalli

School Nurse Julia Howerton

Staff Demographics Female 82% Male 18%

Hispanic 12% Caucasian 88%





Staff/Student Attendance & Enrollment

Enrollment

93 Students

18% African American

37% Caucasian

32% Hispanic

13% Other

46% Female

54% Male

58% Eligible for Low Income

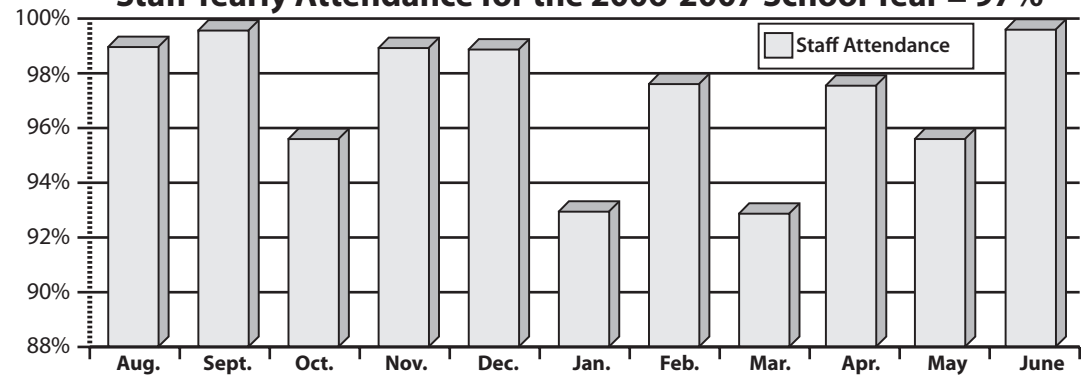
Attendance Percent for the Year: 95%



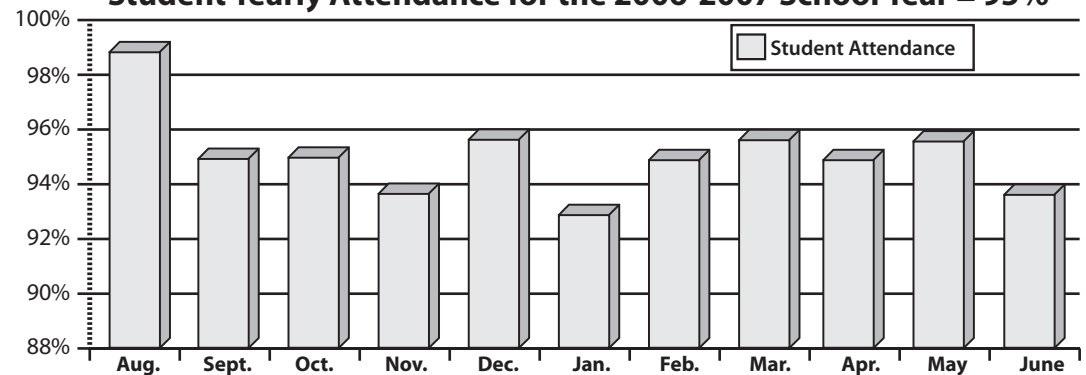
Home School Notification

The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education as defined by the Administrative code shall no longer be excused for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school.

Staff Yearly Attendance for the 2006-2007 School Year = 97%



Student Yearly Attendance for the 2006-2007 School Year = 95%





Education Plans/Programs

During the 2006-2007 academic year, Lorain Community Middle applied the Ohio Academic Content Standards Education Program to best prepare students for the state-mandated achievement tests.

Our students grow in a non-competitive learning environment that extends well beyond the classroom setting. Through the instruction and skill of Lorain Community Middle's physical education teacher, students experience physical fitness at both the school and the community level.

All chosen curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards and is designed to guide students towards their grade level goals. Content areas include Reading/Language Arts, Spelling/Phonics, Math, Science/Health, and Social Studies. Teachers set high standards for achievement and behavior in their classrooms and expect that with age appropriate teaching methods, all students will achieve to their potential. Title I services (small grouping with a reading/math teacher) and Special Education services are implemented to assist students with individual needs to reach their grade level goals.

Furthermore, instruction is enhanced through the use of Technology in the computer lab, integrating classroom projects with such programs as word processing, slide shows, presentations, and internet research. Special area instruction includes Spanish, Art, Music, and Physical Education. In addition, Parent activity, community involvement, and Character Education enhances our educational plan as well, which secures a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students.

Community Involvement:

Life Bank Blood Drive
Community Clean-Up Day
Mobile Dentist

Community Service Projects:

Baby Shower for Birth Right of Lorain
Penny War for Local Church
Recycling Project
Adopting an Endangered Animal from the Rainforest
Muffins for Moms
Doughnuts for Dads

Field Trips

Cleveland Zoo
Cleveland Playhouse
Cedar Point
Findley State Park

Special Programs

Student Council
"Walking In Wisdom" Native American Program
Fall Harvest Celebration
Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show
Winter Music Program
COSI on Wheels
Intramural Basketball
Fine Arts Festival
All-School Dance
8th Grade Graduation
Field Day

Parent Group Activities

Family Nights: Roller Skating Party, End-of-the-Year Picnic
Fund Raising: Pizzazz, Lemonade Stand, Candy Bars, Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels, Pop Tops
T-Shirts for Whole School
Staff Luncheon
Provided Snacks & Water for Field Day

Assessment Measures

AIMSWeb Curriculum Based Measures
Ohio Achievement Test
Stanford 10 Achievement Test
Classroom Assessments





Professional Development

Constellation Schools are committed to quality professional development. Our Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) follows all state requirements to renew teaching/principal certificates and licensures. Our professional renewal process ensures a close connection between renewal activities of the educators and classroom practices. The continued development and improvement of relevant and applicable professional pedagogical skills and knowledge are essential to the education process. Through professional development we can ensure that all students reach their full potential to contribute to a democratic society including maximizing each student's abilities and encouraging self-reflection and a lifelong love of learning.

LPDC plans several professional development opportunities throughout the school year such as:

- Positive Discipline
- Classroom Management
- Saxon Math/Phonics
- Character Education in the Classroom
- Pathwise Training (How to mentor an entry year teacher)
- Differentiated Instruction
- Progressbook
- Cyberchase
- Special Education Procedures
- Instructional Reading Strategies
- First Aid Training
- Technology Conference

Constellation Schools provide teachers up to \$200 per year toward professional development and allow their teachers and staff to choose some of their own professional development opportunities. Such opportunities include:

- Crisis Prevention
- Working with Word Walls
- Practical Strategies to Enhance the Classroom and Strengthen Student Behavior
- Writing About Mathematics
- Grade Level Conferences
- Title One Conference
- Fun-Filled Learning Centers for the Classroom
- SERI
- Literacy Links
- Practical Ideas and Activities for the First Year Teacher
- Using Technology to Improve Math Instruction
- Smartboard Training
- Make-It, Take-It Workshops
- Powerful Strategies for At-Risk Readers
- Guided Reading
- Reading Plus





Achievement Results

Lorain Community Middle Achievement Test Results 2006-2007

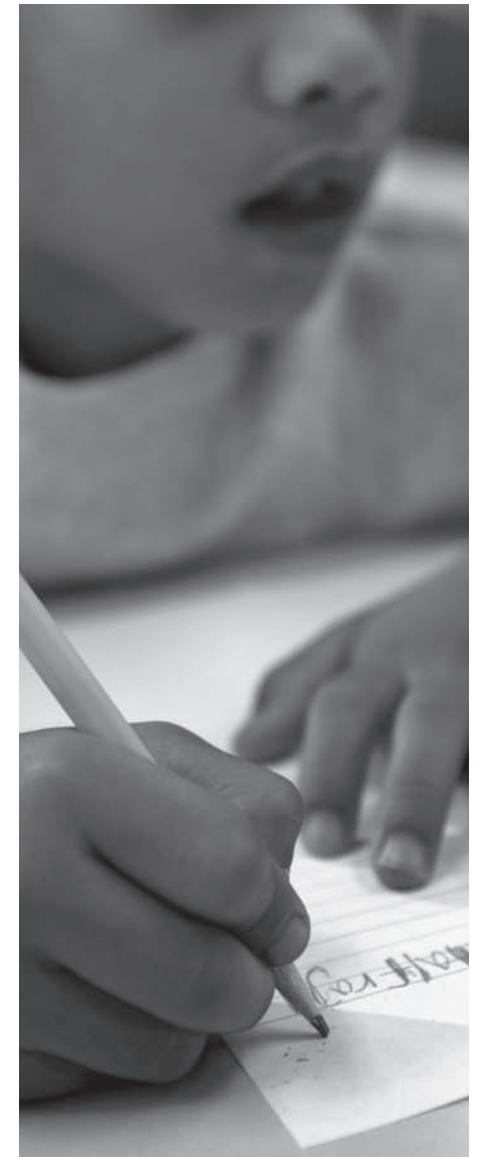
Fifth Grade						
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies
2006-2007	14.7	NT	38.2	38.2	NT	11.8
2005-2006	55.0	NT	NT	55.0	NT	NT

Sixth Grade					
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing
2006-2007	36.8	NT	NT	42.1	NT
2005-2006	40.0	NT	NT	50.0	NT

Seventh Grade					
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing
2006-2007	41.2	NT	NT	35.3	58.5
2005-2006	21.0	NT	NT	74.0	NT

Eighth Grade						
	Math	Citizenship	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies
2006-2007	11.8	NT	17.6	47.1	NT	5.9

*NT=Not Required to Take





Stanford Testing Results

During the 2006-2007 academic year, students in grades 5-8 took the Stanford 10 norm reference test in March.

The following results are listed in the normal curve equivalent (NCE). NCE is a standard score that is taken from the percentile rank. It ranges from 1-99 with a mean of 50.

Fifth Grade			
	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
Total Reading	45.1	45.0	41.8
Math	45.3	50.5	36.4
Complete Battery	45.2	47.8	40.9

Sixth Grade			
	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
Total Reading	49.5	35.9	37.4
Math	42.1	40.9	42.3
Complete Battery	47.0	37.6	41.2

Seventh Grade			
	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
Total Reading	n/a	48.5	41.0
Math	n/a	47.2	39.9
Complete Battery	n/a	49.2	40.2

Eighth Grade			
	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
Total Reading	n/a	n/a	33.5
Math	n/a	n/a	34.2
Complete Battery	n/a	n/a	35.8



FINANCIAL REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 2007

Highlights for the Year

- 1st annual audit by the Auditor of State issued for 2006 with an "unqualified opinion" (best opinion available)
- Enrollment grew with expansion into additional classrooms.

The Cash Basis Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year ended June 30, 2007 reflects the activities of Lorain Community Middle during the year. The information provided below refers to this report and the accompanying graphs.

Revenues

The largest source of operating revenue (73%) comes from the State of Ohio School Foundation Program. This funding is earned at a base rate of \$5,403 for each student enrolled during the year. Additional funds are provided for the special needs of students, the poverty level of the community in which each student resides, and other adjustments.

State and Federal Grants (25%) supplement school operations for specific purposes. Lorain Community Middle received grants for Public Charter Schools, Title I Reading, Professional Development, Technology, Special Education and Entry Year Teacher Mentoring.

Materials Fees (1%) are collected from each student to provide consumable materials used during the year.

Other income (1%) includes service income and miscellaneous items.

Expenditures

Personnel services, combined with retirement and benefits, accounted for 42% of the expenditures for the year. These expenditures include principal, support staff, teachers, state retirement systems, employment taxes and health insurances.

Purchased services (25%) include expenditures for specialty teachers (music, Spanish and physical education), student support services (speech, psychologist, health and occupational therapy), field trips, professional development, management services, test scoring, facility operations, equipment leases, telephone, postage, travel, marketing and printing.

Supplies and materials (21%) include textbooks, instructional supplies, testing materials, office supplies, medical supplies, instructional software and maintenance supplies.

Capital Outlay (11%) includes purchases of equipment and furniture.

Other (1%) includes audit fees, insurances (property, liability, fidelity bond, director/officer), dues, subscriptions and miscellaneous.

Additional Information

A more detailed set of financial statements may be obtained by calling (440) 845-7688, writing to the Treasurer, Constellation Schools, 5983 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129 or by e-mail at the following address:
babb.thomas@constellationschools.com.

During the fall of 2007 the Auditor of State will audit the financial records of the school and issue an audit report. The audit report should be available in early 2008 on the Auditor's website:
www.auditor.state.oh.us.

Lorain Community Middle	
<i>Cash Basis Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year ended JUNE 30, 2007</i>	
(Unaudited)	
Beginning Cash - July 1, 2006	\$147,347
REVENUES	
State Foundation	\$692,810
State & Federal Grants	\$243,702
Material Fees	\$11,105
Other Income	\$11,615
Total Revenue	\$959,232
EXPENDITURES	
Personnel	\$359,065
Retirement & Benefits	\$98,758
Purchased Services	\$271,056
Supplies & Materials	\$225,418
Capital Outlay	\$117,125
Other	\$9,948
Total Expenditures	\$1,081,370
Ending Cash - June 30, 2007	\$25,209

REVENUES

Source	Amount	Percentage
State Foundation	\$692,810	73%
State & Federal Grants	\$243,702	25%
Other Income	\$11,615	1%
Material Fees	\$11,105	1%

EXPENDITURES

Category	Amount	Percentage
Personnel	\$359,065	33%
Purchased Services	\$271,056	25%
Supplies & Materials	\$225,418	21%
Capital Outlay	\$117,125	11%
Retirement & Benefits	\$98,758	9%
Other	\$9,948	1%