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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 08-01-2008 and ending 07-31-2009

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
Mill Springs Academy Inc
(fka Special Education Systems Inc)
Doing Business As

 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
13660 New Providence Road

 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Alpharetta, GA 300043413

D Employer identification number
58-1432397

E Telephone number
(770) 360-1336

G Gross receipts \$ 7,206,493

F Name and address of Principal Officer
Robert W Moore
13660 New Providence Road
Alpharetta, GA 300043413

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
(If "No," attach a list See instructions)

H(c) Group Exemption Number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Web site: ▶ www.millsprings.org

K Type of organization Corporation trust association other ▶

L Year of Formation 1981

M State of legal domicile GA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Mill Springs Academy is a value-based educational community dedicated to the academic, physical and social growth of those students who have not realized their full potential in traditional classroom settings		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	82
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	100
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	807,919	297,108
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	6,191,440	6,695,196
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	82,625	14,352
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	100,669	89,345
		7,182,653	7,096,001
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	374,621	360,178
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	3,922,728	4,417,871
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	60,000	0
	b (Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 <u>119,730</u>)		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	2,209,624	2,112,065
	18 Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	6,566,973	6,890,114
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	615,680	205,887	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	16,358,984	15,980,938
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,596,337	6,012,404
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,762,647	9,968,534	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Signature of officer: Lavone R Rippeon Chief Financial Officer
Date: 2010-06-14

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: E Wayne Williams Jr
Date: _____
Check if self-employed
Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst) _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Metcalf Davis CPAs
3340 Peachtree Road NE Suite 2600
Atlanta, GA 303261089
EIN: _____
Phone no: (404) 264-1700

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

Mill Springs Academy is a value-based educational community dedicated to the academic, physical and social growth of those students who have not realized their full potential in traditional classroom settings

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
 Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 4,855,545 including grants of \$ 360,178) (Revenue \$)

Instruction - Operation of a school for approximately 320 primary and secondary level students with various learning disabilities and difficulties Mill Springs Academy holds dual accreditation with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Mill Springs Academy bases learning strategies on Comprehensive Plans developed for each student by our multidisciplinary staff Learning strategies are generated from psycho-educational evaluations, previous school records, diagnostic skills assessment, observations, communication with other professionals involved with the student, and our continuing experiences with the student Mill Springs Academy is committed to a comprehensive, holistic program design that is multifaceted to meet the needs of the "total child" Mill Springs Academy provides a carefully structured environment within a warm, supportive atmosphere Our structural approach is an environment that involves our Community Structure, daily values groups, individualized contracts and Life Space Interview techniques Conferences with parents are scheduled throughout the term and others are based on the immediate needs of the student as defined by the student, family or school Our Community Structure is a school wide, reality-based structure that clearly defines the responsibilities and privileges associated with each level of responsibility The system allows the student to make fully informed choices resulting in privileges or consequences It allows staff members to function as facilitators Community meetings are led by the principal of each school component and involve both staff and peer feedback The community monitors the interactions of its members and enforces the Community Structure while academic expectations and interventions are individualized Interactive expectations are the same for all students - to respect oneself and all others of the community When students accomplish this major goal with the help of the MSA Community, they will have acquired sound social problem-solving skills, as well as, joy and self-satisfaction in their interactions with others Our Laptops for Learning program encompasses grades 4 through 12 This program emphasizes the computer's use as a tool for learning and as an individualized intervention for learning Because it is an intervention tool, students use their computers at home and at school The faculty also uses laptops in the same manner, including Lower School faculty Students in 1st through 3rd grades begin with desktops Microsoft Outlook is used to handle e-mail, inside and outside of school Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint are used for organizing, writing, editing and turning in assignments We use the computer for research on the Internet that is integrated into our curriculum This program is used for completing, maintaining and presenting our challenging academic work In addition, we also use an organizational website to help families and students organize their activities

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 467,750 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Student activities -Afternoon (PM) Program - Mill Springs Academy offers a recreational program for students 6 to 12 years old The PM Program provides these students with a supervised, structured environment, designed to develop and enhance self esteem, socialization skills, motor skills and appreciation of activities that require the rules of good sportsmanship Each student is placed for activities within a small peer group Appropriate group interactions are encouraged and directed by the staff Athletic Programs - Mill Springs Academy's goal is to assist students in establishing a healthy life style and develop an interest in at least one activity that will provide life-long positive experiences Currently some of our team sport offerings for 7th-12th graders include cross country, girls volleyball, soccer, and middle, JV, varsity girls and boys basketball, wrestling, varsity baseball, track, golf and tennis We also offer non-competitive sports The sports program at Mill Springs Academy is a vital part of student life We have experienced and dedicated coaches who work hard to promote a positive team environment for our athletes We also believe that our athletes are students first, so we incorporate study halls and monitor the students' academics to keep them current with their subjects We are currently participating in the Atlanta Athletic Conference but we also participate in GISA for with some our sports teams Summer Programs - The Mark Trail Camp serves students that are between the ages of 6 and 14 who need academic enrichment and/or remediation within the structure of a full day camp program where socialization skills and self esteem enhancement are emphasized The High School Summer Program serves young people in grades 9-12 who lack necessary credits or who choose to accelerate their progression through secondary school The program is also for students who require structure in order to fulfill appropriate academic goals, develop study and organizational skills

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 5,323,295 *Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).*

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10 Yes	
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> 	11 Yes	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> 	12 Yes	
13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> 	13 Yes	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> 	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> 	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> 	19	No
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> 	21	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> 	22 Yes	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> 	23 Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i>	24a	No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	No
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	No
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
36	501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 20		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
	1c		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 82		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.	Yes	
2b			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
3a			
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
3b			
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
4a			
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5a			
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5b			
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?		
5c			
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		No
6a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
6b			
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?		
7a		Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	Yes	
7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
7c			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
7f			
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		No
7g			
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		No
7h			
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
8			
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
9b			
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
	10b		
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
	11b		
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
	12b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	the governing body?	Yes	
8b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
9b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	Yes	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O	Yes	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <u>GA</u>
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> own website <input type="checkbox"/> another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization Lavone R Rippeon 13660 New Providence Rd Alpharetta, GA 300043413 (770) 360-1336

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

* List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Robert W Moore , President	40 00	X		X		X	196,289	0	5,176	
Robert M Slayden , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Bruce Brownlow , Upper School Principal	40 00	X					86,341	0	4,319	
Jesse Davis , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Mark Droege , Chairman	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Robert J Freeman , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Theresa Pritchard , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Adam Orkin , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Michelle Bergeson , PVA President	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Angel Murr , Trustee	1 00	X					0	0	0	
Kay Morrison , CommArts School Principa	40 00	X					60,255	0	3,928	
Lavone R Rippeon , Chief Financial Officer	40 00			X			94,507	0	4,386	
Tweetie L Moore , Founder	0 00					X	3,000	0	0	

Part VII Continued

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Total							437,392	0	17,809	

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶** 1

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed online 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia PO Box 100376 Atlanta, GA 303840376	Health, dental, group life insurance ser	274,693
Son Shine Bus Service 220 Salem Drive Dawsonville, GA 30534	Bus transportation service	160,030

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶** 2

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . 1a				
	b Membership dues				
	1b				
	c Fundraising events 8,025				
	1c				
	d Related organizations . . . 1d				
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 289,083				
1f					
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 5,200					
h Total (Add lines 1a-1f)	297,108				
Program Service Revenue	2a Tuition and fees	611,710	6,489,688	6,489,688	
	b Bus service fees	611,710	205,508	205,508	
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f \$ 6,695,196				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)		16,299		16,299
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5 Royalties				
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real 43,685	(ii) Personal		
	b Less rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)	43,685			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		43,685	43,685	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other 102		
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	245	1,804		
	c Gain or (loss)	-245	-1,702		
	d Net gain or (loss)		-1,947		-1,947
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 154,103 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a				
b Less direct expenses . . . b		108,443			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		45,660		45,660	
9a Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a					
b Less direct expenses . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$					
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		7,096,001	6,738,881	0	60,012

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	360,178	360,178		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	471,774	162,602	309,172	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	3,020,604	2,712,527		
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	57,483	26,919	30,564	
9	Other employee benefits	329,032	150,204	178,828	
10	Payroll taxes	538,978	246,849	292,129	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	9,562		8,790	772
c	Accounting	20,030		20,030	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	122,721		62,721	60,000
12	Advertising and promotion	17,294		17,294	
13	Office expenses	145,051	60,141	65,655	19,255
14	Information technology	110,020	104,896	5,124	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	554,799	532,283	22,516	
17	Travel	176,463	176,463		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings	48,993	34,295	14,698	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	405,830	387,418	18,412	
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	Student activity/extrac	314,117	314,117		
b	Miscellaneous expense	64,634		49,229	15,405
c	Entertainment and gifts	59,662		35,364	24,298
d	Banquets and awards	49,203	49,203		
e	Bad debt expense	8,486		8,486	
f	All other expenses	5,200	5,200		
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	6,890,114	5,323,295	1,447,089	119,730
26	Joint Costs. Check <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	169,722	1	94,438
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,465,302	2	273,227
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	238,856	3	103,274
	4 Accounts receivable, net	2,665,253	4	2,839,204
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a 11,443,075		
	b Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10b 2,081,135	9,680,447	10c 9,361,940
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	3,205,266
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	139,404	15	103,589
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	16,358,984	16	15,980,938	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	58,216	17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	5,685,121	19	5,571,404
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21	
	22 Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	850,000	23	441,000
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>	3,000	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,596,337	26	6,012,404
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	9,622,531	27	9,918,073
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	132,069	28	42,414
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	8,047	29	8,047
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	9,762,647	33	9,968,534	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	16,358,984	34	15,980,938	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual <input type="checkbox"/> other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		No
2c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

Mill Springs Academy Inc
(fka Special Education Systems Inc)

Employer identification number

58-1432397

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **Section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally Integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3						
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% Tests - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2008

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Name of the organization: Mill Springs Academy Inc (fka Special Education Systems Inc)
Employer identification number: 58-1432397

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, and Held at the End of the Year (2a-2d). Includes questions 1-9 regarding conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, and Amount. Includes questions 1a-2 regarding art and historical treasures.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	107,165				
b Contributions	9,537				
c Investment earnings or losses	783				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	117,485				

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 93 000 %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ 0 %
- c** Term endowment ▶ 7 000 %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (Investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,289,855		1,289,855
b Buildings		8,600,590	1,561,145	7,039,445
c Leasehold improvements		811,420	92,529	718,891
d Equipment		741,210	427,461	313,749
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				9,361,940

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	7,096,001
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,890,114
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	205,887
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	0
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	205,887

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	7,204,444
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	7,204,444
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	-108,443
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-108,443
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	7,096,001

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	6,521,450
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,521,450
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	368,664
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	368,664
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	6,890,114

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	The main purpose of the Academy's endowment funds is to provide scholarships and financial aid for students

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Schools

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. To be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

Name of the organization

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		YES	NO
1	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	Yes	
2	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	Yes	
3	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. Mill Springs Academy's policy of nondiscrimination is included in its bylaws. It is also included in the School Handbook policy and other publications such as the MSA Weekly News.	Yes	
4	Does the organization maintain the following?		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	Yes	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	Yes	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	Yes	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	Yes	
5	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?		No
b	Admissions policies?		No
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		No
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?		No
e	Educational policies?		No
f	Use of facilities?		No
g	Athletic programs?		No
h	Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		No
6a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		No
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 6a or b, please explain using an attached statement.		No
7	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation.	Yes	

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Name of the organization Mill Springs Academy Inc (fka Special Education Systems Inc)

Employer identification number 58-1432397

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply. a Mail solicitations, b Email solicitations, c Phone solicitations, d In-person solicitations, e Solicitation of non-government grants, f Solicitation of government grants, g Special fundraising events.

- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual... 2b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements...

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization.

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing. GA

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>MSA Golf Tournament</u> (event type)	<u>PVA Gala</u> (event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	20,086	53,603		73,689
	2 Less Charitable contributions	7,200	825		8,025
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	12,886	52,778		65,664
Direct Expenses	4 Cash Prizes				
	5 Non-cash Prizes				
	6 Rent/Facility costs				
	7 Other direct expenses	8,242	34,703		42,945
	8 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ▶				42,945
9 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) ▶				22,719	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶					
8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶					

		Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____		
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____		
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____		
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

- a** The organization's facility **13a**
- b** An outside facility **13b**

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

- Director/officer
- Employee
- Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Yes **No**

15a

17a

Schedule I (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization: Mill Springs Academy Inc (fka Special Education Systems Inc)

Employer identification number: 58-1432397

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance...
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance.

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations
3 Enter total number of other organizations

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
Scholarships and financial aid	22	360,178			

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First class or charter travel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a

a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.

5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

	Yes	No
1b	Yes	
2		No
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
Robert W Moore	(i)	196,289		1,990	3,186	201,465	
	(ii)						
	(i)						
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Financial aid

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		The Form 990 is reviewed by the Academy's Chief Financial Officer and provided to its Board of Trustees before it is filed

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		Each employee as well as each trustee, principal officer and member of a committee with Board of Trustees delegated powers annually signs a statement which affirms such person has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy, has read and understands the policy, has agreed to comply with the policy and understands that the Academy is a charitable organization and that to maintain its Federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes. Additionally, in connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of any financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the trustees and members of committees with Board of Trustees delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, the Board of Trustees or shall make the determination and take a vote as to whether a conflict of interest exist

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		Mill Springs Academy is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (the "NAIS") and utilizes benchmarking data provided the NAIS in determining reasonable compensation levels. The benchmarking reports allow the Academy to compare salaries for various positions to those of similar sized schools located in the same region of the country. The benchmarking reports are used as a guideline for determining reasonable compensation levels and any proposed changes in an individual's compensation made by management must be approved via a vote of the Board of Trustees

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 18		The Academy makes its Form 990 available upon request. The Academy makes its Form 990 available on request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		Governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements are available upon request of the Academy