

# Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) W/L #: 5001

(A Charter School and Component Unit of the School Board of Broward County, Florida) Hollywood, Florida

> Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report June 30, 2019

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) Hollywood, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) (the "School"), a charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprises the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2019 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 9 and 29 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 28, 2019, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Coral Gables, Florida September 28, 2019 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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# **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus)
(A Charter School under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)
June 30, 2019

The corporate officers of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

# **Financial Highlights**

- 1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2019 was \$218,234.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$207,906.
- 3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$28,576 for the year ended June 30, 2019.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$113,810.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the School's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between the four is reported as *net position*. Over time increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information on how the School's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event occurs without regard to the timing of related cash flows. Accordingly, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A "fund" is a collection of related accounts grouped to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities, projects, or objectives. The School like other state and local governments uses fund accounting to ensure and report compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

All of the funds of the School are governmental funds. *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental Fund financial statements, however, focus on *near-term* inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources which are available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be used to evaluate a government's requirements for near-term financing.

The Board of the School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 15 of this report.

# Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 - 28 of this report.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, the net position was \$218,234 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,428	\$ 33,498
Investments	174,000	16,863
Prepaid expenses	25,098	2,359
Due from landlord	1,380	-
Due from other divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School	71,113	161,113
Capital assets, net	6,833	11,387
Total Assets	285,852	225,220
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,402	720
Salaries and wages payable	66,216	34,842
Total Liabilities	67,618	35,562
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables	77,946	172,500
Unrestricted	140,288	17,158
Total Net Position	\$ 218,234	\$ 189,658

At the end of both fiscal years, the School is able to report positive balances in total net position.

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	2019	2018		
REVENUES				
Program Revenues				
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 1,811	\$ -		
Capital outlay funding	64,789	52,662		
Lunch program	20,801	19,512		
General Revenues				
Local sources (FTE and other non specific)	1,010,066	847,694		
Other revenues	5,423	2,255		
Total Revenues	\$ 1,102,890	\$ 922,123		
EXPENSES				
Component Unit Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 618,648	\$ 527,623		
Student support services	288	-		
Board	11,006	10,756		
School administration	111,572	83,110		
Fiscal services	20,025	17,025		
Food services	29,786	26,815		
Central services	25,652	19,172		
Operation of plant	249,404	185,883		
Maintenance of plant	4,812	14,084		
Administrative technology services	3,121	792		
Total Expenses	1,074,314	885,260		
(Decrease) Increase in Net Position	28,576	36,863		
Net Position at Beginning of Year	189,658	152,795		
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 218,234	\$ 189,658		

The School's revenue and expense increased by \$180,767 and \$189,054 in the current year due to an increase in enrollment. The School had an increase in its net position of \$28,576.

# **School Location and Lease of Facility**

The School leases a facility located at 2620 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, Florida 33020

# **Capital Improvement Requirements**

The School maintains a continuous capital improvements program to enhance facilities and update fixtures and equipment as required.

#### **School Enrollment**

This past year, the School had on average 133 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through sixth.

#### **Achievements**

In 2019, Ben Gamla North Broward completed its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation, increasing enrollment to 133 students. The school received an "A" based on the points received under the State of Florida Accountability Program, ranking among the highest performing schools in Broward County.

This past year, Ben Gamla students participated in monthly STEM activities as an in-house field trip where they engineered exceptional projects. The students additionally participated in a Leukemia Drive (Pennies for Pasta), Jump Rope for Heart, the annual Israeli Shuk, Scholastic Book Fairs and Family Literacy Night.

Throughout the school year, students were recognized for various accomplishments including Student of the Month, Character Education, the regional Spelling Bee, the Science Fair, and a Talent Show.

Students were very involved in after-school clubs and activities, which included:

- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Peer Tutoring
- Math Club
- Science Club
- WISE Club
- Yearbook Club
- Earth Club
- Cheerleading
- Student Council
- Zumba & Hip-Hop Dancing

Students participated in various sports and athletic clubs including kickball, soccer, flag football, basketball, and volleyball.

Ben Gamla North's mission is to deliver a first-class academic program that offers a unique bilingual, bi-literate, and bi-cultural curriculum, which prepares students to have an edge in global competition through the study of Hebrew as a second language. Ben Gamla Charter is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUND

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The focus of the School's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, the *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Most of the School's operations are funded in the General Fund. The majority of the General Fund revenues are distributed to the School by the District through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which uses formulas to distribute state funds and an amount of local property taxes (i.e., required local effort) established each year by the Florida Legislature.

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported a positive ending fund balance of \$140,288. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$113,810. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations and working capital.

### **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2019 amounts to \$6,833 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and computer equipment.

# **Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights**

Prior to the start of the School's fiscal year, the Board of the School adopted an annual budget. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

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	Original					
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual			
REVENUES						
Program Revenues						
State capital outlay funding	\$ 58,760	\$ 65,415	\$ 64,789			
Federal sources	1,198	1,500	1,811			
Lunch program	19,953	20,000	20,801			
General Revenues						
FTE nonspecific revenues	813,939	1,010,067	1,010,066			
Charges and other revenues	3,000	3,823	5,423			
Total Revenues	\$ 896,850	\$ 1,100,805	\$ 1,102,890			
CURRENT EXPENDITURES						
Component Unit Activities						
Instruction	\$ 581,960	\$ 623,763	\$ 614,094			
Student support services	500	300	288			
Board	11,738	11,569	11,006			
School administration	86,830	111,998	111,572			
Fiscal services	16,950	20,025	20,025			
Food services	21,151	30,716	29,786			
Central services	16,950	26,025	25,652			
Operation of plant	188,920	252,072	249,404			
Maintenance of plant	16,200	700	4,812			
Administrative technology services	3,000	3,424	3,121			
Total Current Expenditures	\$ 944,199	\$ 1,080,592	\$ 1,069,760			

Most variances occurred as a result of the Budget adopted being more conservative than actual results for the year.

# **Requests for Information**

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the Charter School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Ms. Ana Martinez at Academica Broward, LLC, 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida 33143.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019

Assets
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Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,428
Investments	174,000
Prepaid expenses	25,098
Due from landlord	1,380
Total Current Assets	 207,906
Capital assets, depreciable	128,759
Less: accumulated depreciation	(121,926)
	6,833
Due from other divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.	71,113
Total Assets	285,852
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	 
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,402
Salaries and wages payable	66,216
Total Liabilities	67,618
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	 
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables	77,946
Unrestricted	 140,288
Total Net Position	\$ 218,234

Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2019

## **Program Revenues**

FUNCTIONS		UNCTIONS Expenses		Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		Net (Expense Revenue and Changes in Net Positio		
Governmental activities:													
Instruction	\$	618,648	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(618,648)			
Student support services		288		-		-		-		(288)			
Board		11,006		-		-		-		(11,006)			
School administration		111,572		-		-		-		(111,572)			
Fiscal services		20,025		-		-		-		(20,025)			
Food services		29,786		6,667		14,134		-		(8,985)			
Central services		25,652		-		-		-		(25,652)			
Operation of plant		249,404		-		-		64,789		(184,615)			
Maintenance of plant		4,812		-		1,811		-		(3,001)			
Administrative technology services		3,121		_		-		-		(3,121)			
Total governmental activities		1,074,314		6,667		15,945	•	64,789		(986,913)			
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2019

	Ger	General Fund		Non-Major Governmental Fund		Total vernmental Funds
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,428	\$	_	\$	7,428
Investments	*	174,000	•	_	•	174,000
Prepaid expenses		25,098		_		25,098
Due from landlord		1,380		_		1,380
Total Assets		207,906		-		207,906
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		-				
Liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,402		-		1,402
Salaries and wages payable		66,216		_		66,216
Total Liabilities		67,618		-		67,618
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		-				
Fund Balance						
Nonspendable, not in spendable form		26,478		_		26,478
Unassigned		113,810		_		113,810
5		140,288		_		140,288
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of		-,				-,
Resources and Fund Balance	\$	207,906	\$	-	\$	207,906

Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) (A charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.) Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019 \$ Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds 140,288 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because: Capital assets of \$128,759 net of accumulated depreciation of \$121,926 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund. 6,833 Long term receivables from other charter schools in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. 71,113 Total Net Position - Governmental Activities 218,234

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the year ended June 30, 2019

Revenues:	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
State passed through local	\$ 1,010,066	\$ -	\$ 1,010,066		
State capital outlay funding	\$ 1,010,000	\$ - 64,789	5 1,010,000		
Federal school lunch program	-	14,134	14,134		
Lunch fees	-	6,667	6,667		
Federal sources	_	1,811	1,811		
Other revenue	5,423	1,011	5,423		
Total Revenues	1,015,489	87,401	1,102,890		
Expenditures:	1,015,407	07,401	1,102,070		
Current					
Instruction	614,094	_	614,094		
Student support services	288	_	288		
Board	11,006	_	11,006		
School administration	111,572	_	111,572		
Food services	-	29,786	29,786		
Fiscal services	20,025		20,025		
Central services	25,652	-	25,652		
Operation of plant	184,615	64,789	249,404		
Maintenance of plant	4,812	-	4,812		
Administrative technology services	3,121	-	3,121		
Capital Outlay:					
Other capital outlay					
Total Expenditures	975,185	94,575	1,069,760		
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	40,304	(7,174)	33,130		
Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in (out)	(7,174)	7,174	_		
Collection from other divisions of Ben Gamla	90,000		90,000		
Net change in fund balance	123,130	-	123,130		
Fund Balance at beginning of year	17,158		17,158		
Fund Balance at end of year The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.	\$ 140,288	\$ -	\$ 140,288		

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2019

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

\$ 123,130

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays of \$-0- differed from depreciation expense of \$4,554.

(4,554)

Issuance of long term receivables represents a financial expenditure to governmental funds, but increases long-term assets in the statement of net position. Increase in long term receivables is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but a decrease or collections of such receivables reduces long-term assets in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which the increase in long term receivables of \$0 exceeded the collections of \$90,000 in the current period.

(90,000)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 28,576

## Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## Reporting Entity

Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) (the "School"), is a component unit of the School Board of Broward County, Florida (the "District"). The Schools' charter is held by The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., which is composed of five members and also governs other charter schools. The board has determined that no component units exist that would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Broward County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2030 and it can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes.

The School is located in Hollywood, Florida and is approved to service students from kindergarten through sixth grade; however, its enrollment for the current school year was for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2019, when on average 133 students were enrolled for the school year.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The School's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report information for the School as a whole. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities. These statements also do not include fiduciary funds. Any internal inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Program revenues include: (1) charges for services, such as food service and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as the National School Lunch Program, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. The School reports the following major governmental funds with all other non-major funds aggregated in a single column:

General Fund - is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

# Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the School are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The School's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance*.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The School recognizes assets of non-exchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions occur when the school provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

#### **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues are recognized when received. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Charges for services and fees are recognized when cash is collected as amounts are not measurable. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant funds, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for long-term debt principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

In compliance with Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors adopts an annual budget using the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g. salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g. instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Revisions to the annual budget are approved by the Board.

### Due from Other Governments or Agencies

Amounts due to the School by other governments or agencies are for grants or programs under which the services have been provided by the School.

### Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, non-marketable time deposits with maturities of three months or less when purchased, and money market/savings accounts.

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School's allowable deposits or investments and addresses specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School has adopted GASB Codification Section 3100 Fair Value Measurement and Application (see Note 2).

#### **Inter-fund Transfers**

Inter-fund receivables/payables ("due from/to") are short-term balances that represent reimbursements between funds for payments made by one fund on behalf of another fund.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### Capital Assets

The School's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Improvements5 YearsFurniture, Equipment, and Computers5 YearsTextbooks and Software3 Years

# Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of sick days. Full time instructional employees are eligible to one day per month to up to ten days of active work during the ten-month period (a "benefit year"). In the event that available time is not used by the end of the benefit year, employees may "rollover" all unused days for use in future benefit years. There is an opportunity to "cash out" unused sick days however, the employees may only cash out if they have used three days or less of their sick leave in that benefit year. Employees may not cash out more than ten days per school year and are required to always maintain a minimum of twenty-one unused days in order to cash out. The cash out value is eighty percent of their current daily rate. There is no termination payment for accumulated unused sick days.

GASB Codification Section C60, Accounting for Compensated Absences, provides that compensated absences that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee should be accounted for in the period those events take place. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include an accrual for compensated absences available to be used in future benefits years.

The School also provides certain days to be used for specific personal matters such as family death and jury duty. Because the use of such days is contingent upon those events taking place and such events are out of the control of both the employer and the employee, there is no accrual for such days.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

## Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

# Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

# Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three (3) components:

- a) Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and long term receivables and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position consists of balances with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments. There is no restricted net position at year end.
- c) <u>Unrestricted net position</u> all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets and long term receivables".

#### Fund financial statements

GASB Codification Section 1800.142, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

- a) Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to not in spendable form assets.
- b) <u>Restricted</u> fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. There are no restricted fund balances at year end.
- c) <u>Committed</u> fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e) <u>Unassigned</u> fund balance is the residual classification for the School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

#### Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations will be received primarily from the State thorugh the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP.

Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. After review and verification of FTE reports and supporting documentation, the FDOE may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FEFP funding for prior year errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent statewide allocations from exceeding the amount authorized by the Legislature. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of revenue in the year the adjustment is made.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The School also receives Federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For Federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. Any excess amounts are recorded as deferred revenues until expended. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

The school receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based on a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease of school facilities. In addition, the School may receive a portion of the local capital improvement ad valorem tax revenues levied by the District.

# Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year by adjusting journal entries. First non-spendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified as unassigned fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Income Taxes

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is, therefore, exempt from income tax. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Subsequent Events**

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 28, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

#### <u>Deposits</u>

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in one financial institution. As of June 30, 2019, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$8,111.

Deposits at FDIC-insured institutions are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor, per financial institution. The School is a charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., which also operates various other charter schools. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2019, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was approximately \$8,111.

#### Investments

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Codification Section 3100 Fair Value Measurement and Application. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets: Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.); Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. At June 30, 2019, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements. The investment balance was fully redeemed subsequent to year end.

• Government money market mutual fund of \$270,000 valued using Level 2 inputs.

The government money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of July 31, 2019, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 81% within 30 days.

#### Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The School manages its exposure to credit risk by limiting investments to highly rated government money market mutual funds. The fund is rated Aaa-mf by Moody's.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution or counterparty that is in possession of investment or collateral securities, the School will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2019, all of the School's investments in government money market mutual funds were held in a separate account and designated as assets of the School.

## Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting all investments to government money market mutual funds that can be redeemed daily.

#### Note 3 – Capital Assets

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the year ended June 30, 2019:

	Balance 07/01/18		Additions		 rements /	Balance 06/30/19	
Capital Assets, depreciable:							
Improvements	\$	1,250	\$	-	\$ -	\$	1,250
Computer equipment and software		86,668		-	-		86,668
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		40,841			 		40,841
Total Capital Assets, depreciable		128,759		-	-		128,759
Less Accumulated Depreciation:							
Buildings and improvements		(1,250)		-	-		(1,250)
Computer equipment and software		(44,719)		(3,364)	33,538		(81,621)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		(71,403)		(1,190)	 (33,538)		(39,055)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(117,372)		(4,554)	-		(121,926)
Capital Assets, net	\$	11,387	\$	(4,554)	\$ -	\$	6,833

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, depreciation expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

Instruction	\$ 4,554
Total Depreciation	\$ 4,554

#### Note 4 – Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Broward, LLC, a professional charter school education and support provider, offers administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting and virtual education services. The agreement between the School and Academica Broward, LLC calls for a fee on a per student basis. The agreement is with The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. for a period of five years, through June 30, 2021, and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed along with any renewals to the charter agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the School incurred \$60,075 in fees.

# Note 5 -Transactions with Other Divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.

During 2019, the School was located on the premises of Ben Gamla Charter School (a school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.). Management allocates a proportionate share of leases, salaries, lunch receipts, food and supplies, and other expenses to each school individually based on student enrollment. In addition, Ben Gamla Charter School holds the student activities funds of the School.

The School's lunch program is shared with various other charter schools under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. Revenues and expenses related to such program have been allocated based on FTE equivalent for purposes of presentation in the financial statements.

The School has made long term advances to other charter schools and divisions under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term receivables for the year ended June 30, 2019:

	I	Balance					В	Balance
	07/01/18		Issuance		Collection		06/30/19	
Due from Ben Gamla Charter School	\$	61,113	\$	-	\$	-	\$	61,113
Due from The National Ben Gamla Charter								
School Foundation, Inc.		100,000		_	(	90,000)		10,000
Total Long Term Receivables	\$	161,113	\$	-	\$ (	90,000)	\$	71,113

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. charges its affiliated charter schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) paid The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. \$17,025 in connection with these charges during the year.

#### Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. ("Ben Gamla, Inc.") entered into an amended lease and security agreement with North Miami Lakes Campus, LLC ("Landlord") for the School's 18,909 square foot facility including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. The Landlord is an affiliate of the School's education service and support provider (See Note 4). Fixed annual payments under the amended agreement dated June 23, 2017 (based on \$30.17 per square foot) are approximately \$570,482 adjusted annually based on three percent over the previous year's rental amount or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lesser, plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The amended agreement extends through July 31, 2027.

## Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations (continued)

Under the agreement, the School must meet certain requirements and covenants including maintaining a "Lease Payment Coverage Ratio" of not less than 1.10 to 1.00. In addition, the School is required under the terms of the lease agreement to maintain a reserve account where 0.5% of its gross annual revenues are deposited for property expenses such as repairs, maintenance, taxes and insurance until the balance is equal to 5% of their gross revenues for the current fiscal year. As of June 30, 2019, the required reserve was waived by the landlord.

Ben Gamla, Inc. also, entered into a lease agreement with Van Buren Facility, LLC for the School's rental of a modular building including all outdoor areas and other improvements. Van Buren Facility, LLC is an affiliate of the School's education and support provider (See Note 4). Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement (based on \$1,511 per student at an agreed rate of 180 student stations) are approximately \$272,031 adjusted annually based on three percent over the previous year's rental amount or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lesser.

On February 23, 2012, the lease was amended and modified to include an additional modular facility located on the existing leased premises. The amended agreement provides the School use of the new modular facility under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement, with no additional rental costs to be added to the original rental amount in connection with the use of the additional modular facility. The amended agreement continues through August 1, 2027.

Finally, Ben Gamla, Inc. entered into a lease agreement with Hollywood Educational Annex, LLC ("the Annex") for the School's rental of an area of land to be used as a playing field. The Annex is an affiliate of the School's education and support provider (See Note 4). Rent payments under this agreement are \$3,083 per month through the end of the lease term. The agreement continues through July 31, 2027.

Lease payments are allocated among the School and Ben Gamla Charter School based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2019, was approximately 17% for the School and 83% for Ben Gamla Charter School.

For 2019, rent expense totaled \$181,160. As of June 30, 2019, there was also approximately \$14,659 of prepaid rent. Future minimum payments under the leases (to be shared with Ben Gamla Charter School) are as follows:

Year	_	
2020	\$ 882,000	
2021	\$ 882,000	
2022	\$ 882,000	
2023	\$ 882,000	
2024	\$ 882,000	
2025-2027	\$ 2,646,000	(for a three year period)

# Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations (continued)

## Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the State through the District under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based in part on a computation of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending different instructional programs. The accuracy of FTE student data submitted by individual schools and used in the FEFP computations is subject to audit by the state and, if found to be in error, could result in refunds to the state or in decreases to future funding allocations.

Additionally, the School receives various forms of federal, state and local funding which are subject to financial and compliance audits. It is the opinion of management that the amount of funding, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School.

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 2% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2019, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$19,801.

# Note 7 – Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund transfers in governmental funs as of June 30, 2019 consist of the following:

		General Fund	Gov	Non-Major Governmental Funds	
To fund lunch deficit	\$	(8,985)	\$	8,985	
Reimbursement from Restart Grant for prior period expenditures		1,811		(1,811)	
Total Transfers, net	\$	(7,174)	\$	7,174	

## Note 8 – Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the past years. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

The School has entered into a strategic relationship with ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., a human resource management firm, typically known as "Professional Employer Organization" (PEO). Under a co-employment agreements, the PEO is the employer of record and is responsible for administering payroll, payroll taxes, provide employee benefits and assist with human resources and risk management. Accordingly, certain human resource related risks are transferred to the PEO. Nevertheless, the School may be subject to risks, including loss, penalties and fines related to employment practices, administrative error and omissions.

#### Note 9 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The School's personnel, which are leased through ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by the leasing company, covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), the School provides a match of 50% of the employee's contribution up to 4% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$5,377 for the year ended June 30, 2019. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by Voya Financial.



Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2019

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	General Fund					
	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	
REVENUES		<u>.</u>		_		_
State passed through local	\$	813,939	\$	1,010,067	\$	1,010,066
Other revenue		3,000		3,823		5,423
Total Revenues		816,939		1,013,890		1,015,489
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Instruction		581,960		623,763		614,094
Student support services		500		300		288
Board		11,738		11,569		11,006
School administration		86,830		111,998		111,572
Fiscal services		16,950		20,025		20,025
Central services		16,950		26,025		25,652
Operation of plant		130,160		186,657		184,615
Maintenance of plant		16,200		700		4,812
Administrative technology services		3,000		3,424		3,121
Total Current Expenditures		864,288		984,461		975,185
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues			`			
Over Current Expenditures		(47,349)		29,429		40,304
Capital Outlay		_		-		_
Total Expenditures		864,288		984,461		975,185
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		(47,349)		29,429		40,304
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in (out)		-		(9,216)		(7,174)
Collection from other divisions of Ben Gamla		50,000		90,000		90,000
Net change in fund balance		2,651		110,213		123,130
Fund Balance at beginning of year		17,158		17,158		17,158
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	19,809	\$	127,371	\$	140,288

#### Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

An annual budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Amendments to the budget can only be made with the approval of the Board of Directors.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) Hollywood, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund balance of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2019.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We issued a separate management letter dated September 28, 2019 pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

# Purpose of this Report

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

All Grain, UP

Coral Gables, Florida September 28, 2019



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) Hollywood, Florida

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus), Hollywood, Florida as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2019.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### **Other Reports and Schedules**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated September 28, 2019, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

There were no findings and recommendations made in the preceding audit report.

#### **Official Title**

Section 10.854.(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity is Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus), (W/L#5001).

#### **Financial Condition**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus). It is management's responsibility to monitor Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus)'s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. We have applied such procedures as of the fiscal year end and no deteriorating financial condition has been noted.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we have the following recommendation:

#### ML – 19-01 CAPITAL ASSETS

Criteria: The School is required to maintain an inventory of capital assets purchased with

public funds in accordance with local, state or federal regulations.

Condition: We noted that the School does not have a formal process for reconciling the

capital assets inventory report to the capital assets of the Schools trial balance.

Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently performing an

inventory of all fixed assets and reconciling to the Schools trial balance.

Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in a misstated

Annual Property Inventory.

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School perform an annual inventory of all capital assets

and reconcile to the capital asset ledgers recorded on the School's books.

Views of-Responsible

Officials: Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation. The ESSP is assisting the

schools with identifying the proper support to ensure schools are in full

compliance with inventory requirements.

#### **Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7 and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that Ben Gamla Charter School (North Campus) maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

# **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, School Board of Broward County, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

All Grain, UP

Coral Gables, Florida September 28, 2019