Creekside Charter Academy
A Department of Florida Charter
Educational Foundation, Inc.
(A Component Unit of the School
Board of Hillsborough County, Florida)

**Basic Financial Statements** For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

## **Creekside Charter Academy**

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Creekside Charter Academy A Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. Riverview, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Creekside Charter Academy (the "School"), a Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, 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 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. 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 the School, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position, and budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the School are intended to present the financial position and change in financial position of only that portion of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. that is attributable to the transactions of the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2019 and the changes in financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year ended June 30, 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 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 19, 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, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the School's 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.

Keefe McCullough

**KEEFE McCULLOUGH** 

Fort Lauderdale, Florida September 19, 2019

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Creekside Charter Academy (the "School"), a Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida (the "School Board"), we offer readers of the School's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the year ended June 30, 2019. Since this is the first year of operations, prior year comparative information is not available. Comparative information will be provided in future years.

Management's discussion and analysis is included at the beginning of the School's basic financial statements to provide, in layman's terms, the current position of the School's financial condition. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit which consists of the basic financial statements.

## **Financial Highlights**

Our basic financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations.

- As of June 30, 2019, the School's governmental fund balances totaled \$ 1,610,853.
- As of June 30, 2019, the School has net position (deficit) of \$ (989,783).

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

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements.

**Government-Wide Basic 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, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected revenues and services rendered but unpaid).

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by grants and entitlements from the state for full-time equivalent funding. The School does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the School primarily include instruction and instruction support services.

The government-wide basic financial statements can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

**Fund Basic Financial Statements:** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds:** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide basic financial statements, governmental fund basic financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the School's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the School's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The School maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Capital Project Fund and Debt Service Fund are considered to be the School's major funds.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 16 of this report.

**Agency Fund:** In addition, the School has one agency fund which is a student activity fund. This fund was formed for educational and school purposes.

The Agency Fund financial statement can be found on page 17 of this report. The assets and liabilities of this fund are not included in the government-wide statement of net position.

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 18 through 27 of this report.

### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

This is the School's initial year of operations; therefore, comparative government-wide data cannot be presented. The School's net position (deficit) was \$ (989,783) at June 30, 2019. This amount represents net investment in capital assets (deficit) of \$ (2,553,847), restricted for debt service of \$ 1,142,147 and unrestricted of \$ 421,917.

Our analysis in the table below focuses on the net position (deficit) of the School's governmental activities:

## Creekside Charter Academy Net Position (Deficit)

	June 30, 2019
Assets: Current and other assets Noncurrent assets	\$ 1,260,668 11,884,993
Total assets	13,145,661
Liabilities: Current liabilities Noncurrent liabilities	802,922 13,332,522
Total liabilities  Net Position (Deficit):  Net investment in capital assets (deficit)  Restricted for debt service  Unrestricted	14,135,444 (2,553,847) 1,142,147 421,917
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (989,783)

Current and other assets consist mainly of cash and cash equivalents along with receivables. Noncurrent assets consist mainly of capital assets, specifically the School's facility. Current liabilities contain accounts payable and salaries payable, as well as short term portion of the School's bond payable. Noncurrent liabilities contain the bond payable that was issued to finance the School's facility.

**Governmental Activities:** The results of this year's operations for the School as a whole are reported in the statement of activities on page 9. The following table provides a condensed presentation of the School's revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2019:

## Creekside Charter Academy Change in Net Position

June 30, 2019
\$ 4,295,806 987,079
5,282,885
2,371,857 1,769,972 2,130,839
6,272,668
\$ (989,783)

General revenues contain mainly per pupil revenues which are a state source revenue. Program revenues contain approximately \$300,000 of capital outlay funding as well as \$115,000 of Charter School Program Funding. The School also received approximately \$156,000 in National School Lunch Program revenues, which are also found in program revenues. Total expenses for the year were approximately \$6,273,000.

**Governmental Fund Expenditures:** In the table below, we have presented the cost of the largest functions/programs as a percentage of total governmental expenditures:

		20	019
Functions/Programs		Expenditures	Percent
Governmental expenditures:			
Facilities acquisition and			
construction	\$	11,351,070	67%
Instruction		2,121,436	12%
Debt service		1,090,726	6%
Plant operations and maintenance		581,680	3%
General administration -			
management fee		536,940	3%
All other functions/programs		1,504,475	9%
Total governmental	_		
expenditures	\$	17,186,327	100%

## **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets:** At June 30, 2019, the School had capital assets of \$ 10,963,493, net of accumulated depreciation, invested in building, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and computer equipment. A detailed schedule is on page 23 in the notes to the basic financial statements.

**Debt:** At June 30, 2019, the School had outstanding debt of \$13,517,906. The debt relates to bonds issued to finance the acquisition of the School's facilities and equipment. Additional information on the School's debt can be found in Notes 7 and 8 on page 24.

## **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Total revenues were favorable to budget mainly due to higher childcare revenues as well as the receipt of unbudgeted local revenues consisting mainly of E-Rate program funding. Total expenditures were unfavorable to the budget mainly due to higher facilities acquisition and construction costs, resulting from a higher cost of the School's facility than budgeted. The higher cost was offset by higher proceeds from bond issuance than budgeted, which can be found in the other financing sources (uses) section. Overall, the School ended the year with a change in fund balance that was favorable to budget by approximately \$864,000.

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

In fiscal year 2019, the State of Florida increased its Florida Education Finance Program funding by approximately 2% and the capital outlay funding pool increased to \$ 145 million. In addition, an allocation was given to fund safe schools and mental health initiatives. A 2% merit increase was also paid out to eligible staff.

For fiscal year 2020, capital outlay revenue was assumed at an increase of 2% of the current rate per student. The budgets reflect the Florida Education Finance Program funding increase of \$ 175 per student. A 2% merit increase for all staff was budgeted as well as safety initiatives for security resource officers. All other expenditures are budgeted in alignment with enrollment changes and the School's strategic objectives.

## **Requests for Information**

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please write Lindsey Lennon, Controller - Schools, Charter Schools USA, 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	(	Governmental Activities
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Other receivables Due from other governments Due from related party Prepaid items Deposits Restricted investments	\$	802,365 2,079 114,267 2,567 60,074 28,520 250,796
Total current assets	-	1,260,668
Noncurrent Assets: Restricted investments Capital assets (depreciable), net of accumulated depreciation  Total noncurrent assets	-	921,500 10,963,493 11,884,993
Total assets	_	13,145,661
Current Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Salaries and wages payable Due to management company Due to Agency Fund Compensated absences Accrued interest payable Bonds payable	-	297,548 134,422 138,965 380 12,480 29,583 189,544
Total current liabilities	-	802,922
Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated absences Bonds payable  Total noncurrent liabilities	-	4,160 13,328,362 13,332,522
Total liabilities	_	14,135,444
Commitments (Note 11)		-
Net Position (Deficit):  Net investment in capital assets (deficit)  Restricted for debt service  Unrestricted	-	(2,553,847) 1,142,147 421,917
Total net position (deficit)	\$	(989,783)

	Expenses	_	Charges for Services		gram Revenue Operating Grants and ontributions		Capital Grants and ontributions	-	Activities Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position
Functions/Programs:									
Instruction	\$ 2,371,857	\$	-	\$	91,111	\$	-	\$	(2,280,746)
Instruction support services	374,516		-		32,735		-		(341,781)
Board services	11,103		-		-		-		(11,103)
General administration -	0.5.0.4.0								(0.5.0.10)
District administrative fee	86,840		-		-		-		(86,840)
General administration -	526.040								(505.040)
Management fee	536,940		-		-		-		(536,940)
Administrative services Facilities rent	476,982		-		-		-		(476,982)
Fiscal services	182,998 8,432		-		-		-		(182,998) (8,432)
Food services	203,207		- 74,556		- 156,150		-		(8,432) 27,499
Central services	4,286		74,330		130,130		_		(4,286)
Operation of plant	642,867		_		80,036		_		(562,831)
Maintenance of plant	92,609		_		-		_		(92,609)
Community services - childcare	02,000								(0=)000)
or VPK salaries, benefits,									
materials and supplies, etc.	156,111		252,988		-		-		96,877
Interest and other debt	·		·						·
service costs	1,123,920		-		-		299,503		(824,417)
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Total governmental									<i>(</i> ,
activities	\$ <u>6,272,668</u>	\$_	327,544	\$_	360,032	\$_	299,503	-	(5,285,589)
	General revenu	ies:							
	Grants and ent	itlen	nents						4,272,285
	Investment inc	ome							23,186
	Miscellaneous								335
	Total genera	ıl rev	enues					_	4,295,806
Change in net position								(989,783)	
	Net position, Ju	ıly 1,	2018 (incep	tion)	)			_	_
	Net position (de	eficit	), June 30. 20	019				\$	(989,783)
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	Genera Fund	nl 		Special Revenue Fund	_	Capital Project Fund		Debt Service Fund	_	Total
Assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 802,30		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	802,365
Other receivables	2,0	79		-		-		-		2,079
Due from other governments	-			114,267		-		-		114,267
Due from related party	2,50			-		-		-		2,567
Due from other funds	114,20			-		-		-		114,267
Prepaid items	60,0			-		-		-		60,074
Deposits	28,5			-		-		-		28,520
Restricted investments	1,172,2	96	_		-	-			_	1,172,296
Total assets	\$ 2,182,10	68	\$=	114,267	\$=	-	\$_	-	\$_	2,296,435
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable and										
accrued liabilities	\$ 297,5	48	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	297,548
Salaries and wages payable	134,42	22		-		-		-		134,422
Due to management company	138,9	65		-		-		-		138,965
Due to Agency Fund	38	30		-		-		-		380
Due to other funds			_	114,267	_	-		-	_	114,267
Total liabilities	571,3	15	_	114,267	_	-		-		685,582
Commitments (Note 11)	-			-		-		-		-
Fund Balances:										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaid items	60,0	74		-		-		-		60,074
Deposits	28,5	20		-		-		-		28,520
Restricted for debt service	1,171,7	30		-		-		-		1,171,730
Restricted for capital projects	50	66		-		-		-		566
Unassigned	349,90	53	_	-	_	-		-	_	349,963
Total fund balances	1,610,8	53	_		_	-		-		1,610,853
Total liabilities										
and fund balances	\$ 2,182,10	58	\$_	114,267	\$_	-	\$_		\$_	2,296,435

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 1,610,853
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (deficit) are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.		
Cost of capital assets Accumulated depreciation	\$ 11,351,070 (387,577)	10,963,493
Liabilities not payable with current available resources are not reported as fund liabilities in the governmental fund statement. All liabilities both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide statements.		
Accrued interest payable Compensated absences Bonds payable	\$ (29,583) (16,640) (13,517,906)	(13,564,129)
Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities		\$ (989,783)

	Account		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund
Revenues:		• .		_	
Federal through state and local	3200	\$	-	\$	268,723
State sources:					
Florida Education Finance Program	3310		4,272,285		-
State capital outlay and debt service	3320		-		-
Other state revenue	3330		9,579		-
National School Lunch Program	3370		-		1,694
Food service revenue	3450		74,556		-
Childcare revenue	3470		252,988		-
Miscellaneous local source revenue	3490		103,557	_	-
Total revenues			4,712,965	_	270,417
Expenditures:					
Instruction	5000		2,118,886		2,550
Instruction support services	6000		341,781		32,735
Board services	7100		11,103		-
General administration - District administrative fee	7200.30		86,840		-
General administration - Management fee	7200.31		536,940		_
Administrative services	7300		476,982		_
Facilities acquisition and construction	7400		11,272,088		78,982
Facilities acquisition and construction - facilities rent	7400.36		182,998		-
Fiscal services	7500		8,432		_
Food services	7600		47,057		156,150
Central services	7700		4,286		-
Operation of plant	7900		489,071		_
Maintenance of plant	8100		92,609		_
Community services - childcare or VPK salaries,	0100		32,003		
benefits, materials and supplies, etc.	9100		156,111		
Debt service:	9100		130,111		-
Interest	9200				
			-		-
Bond issuance costs	9299			_	
Total expenditures			15,825,184	_	270,417
Excess (deficiency) in revenues			(11 112 210)		
over expenditures			(11,112,219)	_	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Issuance of bonds	3710		13,675,000		-
Discount of bonds	9299		(160,705)		-
Transfer in	9700		-		-
Transfer out	9700		(791,223)	_	-
Total other financing sources (uses)			12,723,072	_	-
Net change in fund balances			1,610,853		-
Fund Balances, July 1, 2018, inception			-		_
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Fund Balances, June 30, 2019		۶ :	1,610,853	۽ =	

\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ \$	268,723 4,272,285 299,503 9,579 1,694 74,556 252,988 103,557 5,282,885 2,121,436 374,516 11,103 86,840
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	(11,903,442)
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-	(160,705)
- 791,223	791,223
	(791,223)
- 791,223	13,514,295
-	1,610,853
\$ <u>-</u> \$ <u>-</u> \$ <u>-</u>	1,610,853

Creekside Charter Academy
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 1,610,853
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 costs of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives as provision for depreciation.		
Cost of capital assets Provision for depreciation	\$ 11,351,070 (387,577)	10,963,493
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases longterm liabilities in the statement of net position (deficit).		
Proceeds from bond issuance, net of discount		(13,514,295)
Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Change in accrued interest payable Change in compensated absences Provision for amortization of bond discount	\$ (29,583) (16,640) (3,611)	(49,834)
Change in Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities		\$ (989,783)

	Account		Original and Final Budget	_	Actual		Variance
Revenues:							
State sources:							
Florida Education Finance							
Program	3310	\$	4,281,813	\$	4,272,285	\$	(9,528)
Other state revenue	3330		-		9,579		9,579
Food service revenue	3450		-		74,556		74,556
Childcare revenue	3470		88,560		252,988		164,428
Miscellaneous local source	3490				102 557		102 557
revenue	3490	-		-	103,557		103,557
Total revenues		_	4,370,373	_	4,712,965		342,592
Expenditures:							
Instruction	5000		2,207,345		2,118,886		88,459
Instruction support services	6000		367,676		341,781		25,895
Board services	7100		5,000		11,103		(6,103)
General administration -							
District administrative fee	7200.30		87,029		86,840		189
General administration -	7200 24		F2C 040		F2C 040		
Management fee Administrative services	7200.31 7300		536,940 410,402		536,940 476,982		- (66,580)
Facilities acquisition and	7300		410,402		470,962		(00,580)
construction	7400		8,176,863		11,272,088		(3,095,225)
Facilities acquisition and	7 100		0,170,003		11,272,000		(3,033,223)
construction - facilities rent	7400.36		358,477		182,998		175,479
Fiscal services	7500		8,000		8,432		(432)
Food services	7600		-		47,057		(47,057)
Central services	7700		119,552		4,286		115,266
Operation of plant	7900		501,019		489,071		11,948
Maintenance of plant	8100		71,748		92,609		(20,861)
Community services - childcare							
or VPK salaries, benefits,	0400		46.400		456 444		(440.044)
materials and supplies, etc.	9100	-	46,100	-	156,111	-	(110,011)
Total expenditures		_	12,896,151	-	15,825,184		(2,929,033)
Excess (deficiency)							
in revenues over							
expenditures			(8,525,778)		(11,112,219)		(2,586,441)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Issuance of bonds	3710		9,514,313		13,675,000		4,160,687
Discount of bonds	9299		-		(160,705)		(160,705)
Transfer out	9700		(241,810)		(791,223)		(549,413)
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Total other financing			0 070 500		40 700 070		2 450 560
sources (uses)		_	9,272,503	_	12,723,072		3,450,569
Net change in							
fund balance		\$	746,725	\$	1,610,853	\$	864,128
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	Account	Original and Final			Actual		Voriones
	Account	-	Budget	_	Actual	-	Variance
Revenues: Federal sources:							
National School Lunch Program	3260	\$	132,502	Ś	154,456	\$	21,954
Charter School Program	3290	Ψ.	-	Ψ	114,267	Υ	114,267
State sources:	0_00				,,		,,
National School Lunch Program	3330	_		_	1,694	_	1,694
Total revenues		_	132,502	_	270,417	-	137,915
Expenditures:							
Instruction	5000		-		2,550		(2,550)
Instruction support services	6000		-		32,735		(32,735)
Facilities acquisition and							
construction	7400		-		78,982		(78,982)
Food services	7600		105,169		156,150		(50,981)
Operation of plant	7900	_	27,333	_		_	27,333
Total expenditures		_	132,502	_	270,417	_	(137,915)
Net change in							
fund balance		\$_	-	\$_	-	\$_	_

		Student Activities
Assets:	<b>,</b>	40.007
Cash and cash equivalents Due from General Fund	\$	40,897 380
Total assets	\$	41,277
Liabilities:		
Due to students	\$ .	41,277
Total liabilities	\$	41,277

## **Note 1 - Organization and Operations**

Creekside Charter Academy (the "School"), a Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, was established in 2017 as a public charter school to serve students from kindergarten to eighth grade in Hillsborough County. In its first year of operations, the School served students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. ("FCEF") is a Florida nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The governing body of the School consists of the officers and directors of FCEF. FCEF also operates Keys Gate Charter School in Miami-Dade County, Henderson Hammock Charter School, Southshore Charter Academy, Waterset Charter School, Winthrop Charter School and Woodmont Charter School in Hillsborough County, Union Park Charter Academy in Pasco County and Clay Charter Academy in Clay County. There were 615 students enrolled for the 2018/2019 school year.

The basic financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of FCEF as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in its financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these basic financial statements only include balances, activity and disclosures related to the School.

## Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Reporting entity:** The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring school board, the School Board of Hillsborough County. The current charter is effective until June 30, 2023, and may be renewed by mutual written agreement between the School and the School Board. At the end of the term of the charter, the School Board may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter, in which case, the School Board is required to notify the School in writing at least ninety days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the School Board may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. The School is considered a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County.

The School may also be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the School regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by another government, or a jointly approved board. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

As a result of evaluating the above criteria, management has determined that no component units exist for which the School is financially accountable, which would require inclusion in the School's basic financial statements.

**Basis of presentation:** Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide - Not-for-Profit Organizations and provisions of Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, the School is presented as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes.

**Government-wide financial statements:** Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position and the statement of activities, present information about the School as a whole.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School.

**Fund financial statements:** Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School in the governmental funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Because the focus of governmental fund financial statements differs from the focus of government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented with each of the governmental fund financial statements.

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

**General Fund** - This fund is used to account for all operating activities of the School except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Special Revenue Fund** - This fund is used to account for federal grants and certain state grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

**Capital Project Fund** - This fund is used to account for state and local capital outlay funding that is legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

**Debt Service Fund** - This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.

Additionally, the School reports separately the following fiduciary fund type:

**Agency Fund** - This fund is used to administer funds raised and earned by the various clubs and activities that are part of the School.

**Basis of accounting:** Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current period. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Agency Fund has no measurement focus but utilizes the accrual basis of accounting for reporting.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The School considers all demand accounts and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The School maintains its cash accounts with one financial institution. The School's accounts at this institution, at times, may exceed the federally insured limit. The School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk (Note 3).

**Prepaid items:** Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

**Due to and due from other funds:** Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed. The balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

**Revenue recognition:** Student funding is provided by the State of Florida through the School Board. Such funding is recorded as entitlement revenue in the government-wide financial statements and state source revenue in the fund financial statements. This funding is received on a pro rata basis over a ten-month period the School is in session and is adjusted for changes in full-time equivalent (FTE) student population.

**Income taxes:** The School is a Department of a nonprofit corporation. Revenue of the School is derived primarily from other governmental entities. The School is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in these basic financial statements.

**Capital assets:** Property and equipment purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with a cost of \$ 750 and useful life of over one year. Donated property and equipment are reported at acquisition value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

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

Building 45 years Furniture, fixtures and equipment 5 years Computer equipment 3 years

**Deferred outflows/inflows of resources:** In addition to assets, the statement of financial 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(s) 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 financial 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(s) 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.

**Unearned revenue:** Unearned revenue arises when the School receives resources before it has a legal claim to them.

**Compensated absences:** The School's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused paid time off, which is eligible for payment upon separation from service. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable. Payments for compensated absences are generally paid out of the General Fund.

**Net position:** Net position is classified in three categories. The general meaning of each is as follows:

- Net investment in capital assets represents the difference between the cost of capital assets, less accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted (deficit) indicates that portion of net position that will need to be funded by future operations.

**Fund balance:** The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on the provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance classifications and also sets a hierarchy which details how the School may spend funds based on certain constraints. The following are the fund balance classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements:

- Nonspendable this classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School classifies inventories, prepaid items, long-term notes receivable and deposits as nonspendable since they are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next year.
- Restricted this classification includes amounts that are restricted for specific purposes by external parties such as grantors and creditors or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- Committed this classification includes amounts that can be used for specific purposes voted on through formal action of the Board of Directors (the highest level of decision making authority). The committed amount cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the commitment through formal action.
- Assigned this classification includes amounts that the Board of Directors intends to use for a specific purpose but they are neither restricted nor committed. The School classifies existing fund balance to be used in the subsequent year's budget for elimination of a deficit as assigned.
- Unassigned this classification includes amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose within the General Fund.

The details of the fund balances are included in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet on page 10.

When the School incurs expenditures for which restricted or unrestricted fund balance is available, the School would consider restricted funds to be spent first. When the School has expenditures for which committed, assigned or unassigned fund balance is available, the School would consider committed funds to be spent first, then assigned funds and lastly unassigned funds.

**Budget:** An operating budget is adopted and maintained by the governing board for the School pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Date of management review:** Subsequent events were evaluated by management through September 19, 2019, which is he date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the demand deposits and cash on hand totaled \$843,262 with bank balances of \$847,736.

State statutes require, and it is the School's policy, that all deposits be made into, and be held by, financial institutions designated by the Treasurer of the State of Florida as "qualified public depositories" as defined by Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. This statute requires that every qualified public depository institution maintain eligible collateral to secure the public entity's funds. The minimum collateral to be pledged by an institution, the collateral eligible for pledge, and reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the treasurer is defined by the statute. Collateral is pooled in a multiple qualified public depository institution pool with the ability to assess members of the pool should the need arise. The School's deposits are held in a qualified public depository. They are covered by the collateral pool as the School has identified itself as a public entity at June 30, 2019.

## Note 4 - Due From Related Party

The School is a Department of The Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. ("FCEF"). As of June 30, 2019, FCEF owes the School \$ 2,567 for board of directors' expenses that were prepaid by the School.

#### Note 5 - Restricted Investments

During the year, FCEF issued bonds to finance the acquisition of facilities and equipment for two of their schools, including Creekside Charter Academy (Notes 7 and 11). The restricted investments of the School are governed by the Bond Indenture. The investments are held by the Trustee and are restricted for debt service and capital projects (Note 7). At June 30, 2019, the School has \$ 1,172,296 invested in a money market mutual fund that is stated at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of a debt type investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized rating organization. The exposure to credit risk is limited because the money market mutual fund is rated AAA-mf by Moody's.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The exposure to declines in fair values is limited because the weighted average maturity of the money market mutual fund is twenty days.

#### **Note 6 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2018	_	Additions	Deletions	_	Balance at June 30, 2019
Capital assets, depreciable: Buildings Furniture, fixtures and equipment Computer equipment	\$ - - -	\$	10,381,234 344,371 625,465	\$ - - -	\$	10,381,234 344,371 625,465
Total capital assets, depreciable	<u>-</u>	-	11,351,070		-	11,351,070
Accumulated depreciation: Buildings Furniture, fixtures and equipment Computer equipment	- - -	-	153,796 62,502 171,279	- - -	_	153,796 62,502 171,279
Total accumulated depreciation  Net capital assets	\$ <u>-</u>	<b>-</b> \$	387,577 10,963,493	\$ <u>-</u>	<b>-</b> \$	387,577 10,963,493

Provision for depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction Operation of plant	\$ 233,781 153,796
Total	\$ 387,577

## Note 7 - Bonds Payable

During the year, The Capital Trust Agency (the "Agency") issued \$26,285,000 in Tax Exempt Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A and \$770,000 in Taxable Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2018B pursuant to an Indenture of Trust between the Agency and a Trustee to make a loan to Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. ("FCEF"), a division of which the School exists to finance the acquisition of the facilities and equipment of two charter schools existing under FCEF. The Series 2018A Bonds bear interest at 4.500% through June 2028, then at 5.375% through June 2048. The Series 2018B Bonds bear interest at 6.000% through June 2022. Principal and interest will be paid semi-annually on June 15 and December 15. In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, the Agency assigned all of its rights and interest in the loan agreement to the Trustee. The Bonds are payable from and secured by a lien upon and pledge of payments to be received by the Trustee.

The School's share of the annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Series 2018 Bond is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	_	Principal	_	Interest	_	Total
2020	\$	189,544	\$	720,010	\$	909,554
2021		204,708		708,713		913,421
2022		214,817		697,530		912,347
2023		232,508		685,968		918,476
2024		245,144		675,334		920,478
2025-2029		1,395,047		3,199,390		4,594,437
2030-2034		1,789,300		2,802,179		4,591,479
2035-2039		2,332,660		2,258,683		4,591,343
2040-2044		3,045,347		1,549,461		4,594,808
2045-2048		4,025,925		573,721		4,599,646
	\$_	13,675,000	\$	13,870,989	\$_	27,545,989

#### Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in the School's long-term liabilities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, are as follows:

	_	Balance July 1, 2018	_	Additions	_	Retirements	_	Amortization	_	Balance June 30, 2019	_	Amount Due Within One Year
Series 2018 Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, net of unamortized discount												
of \$ 157,094 Compensated absences	\$	-	Ş	13,514,295 16,640	\$	-	\$	3,611	\$	13,517,906 16,640	\$	189,544 12,480
	\$	-	\$	13,530,935	\$	-	\$	3,611	\$	13,534,546	\$	202,024

## Note 9 - Federal, State and Local Revenue Sources

The School recorded the following revenues for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Federal:		
National School Lunch Program	\$	154,456
Charter School Program		114,267
State:		
Florida Education Finance Program		4,272,285
Capital outlay		299,503
Other state revenue		9,579
National School Lunch Program		1,694
Local:		
Food service revenue		74,556
Childcare revenue		252,988
Miscellaneous local source revenue	_	103,557
		<u> </u>
	\$_	5,282,885

### Note 10 - Employee Benefit Plan

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the School offered all of its full-time employees who had attained 21 years of age, a retirement plan (the "Plan") under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). The employee is allowed to contribute up to a maximum of 100% of his/her annual gross compensation, subject to certain limitations. The Plan provides for a discretionary employer matching contribution of the participant's annual elective deferral to the Plan. As determined annually by the School's management, the School may also make a discretionary profit sharing contribution, which is allocated among the participants based on a pro rata formula. Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions and earnings on those contributions. Participants become vested in School contributions and earnings on School contributions according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vesting Percentage
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4	100%

Nonvested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment and such forfeitures are used to reduce any employer contribution. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the School contributed a matching amount of \$ 3,490.

#### **Note 11 - Commitments**

Land Lease Agreement: Concurrent with the Series 2018 Bond issuance (Note 7), subsidiaries of Red Apple Development, LLC ("RAD") entered into two land lease agreements with FCEF. The land which is owned by RAD is leased by FCEF on behalf of the schools under a 45-year lease. In addition to rent, FCEF shall pay to RAD the total cost of ad valorem taxes, assessments and levies imposed upon the premises. Total cost to the School for the land lease was \$ 37,500 for the year ended June 30, 2019. Prior to closing on the Series 2018 Bond, the School leased the permises for \$ 145,498. Total rent expense for the year ending June 30, 2019 was \$ 182,998.

#### Note 11 - Commitments (continued)

The following is a schedule of the School's future rent payments as of June 30, 2019:

Year Ending June 30,	
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025-2029 2030-2034 2035-2039 2040-2044 2045-2049 2050-2054 2055-2059 2060-2064	\$ 50,751 51,765 52,803 53,856 54,930 291,591 321,945 355,443 392,445 433,287 478,374 528,195 491,736
	\$ 3,557,121

**Management agreement:** The School has a formal agreement with Charter Schools USA at Creekside, LLC ("CSUSA") to manage, staff, and operate the School. The agreement has an initial term which expires in June 2023. It will automatically renew for five-year periods unless terminated by either party. The agreement states that CSUSA shall be entitled to cost reimbursements and management fees (the "fee") for its services, subject to availability of funds. The fee is subordinated to all bond payment requirements (Note 7). The fee ranges from \$ 285,332 for fiscal year 2020 to \$ 1,646,576 for fiscal year 2048 as defined in the agreement or the budgeted amount approved by the Board of Directors based on enrollment and School performance. Total cost reimbursements and management fees amounted to \$ 536,940 for the year ending June 30, 2019.

The basic financial statements reflect a due to CSUSA which totaled \$ 138,965 at June 30, 2019.

**Post-retirement benefits:** The School does not provide post-retirement benefits to retired employees.

## **Note 12 - Capital Appropriations Funding**

The Florida Department of Education has approved a Charter School Capital Outlay (CSCO) award for the School. In each year that funds are appropriated by the state for charter school capital outlay purposes, those funds are allocated among eligible charter schools. The funds for the School's allocation are transferred to the School once a CSCO Plan has been provided to and approved by the sponsoring district. The School's CSCO award totaled \$ 299,503 for the 2018/2019 school year, which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying basic financial statements. If the CSCO funds are used to acquire tangible property assets, the School Board has a reversionary interest in those assets. In the event of non-renewal, termination, or breach of the charter school agreement, ownership of the assets would automatically revert to the School Board. The School has elected to use these funds to pay a portion of the lease expense on the facility.

## Note 13 - Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Funding

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is the product of (1) the School's unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program, multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the 2018/2019 school year, the School reported 614.96 unweighted FTE. Weighted funding represented approximately 6% of total state funding.

FEFP funding may also be adjusted as a result of subsequent FTE audits conducted by the Auditor General pursuant to Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.0453, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). Schools are required to maintain the following documentation for three years or until the completion of an FTE audit:

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC)
- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC)
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC)
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Sections 1011.62(1)(e), FS, and Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).

## Note 14 - Risk Financing

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets and natural disasters. The School has obtained property insurance from commercial companies including, but not limited to, general liability and errors and omissions insurance. There have been no claims in excess of insurance coverage limits during the past year.

As disclosed in Note 11, CSUSA employs all of the employees of the School. As a result, the School is not exposed to medical or workers' compensation claims for these individuals. In addition, CSUSA carries all required insurance including, but not limited to, general liability and errors and omissions insurance.

## OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Creekside Charter Academy A Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. Riverview, 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 information of Creekside Charter Academy (the "School"), a Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, 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 19, 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 (internal control) 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*.

## **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.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida September 19, 2019



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To the Board of Directors Creekside Charter Academy A Department of Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. Riverview, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Creekside Charter Academy (the "School"), a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2019.

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

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 and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

### **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated September 19, 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. Since this is the initial year of operations, there were no recommendations made in the preceding audit report.

#### Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that 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 are Creekside Charter Academy and 297803.

#### **Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

## Creekside Charter Academy

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 the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School'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.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

## **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 the School maintains on its website the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its website 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 us to communicate 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 the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, 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.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida September 19, 2019