

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
(A Component Unit of the School  
Board of St. Lucie County, Florida)

Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

# Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
Port St. Lucie, 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 Renaissance Charter School at Tradition (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie 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 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. that is attributable to the transactions of the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. 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. 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 9, 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

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 9, 2019

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2019**

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As management of Renaissance Charter School at Tradition (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie 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 and 2018.

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 fund balances were \$ 477,618, as compared to \$ 155,042 at June 30, 2018.
- As of June 30, 2019, the School had net position (deficit) of \$ (1,760,074), as compared to \$ (2,166,396) at June 30, 2018.

### **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 basic financial statements, 2) fund basic financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements.

**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, 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 instructional support services.

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

**Fund 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 and Capital Project 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 15 of this report.

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

The Agency Fund financial statement can be found on page 16 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 17 through 25 of this report.

## Government-Wide Financial Analysis

This is the School's sixth year of operations; therefore, comparative government-wide data is presented. The School's net position (deficit) was \$ (1,760,074) at June 30, 2019. This amount represented net investment in capital assets (deficit) of \$ (2,208,624) and unrestricted of \$ 448,550. The School's net position (deficit) was \$ (2,166,396) at June 30, 2018. This amount represented net investment in capital assets (deficit) of \$ (2,281,268) and unrestricted of \$ 114,872.

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

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition Net Position (Deficit)		
	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 1,384,122	\$ 1,000,605
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>12,109,042</u>	<u>12,216,351</u>
Total assets	<u>13,493,164</u>	<u>13,216,956</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	1,143,257	1,075,691
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>14,109,981</u>	<u>14,307,661</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,253,238</u>	<u>15,383,352</u>
Net Position (Deficit):		
Net investment in capital assets (deficit)	(2,208,624)	(2,281,268)
Unrestricted	<u>448,550</u>	<u>114,872</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,760,074)</u>	<u>\$ (2,166,396)</u>

Current and other assets increased mainly due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents. Capital assets, net of depreciation decreased due to current year depreciation expense offset by capital asset purchases made during the year. Current liabilities increased due to an increase in payables, and noncurrent liabilities decreased due to principal payments made on the School's capital lease payable.

**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 years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018:

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition Change in Net Position		
	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Revenues:		
General revenues	\$ 7,755,039	\$ 7,233,160
Program revenues	<u>985,337</u>	<u>698,928</u>
Total revenues	<u>8,740,376</u>	<u>7,932,088</u>
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	3,868,626	3,831,751
Instructional support services	2,184,485	2,075,557
Operation of noninstructional services	<u>2,280,943</u>	<u>2,144,325</u>
Total expenses	<u>8,334,054</u>	<u>8,051,633</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 406,322</u>	<u>\$ (119,545)</u>



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General revenues increased as a result of an enrollment increase. Program revenues increased due to higher capital outlay funding as well as the receipt of School Recognition funding, which was not received in the previous year. Total expenses increased as a result of the enrollment increase, as well as higher cost reimbursement and management fees.

**Governmental Fund Expenditures**

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

Functions/Programs	2019		2018	
	Expenditures	Percent	Expenditures	Percent
Governmental expenditures:				
Instructional expenditures	\$ 3,696,855	44%	\$ 3,532,896	45%
Debt service	1,542,144	18%	1,538,146	20%
Plant operations and maintenance	961,569	11%	807,085	10%
Fiscal services	701,323	8%	511,852	7%
Administrative services	592,330	7%	676,310	9%
All other functions/programs	923,385	12%	791,680	9%
Total governmental expenditures	\$ <u>8,417,606</u>	<u>100%</u>	\$ <u>7,857,969</u>	<u>100%</u>

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets:** At June 30, 2019, the School had capital assets of \$ 12,109,042 net of accumulated depreciation, invested in buildings, improvements other than buildings, computer equipment and furniture, fixtures and equipment as compared to \$ 12,216,351 at June 30, 2018. A detailed schedule is on page 22 in the footnotes to the basic financial statements.

**Debt:** At June 30, 2019, the School had outstanding debt of \$ 14,317,666, which consists of a capital lease, as compared to \$ 14,497,619 at June 30, 2018. More information on the School’s debt can be found in Notes 7 and 8 on pages 22 and 23 of this report.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Total revenues were higher than budget mainly due to higher participation rates in the aftercare program than budgeted for. The School had lower capital outlay expenditures than anticipated as well as lower personnel costs, resulting in a favorable variance to the budget for total expenditures. Overall, the School ended the year with a change in fund balance favorable to the budget by approximately \$ 242,000.

**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 questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Lindsey Lennon, Controller - Schools; Charter Schools USA; 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 700; Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**  
**Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**  
**June 30, 2019**

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	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 863,685
Due from other governments	433
Due from Trustee	503,572
Prepaid items	9,998
Deposits	<u>6,434</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,384,122</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>	
Capital assets (depreciable), net of accumulated depreciation	<u>12,109,042</u>
Total assets	<u>13,493,164</u>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	43,661
Salaries and wages payable	323,640
Due to management company	537,391
Due to related party	1,618
Compensated absences	21,947
Capital lease	<u>215,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,143,257</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>	
Compensated absences	7,315
Capital lease	<u>14,102,666</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>14,109,981</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,253,238</u>
<b>Commitments (Note 10)</b>	-
<b>Net Position (Deficit):</b>	
Net investment in capital assets (deficit)	(2,208,624)
Unrestricted	<u>448,550</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,760,074)</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Activities Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position</u>
<b>Functions/Programs</b>					
Instruction	\$ 3,868,626	\$ -	\$ 121,448	\$ -	\$ (3,747,178)
Student support services	161,775	-	-	-	(161,775)
Instructional media services	8,344	-	-	-	(8,344)
Instruction and curriculum development services	15,388	-	-	-	(15,388)
Instructional staff training services	19,997	-	-	-	(19,997)
Instruction related technology	111,908	-	-	-	(111,908)
Board	35,679	-	-	-	(35,679)
School administration	592,330	-	-	-	(592,330)
Fiscal services	701,323	-	-	-	(701,323)
Food services	226	-	-	-	(226)
Central services	44,168	-	-	-	(44,168)
Operation of plant	1,033,883	-	4,216	-	(1,029,667)
Maintenance of plant	240,860	-	-	-	(240,860)
Community services	137,356	303,989	-	-	166,633
Interest on long-term debt	1,362,191	-	-	555,684	(806,507)
	<u>1,362,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,684</u>	<u>(806,507)</u>
Total governmental activities	\$ <u>8,334,054</u>	\$ <u>303,989</u>	\$ <u>125,664</u>	\$ <u>555,684</u>	<u>(7,348,717)</u>
General revenues:					
Grants and entitlements					7,676,358
Interest income					47,387
Other income					31,294
					<u>7,755,039</u>
Total general revenues					<u>7,755,039</u>
Change in net position					406,322
Net position (deficit), July 1, 2018					<u>(2,166,396)</u>
Net position (deficit), June 30, 2019					\$ <u><u>(1,760,074)</u></u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2019**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 863,685	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 863,685
Due from Trustee	503,572	-	-	503,572
Due from other governments	239	194	-	433
Prepaid items	9,998	-	-	9,998
Deposits	6,434	-	-	6,434
	<u>1,383,928</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,122</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,383,928</u>	<u>\$ 194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,122</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 43,661	-	-	\$ 43,661
Salaries and wages payable	323,640	-	-	323,640
Due to management company	537,391	-	-	537,391
Due to related party	1,618	-	-	1,618
	<u>906,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906,310</u>
Total liabilities	<u>906,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906,310</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				
Unavailable revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194</u>
<b>Commitments (Note 10)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	9,998	-	-	9,998
Deposits	6,434	-	-	6,434
Unassigned	461,186	-	-	461,186
	<u>477,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477,618</u>
Total fund balances	<u>477,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477,618</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,383,928</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,122</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Net Position (Deficit)  
 June 30, 2019**

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**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 477,618

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (deficit) are different because:

The cost of capital assets acquired is reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. The statement of net position (deficit) includes those capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, among the assets of the School as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	\$	15,522,815	
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(3,413,773)</u>	12,109,042

Unavailable revenue in the governmental funds is susceptible to full accrual in the government-wide statements.			194
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Liabilities not payable with current available resources are not reported as fund liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide statements.

Compensated absences	\$	(29,262)	
Capital lease		<u>(14,317,666)</u>	<u>(14,346,928)</u>

**Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities** \$ (1,760,074)

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Federal through state	\$ -	\$ 4,022	\$ -	\$ 4,022
State sources	7,797,806	-	555,684	8,353,490
Local sources	78,681	-	-	78,681
Aftercare	303,989	-	-	303,989
	<u>8,180,476</u>	<u>4,022</u>	<u>555,684</u>	<u>8,740,182</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>				
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	3,696,855	-	-	3,696,855
Student support services	161,775	-	-	161,775
Instructional media services	8,344	-	-	8,344
Instruction and curriculum development services	15,388	-	-	15,388
Instructional staff training services	19,997	-	-	19,997
Instruction related technology	111,908	-	-	111,908
Board	35,679	-	-	35,679
School administration	592,330	-	-	592,330
Fiscal services	701,323	-	-	701,323
Food services	226	-	-	226
Central services	44,168	-	-	44,168
Operation of plant	720,709	-	-	720,709
Maintenance of plant	240,860	-	-	240,860
Community services	137,356	-	-	137,356
Capital outlay	388,544	-	-	388,544
Debt service:				
Principal	200,000	-	-	200,000
Interest	786,460	-	555,684	1,342,144
	<u>7,861,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,684</u>	<u>8,417,606</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>				
Excess (deficiency) in revenues over expenditures	<u>318,554</u>	<u>4,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322,576</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Transfer out	-	(4,022)	-	(4,022)
Transfer in	4,022	-	-	4,022
	<u>4,022</u>	<u>(4,022)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Net change in fund balances	322,576	-	-	322,576
<b>Fund Balances, July 1, 2018</b>	<u>155,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,042</u>
<b>Fund Balances, June 30, 2019</b>	<u>\$ 477,618</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 477,618</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.



**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
 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**

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 322,576

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, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as a provision for depreciation.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 388,544	
Less provision for depreciation	<u>(495,853)</u>	(107,309)

Revenues that are earned but not received within the availability period are recognized in the statement of activities when earned and subsequently in the governmental fund financial statements when they become available. 194

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Retirement of capital lease obligation		200,000
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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.

Compensated absences	\$ 10,908	
Provision for amortization of costs associated with capital lease	<u>(20,047)</u>	<u>(9,139)</u>

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 406,322

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -  
Budget and Actual - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
State sources	\$ 7,730,739	\$ 7,797,806	\$ 67,067
Local sources	81,178	78,681	(2,497)
Aftercare	197,997	303,989	105,992
	<u>8,009,914</u>	<u>8,180,476</u>	<u>170,562</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Instruction	3,742,357	3,696,855	45,502
Student support services	155,383	161,775	(6,392)
Instructional media services	7,500	8,344	(844)
Instruction and curriculum development services	12,488	15,388	(2,900)
Instructional staff training services	36,184	19,997	16,187
Instruction related technology	130,605	111,908	18,697
Board	78,661	35,679	42,982
School administration	673,899	592,330	81,569
Fiscal services	707,115	701,323	5,792
Food services	260	226	34
Central services	42,279	44,168	(1,889)
Operation of plant	693,387	720,709	(27,322)
Maintenance of plant	221,059	240,860	(19,801)
Community services	77,930	137,356	(59,426)
Capital outlay	502,500	388,544	113,956
Debt service:			
Principal	200,000	200,000	-
Interest	692,414	786,460	(94,046)
	<u>7,974,021</u>	<u>7,861,922</u>	<u>112,099</u>
Excess (deficiency) in revenues over expenditures	<u>35,893</u>	<u>318,554</u>	<u>282,661</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Transfer in	-	4,022	4,022
Proceeds from insurance claims	44,496	-	(44,496)
	<u>44,496</u>	<u>4,022</u>	<u>(40,474)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 80,389</u>	<u>\$ 322,576</u>	<u>\$ 242,187</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -  
Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

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	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Federal sources:			
Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$ -	\$ 4,022	\$ 4,022
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>4,022</u>	<u>4,022</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfer out	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,022)</u>	<u>(4,022)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Agency Fund  
June 30, 2019

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	<u>Student Activities</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>191,603</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>191,603</u></u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Due to students	\$ <u>191,603</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u><u>191,603</u></u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie County, Florida, was established in 2012 as a public charter school to serve students from kindergarten to eighth grade in St. Lucie County. Renaissance Charter School, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit corporation organized in August 1998. There were 1,140 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 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as of June 30, 2019, and its changes in 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. Renaissance Charter School Inc., (Notes 7 and 10) is the entity that funded the purchase of the facility housing the School's operations. 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 of St. Lucie County. The current charter is effective until June 30, 2033 and may be renewed in increments of five years 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 a minimum of 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. Renaissance Charter School at Tradition is considered a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie County.

The School may 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 presented 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.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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 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.

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 money market funds which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions to be cash and cash equivalents.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The School maintains its cash accounts at 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 prorata basis over the twelve-month period and is adjusted for changes in full-time equivalent (FTE) student population.

**Income taxes:** The School is a division 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 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 an initial 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 assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Building	45 years
Improvements other than building	10 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 has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues that are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**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.



**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

- 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.

**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.

**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 basic financial statements.

**Date of management review:** Subsequent events were evaluated by management through September 9, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the deposits and cash on hand totaled \$ 1,055,288, with a bank balance of \$ 1,062,707.

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 the reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the Treasurer is defined by 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 and are covered by the collateral pool because the School has identified itself as a public entity.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**  
**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2019**

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**Note 4 - 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	\$ 13,262,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,262,425
Improvements other than building	4,763	359,531	-	364,294
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	719,534	28,043	-	747,577
Computer equipment	<u>1,147,549</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,148,519</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable	<u>15,134,271</u>	<u>388,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,522,815</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	1,375,363	294,721	-	1,670,084
Improvements other than building	1,194	18,453	-	19,647
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	612,841	63,997	-	676,838
Computer equipment	<u>928,522</u>	<u>118,682</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,047,204</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,917,920</u>	<u>495,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,413,773</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 12,216,351</u>	<u>\$ (107,309)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,109,042</u>

Provision for depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	\$ 182,679
Operation of plant	<u>313,174</u>
	<u>\$ 495,853</u>

**Note 5 - Due From Trustee**

Due from Trustee at June 30, 2019 consists of \$ 503,572 relating to accrued interest and FTE funds that have yet to be transferred to the School.

**Note 6 - Due To Related Party**

The School is a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. ("RCS"). As of June 30, 2019, the School owes RCS \$ 1,618 for expenses related to the board of directors.

**Note 7 - Capital Lease**

The School entered into a capital lease arrangement with Red Apple at St. Lucie West, LLC for use of its facility. This lease arrangement was entered into as part of a transaction consisting of a bond issuance by Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and Red Apple Development, Inc. (Note 10). The lease requires monthly principal and interest payments through June 2044. As of June 30, 2019, the net book value of the leased facility is approximately \$ 11,592,300. Amortization of the leased facility is included with depreciation expense.

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**  
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**June 30, 2019**

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**Note 7 - Capital Lease (continued)**

Future minimum payments at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 215,000	\$ 1,324,628	\$ 1,539,628
2021	230,000	1,306,792	1,536,792
2022	250,000	1,291,697	1,541,697
2023	265,000	1,275,600	1,540,600
2024	280,000	1,258,388	1,538,388
2025-2029	1,720,000	5,983,156	7,703,156
2030-2034	2,500,000	5,198,875	7,698,875
2035-2039	3,720,000	3,977,575	7,697,575
2040-2044	5,638,830	2,063,163	7,701,993
	<u>\$ 14,818,830</u>	<u>\$ 23,679,874</u>	<u>\$ 38,498,704</u>

**Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities**

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

	Balance at July 1, 2018	Additions	Retirements	Amortization	Balance at June 30, 2019	Amount Due Within One Year
Capital lease obligations, net of unamortized costs of \$ 501,164	\$ 14,497,619	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,047	\$ 14,317,666	\$ 215,000
Compensated absences	40,170	12,743	23,651	-	29,262	21,947
	<u>\$ 14,537,789</u>	<u>\$ 12,743</u>	<u>\$ 223,651</u>	<u>\$ 20,047</u>	<u>\$ 14,346,928</u>	<u>\$ 236,947</u>

**Note 9 - 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%

**Note 9 - Employee Benefit Plan (continued)**

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 \$ 16,071.

**Note 10 - Commitments and Contingencies**

**Management agreement:** The School has a formal agreement with Charter Schools USA, Inc. ("CSUSA") to manage, staff and operate the School. 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 lease payment requirements (Note 7). CSUSA received a fee of \$ 696,396 for the year ended June 30, 2019. The fee ranges from \$ 717,287 for fiscal year 2020 to \$ 1,415,628 for fiscal year 2043 as defined in the agreement or the budgeted amount approved by the Board of Directors based on school performance and enrollment. The agreement expires in June 2023 but will automatically renew for five-year periods unless terminated by either party.

The School has an amount due to management company of \$ 537,391 at June 30, 2019 for expenses paid on behalf of the School.

**Lease agreement:** In October 2013, the Florida Development Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") issued \$ 73,040,000 in Tax Exempt Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A and \$ 7,485,000 in Taxable Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B pursuant to an Indenture of Trust between the Corporation and a trustee to make a loan to Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. ("REN"), a division of which the School exists, and Red Apple Development, LLC and subsidiaries ("RAD") to finance the acquisition of the facilities of five charter schools existing under Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds, the Corporation 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.

Concurrent with the preceding loan transaction, RAD, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, entered into five lease agreements with REN. The facilities which are owned by RAD are leased by REN on behalf of the schools under a 45-year lease (Note 7). The leases are deemed to be capital leases and the capital lease payments are based on the debt service requirements of the bonds which extend through June 2044. These payments are made from the revenues received from the School Board of St. Lucie County for the operation of the Schools. REN is obligated under the Indenture to deposit all Charter revenues received from the School Board and additional revenues, if any, directly with the trustee during the term of the lease. The payments are applied by the trustee to make sinking fund payments and pay for operating expenses.

In addition to the capital lease payments noted in Note 7, the School is required to pay incremental rent payments to RAD. The incremental rent payments range from approximately \$ 130,300 to \$ 257,200 per year over the term of the agreement which is through June 2043. For the year ending June 30, 2019, the incremental rent was \$126,518.

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

**Note 11 - 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 School Board. The School's CSCO Award totaled \$ 555,684 for the 2018/2019 school year which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying 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 nonrenewal, 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 interest expense on the capital lease.

**Note 12 - Risk Management**

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 three years.

As disclosed in Note 10, 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 REPORTS OF  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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  
Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
Port St. Lucie, 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 Renaissance Charter School at Tradition (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie 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 9, 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.



KEEFE McCULLOUGH

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 9, 2019



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

To the Board of Directors  
Renaissance Charter School at Tradition  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
Port St. Lucie, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Renaissance Charter School at Tradition (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of St. Lucie County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 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 9, 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 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 Renaissance Charter School at Tradition and 560721.

### 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.

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.

Pursuant to the St. Lucie County Public Schools' School Board Policy 3.90(15)(c) we are required to specifically comment that:

- a. The School has established proper internal controls.
- b. Appropriate financial records have been kept.
- c. The School did not tag all of its physical assets but did account for, and record, its physical assets. The School is currently working on a system to tag and inventory their assets to satisfy this requirement.
- d. The School's contracts and commercial transactions are commercially reasonable.
- e. The School's governing board meets its fiduciary responsibility with regard to public funds.
- f. The School's governing board exercises continuing oversight over the School's operations in accordance with Section 1002.33(9)(j), Florida Statutes.
- g. The School's contracts are entered and commercial transactions are conducted at arm's length and based on performance.
- h. Due diligence has been conducted by the governing board of the School when entering into contracts and commercial transactions.
- i. The School's contracts or transactions did not demonstrate any potential conflict of interest.
- j. No related party transaction or series of transactions had a material effect on the safety of the School's operations or its financial well-being.

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- k. The School complied with all applicable Internal Revenue Service Regulations.
- l. The School demonstrated proper risk management.
- m. The School's financial records that comprise its accounting system are maintained in accordance with Section 1002.33(9)(h), Florida Statutes.
- n. All members of the School's governing board have completed governance training as required by Florida Administrative Code, Rule 6A-6.0784.
- o. The School is not in a state of financial emergency within the meaning of Section 218.503, Florida Statutes.
- p. The School is not in a deteriorating financial condition within the meaning of Section 1002.345(1)(a)3, Florida Statutes.
- q. There were no material subsequent events that occurred after the financial statement date but prior to the date of this report.

**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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