



**Somerset Academy South**

**WL# 5263**

(A Charter School under Somerset Academy, Inc. and  
Component Unit of the School Board of Broward County, Florida)

Pembroke Pines, Florida

Financial Statements and  
Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2019

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(A charter school under Somerset Academy, Inc.)  
W/L# 5263

19620 Pines Boulevard,  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

**2018-2019**

Board of Directors

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
Somerset Academy South  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Somerset Academy South (the "School"), a charter school under Somerset Academy, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively 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 of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

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## **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 Somerset Academy South, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Somerset Academy South as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Somerset Academy, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of Somerset Academy, Inc. as of June 30, 2019 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 28 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, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 30, 2019

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
Somerset Academy South  
(A Charter school Under Somerset Academy, Inc.)  
June 30, 2019

The corporate officers of Somerset Academy, Inc. have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School's first year of operations.

**Financial Highlights**

1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2019 was \$48,408.
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$100,357.
3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$48,408 for the year ended June 30, 2019.
4. The unassigned fund deficit at year end was (\$261,457).

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

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

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 - 10 of this report.

*Fund Financial Statements*

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

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

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 – 15 of this report.

*Notes to Financial Statements*

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16-27 of this report.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, net position was \$48,408 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,263
Prepaid expenses	53,094
Capital assets, net	635,016
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>735,373</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	232,083
Due to other divisions of Somerset Academy, Inc.	400,703
Due to landlord	54,179
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>686,965</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	-
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	256,771
Unrestricted	(208,363)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 48,408</b>

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

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

	<u>2019</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Program Revenues	
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 118,993
Capital outlay funding	149,421
Lunch Program	56,644
Charges for services	330,338
General Revenues	
Local sources (FTE and other non specific)	2,012,174
Other revenues	15,270
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 2,682,840</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Instruction	\$ 1,310,759
Student support services	22,458
Instructional staff training	791
Board	10,181
School administration	266,037
Fiscal services	40,725
Food services	66,725
Central services	45,025
Operation of plant	793,794
Maintenance of plant	77,937
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,634,432</u>
Increase in Net Position	48,408
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 48,408</u>

The current year was the first year of operations of the School.

### **School Location and Lease of Facility**

The School leases a facility located at 19620 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029.

### **Capital Improvement Requirements**

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

### **School Enrollment**

This past year was the first year of operations, the School had on average 271 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through first grade. The School is approved to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade.



## **Achievements**

In 2019, Somerset Academy Elementary South Campus completed its first year of operation, enrolling 272 students in grades PK-1. The school has not yet earned a grade under the State of Florida Accountability Program. Somerset Academy, Inc. promotes a transformational culture that maximizes student achievement and the development of accountable, global learners in a safe and enriching environment that fosters high-quality education.

Somerset Academy South empowers students to become effective global citizens by promoting enriching learning communities from a young age. Learning and achievement is paramount. Effective school leaders and highly qualified staff ensure a safe and secure learning environment. As a member of the Somerset Academy network of high quality charter schools, Somerset Academy is fully accredited by AdvancED under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS-CASI) division. As with all the schools within the network, Somerset Academy places high expectations for student learning and offers multiple opportunities for all students to acquire requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes in a safe and nurturing environment.

Key to achieving successful learning for all students is the school's implementation of research-based instructional strategies by a highly qualified instructional staff, and the use of innovative resources in a technology-rich setting.

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

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

### **Governmental Funds**

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

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported ending negative fund deficit of (\$208,363). The fund balance unassigned is (\$261,457). The School has adequate enrollment and financing resources to eliminate the negative fund balance, as the school received a loan for working capital purposes in July 2019.

### **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2019 amounts to \$635,016 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and computer equipment. As of June 30, 2019, the School had \$378,245 of long-term debt associated to its capital assets and working capital.

## Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

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

	Governmental Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Program Revenues			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 150,000	\$ 149,898	\$ 149,421
Federal sources	200,000	152,200	153,177
Lunch program fees	50,000	21,857	22,460
General Revenues			
FTE nonspecific revenues	2,000,000	2,011,292	2,012,174
Charges and other revenues	339,873	344,682	345,608
Total Revenues	<u>2,739,873</u>	<u>2,679,929</u>	<u>2,682,840</u>
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	1,331,244	1,313,098	1,255,494
Student support services	25,000	25,000	22,458
Instructional staff training	500	900	791
Board	30,000	16,013	10,181
School administration	275,522	262,954	257,710
Fiscal services	40,725	40,725	40,725
Food services	50,000	67,100	66,725
Central services	50,000	45,025	45,025
Operation of plant	776,576	776,665	765,593
Maintenance of plant	72,000	74,500	73,281
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,651,567</u>	<u>\$ 2,621,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,537,983</u>

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

### Requests for Information

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

### Deficit Unrestricted Net Position

At the end of the school year (June 30, 2019), the School has an accumulated unrestricted deficit net position due to investments in capital assets. However, the school has adequate enrollment and financing resources to eliminate the deficit in the near future. The school received a loan for working capital purposes in July 2019.

Somerset Academy South  
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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2019

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,263
Prepaid expenses	53,094
Total current assets	<u>100,357</u>
Capital assets, depreciable	731,465
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(96,449)</u>
	635,016
Total Assets	<u>\$ 735,373</u>
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Salaries and wages payable	\$ 103,547
Accounts payable	128,536
Due to other divisions of Somerset Academy, Inc.	22,458
Due to landlord	<u>54,179</u>
Total current liabilities	308,720
Due to other divisions of Somerset Academy, Inc., long-term	<u>378,245</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>686,965</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	256,771
Unrestricted	<u>(208,363)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 48,408</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Somerset Academy South  
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Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2019

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 1,310,759	\$ 325,196	\$ 118,993	\$ -	\$ (866,570)
Student support services	22,458	-	-	-	(22,458)
Instructional staff training	791	-	-	-	(791)
Board	10,181	-	-	-	(10,181)
School administration	266,037	-	-	-	(266,037)
Fiscal services	40,725	-	-	-	(40,725)
Food services	66,725	22,460	34,184	-	(10,081)
Central services	45,025	-	-	-	(45,025)
Operation of plant	793,794	5,142	-	149,421	(639,231)
Maintenance of plant	77,937	-	-	-	(77,937)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>2,634,432</b>	<b>352,798</b>	<b>153,177</b>	<b>149,421</b>	<b>(1,979,036)</b>
General revenues:					
FTE and other nonspecific revenues					2,012,174
Other revenue					15,270
Change in net position					48,408
Net position, beginning					-
Net position, ending					\$ 48,408

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,263	\$ -	\$ 47,263
Prepaid expenses	53,094	-	53,094
Total Assets	<u>100,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,357</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>			
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Salaries and wages payable	103,547	-	103,547
Accounts payable	128,536	-	128,536
Due to other divisions of Somerset Academy, Inc.	22,458	-	22,458
Due to landlord	54,179	-	54,179
Total Liabilities	<u>308,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,720</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>			
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Fund balance</u></b>			
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	53,094	-	53,094
Unassigned	<u>(261,457)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(261,457)</u>
	<u>(208,363)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208,363)</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 100,357</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100,357</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of this financial statement.

Somerset Academy South  
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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2019

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Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ (208,363)

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

Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

Capital assets	731,465	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(96,449)</u>	635,016

Long term liabilities were not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund. (378,245)

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 48,408

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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

	General Fund	Non Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>			
State passed through local	\$ 2,012,174	\$ -	\$ 2,012,174
State capital outlay funding	-	149,421	149,421
Local capital improvement revenue	-	-	-
Federal sources	-	153,177	153,177
Lunch program fees	-	22,460	22,460
Charges and other revenue	345,608	-	345,608
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,357,782</b>	<b>325,058</b>	<b>2,682,840</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Instruction	1,255,494	-	1,255,494
Student support services	22,458	-	22,458
Instructional staff training	791	-	791
Board	10,181	-	10,181
School administration	257,710	-	257,710
Fiscal services	40,725	-	40,725
Food services	-	66,725	66,725
Central services	45,025	-	45,025
Operation of plant	616,172	149,421	765,593
Maintenance of plant	73,281	-	73,281
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Other capital outlay	612,472	118,993	731,465
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,934,309</b>	<b>335,139</b>	<b>3,269,448</b>
<b>Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(576,527)</b>	<b>(10,081)</b>	<b>(586,608)</b>
<b>Proceeds from other financing sources:</b>			
Transfers in (out)	(10,081)	10,081	-
Advances from other charter schools	378,245	-	378,245
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>(208,363)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(208,363)</b>
<b>Fund Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balance at end of year</b>	<b>\$ (208,363)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (208,363)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Somerset Academy South  
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2019

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Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ (208,363)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense.

Capital outlay expenditures	731,465	
Depreciation expense	<u>(96,449)</u>	635,016

The proceeds from debt issuance provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which proceeds differed from repayments.

(378,245)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 48,408

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



Somerset Academy South  
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Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2019

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	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Cash	\$ 2,273
Total Assets	<u>2,273</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Due to students and clubs	2,273
Total Liabilities	<u>2,273</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### Reporting Entity

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

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Osceola County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2023 and it can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes

The School is located in Pembroke Pines, Florida and is approved to serve students from kindergarten through fifth grade and is funded by the District. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the school had students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through first grade. These financial statements are for the period through June 30, 2019, when on average 271 students were enrolled for the school year. This is the first year of operations of the School.

### Basis of Presentation

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

### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

#### *Government Wide Financial Statements*

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

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees; (2) operating grants such as Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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

### *Fund Financial Statements*

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

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

Additionally, the School reports the following fiduciary fund types:

*Agency Fund* – accounts for resources of the Schools’ Internal Fund which is used to administer monies collected at the schools in connection with school, student activities, class, and club activities.

### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

The School recognizes assets of non-exchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available.

Non-exchange transactions occur when the school provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.

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

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School's allowable deposits or investments and address specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School has adopted GASB Codification Section 3100 *Fair Value Measurement and Application* (see Note 3).

Inter-fund Transfers

Interfund receivables/payables are short-term balances that represent reimbursements between funds for payments made by one fund on behalf of another fund.

Capital Assets

The School's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized.

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

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Furniture, Equipment and Fixtures	5 Years
Building Improvements	5 Years

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

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

Compensated Absences

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

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

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

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 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 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.

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

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the state through the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. After review and verification of FTE reports and supporting documentation, the FDOE may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FEFP funding for prior year errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent statewide allocations from exceeding the amount authorized by the Legislature. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of revenue in the year the adjustment is made.

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

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

Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

*Government-wide financial statements*

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

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and long-term receivables, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position - consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- c) Unrestricted net position - all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

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

*Fund financial statements*

Under GASB Codification Section 1800.142, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

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

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

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

Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources.

Income Taxes

Somerset Academy, Inc. qualify as a tax-exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and are, therefore, exempt from income tax. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

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

Use of Estimates

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

Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 30, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 2 – Capital Assets**

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

	Balance 07/01/18	Additions	Retirements	Balance 06/30/19
<b>Capital Assets:</b>				
Depreciable:				
Furniture, equipment and fixtures	\$ -	\$ 673,480	\$ -	\$ 673,480
Building improvements	-	57,985	-	57,985
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 731,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 731,465</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	-	(87,121)	-	(87,121)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	-	(9,328)	-	(9,328)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(96,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(96,449)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 635,016</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 635,016</u>

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

Instruction	\$ 55,265
School administration	8,327
Operation of plant	28,201
Maintenance of plant	4,656
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 96,449</u>



### **Note 3 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

#### Deposits

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in two financial institutions. As of June 30, 2019, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$369,659.

Deposits at FDIC-insured institutions are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor, per financial institution. The School is a charter school under Somerset Academy, Inc., which also operates various other charter schools. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of Somerset Academy, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2019, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was approximately \$387,000; including fiduciary account bank balances.

#### Investments

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Codification Section 3100 *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.); Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

At June 30, 2019, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

- Government money market mutual fund of \$-0- valued using Level 2 inputs.

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

#### Credit Risk

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

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

**Note 3 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)**

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

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

Academica Broward, LLC, an education service and support provider, provides administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting and virtual services. The agreement between the School and the education service and support provider calls for a fee on a per student basis. The agreement is with Somerset Academy, Inc. for a period of five years, through June 30, 2021, and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed along with any renewals to the charter agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the School incurred \$122,175 in fees.

Academica Broward, LLC is located at 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida.

**Note 5 – Transactions with Divisions of Somerset Academy, Inc.**

During 2019, the School shared resources with other charter schools under Somerset Academy, Inc. Through the board, management allocates a proportionate share of salaries, supplies and other expenses based on student enrollment and usage of personnel to these schools. As of June 30, 2019, \$22,458 was due to other charter schools related to shared resources.

In addition, the School received long term, non-interest bearing advances from another charter school under Somerset Academy, Inc. The following schedule provides a summary of the long term advances for the year ended June 30, 2019:

	Balance 07/01/18	Advances	Repayments	Balance 06/30/19
Due to Somerset Academy Chapel Trail	\$ -	\$ 378,245	\$ -	378,245
Long term advances	\$ -	\$ 378,245	\$ -	\$ 378,245

Somerset Academy, Inc. charges an assessment to all its affiliated schools for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. During 2019, the School paid Somerset Academy, Inc. \$40,725 in connection with these charges during the year.

Recoverable Grant

During the year, the School received \$240,000 in recoverable grants from Somerset Academy, Inc. to fund operating expenses. Under the terms, the School would repay the corporate account of Somerset Academy, Inc. contingent on subsequently meeting certain financial conditions. Management has determined that the School met the requirements for repayment under the grant terms as of June 30, 2019 and repaid the grant in full.

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

Effective April 1, 2018, the Somerset Academy, Inc. entered into a lease agreement on behalf of the School with Pines Blvd School Development, LLC (the “Landlord”), for 56,161 square feet leased premises located at 19620 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029. The landlord is an affiliate of the School’s educational service and support provider (see Note 4). Initial fixed annual payments under the lease agreement (based on \$22.00 per square foot) are \$1,235,542, adjusted annually and commencing on the second annual lease year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). For the first lease year, the fixed rent shall be reduced by an enrollment discount of \$65,100 per month.

The agreement continues through June 30, 2038 (“initial term”), with an option to renew for two additional five-year term periods. Under the lease agreement, Somerset Academy, Inc. must meet certain covenants and requirements, including a “Lease Payment Coverage Ratio” of not less than 1.10 to 1.00. The lease agreement is guaranteed by Somerset Academy, Inc.

For 2019, rent expense was \$454,252. As of June 30, 2019, there is approximately \$54,000 due to the Landlord.

Future minimum payments for the full lease, net of enrollment period discounts, are as follows:

Year	Minimum Lease Payments	
2020	\$ 1,235,542	
2021	\$ 1,235,542	
2022	\$ 1,235,542	
2023	\$ 1,235,542	
2024	\$ 1,235,542	
2025-2029	\$ 6,177,710	(total for five year period)
2030-2034	\$ 6,177,710	(total for five year period)
2035-2038	\$ 4,942,168	(total for four year period)

Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the District under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based in part on a computation of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending different instructional programs. The accuracy of FTE student data submitted by individual schools and used in the FEFP computations is subject to audit by the state and, if found to be in error, could result in refunds to the state or in decreases to future funding allocations. Additionally, the School receives various forms of federal, state and local funding which are subject to financial and compliance audits. It is the opinion of management that the amount of funding, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School.

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

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2019, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$92,310.

**Note 7 – Risk Management**

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

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

**Note 8 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan**

Post-retirement Benefits

The School’s personnel, who are leased through ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by the leasing company, covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan (the “Plan”), the School will match 100% of the employee’s contribution 4% up to of the employee’s compensation. The School contributed \$29,572 to the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2019. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plan’s assets, which are administered by Voya.

**Note 9 – Interfund Transfers**

Transfers of balances in the governmental funds as of June 30, 2019 consist of the following:

	General Fund	Non-Major Fund
To fund lunch deficit	\$ (10,081)	\$ 10,081
Total Transfers, net	<u>\$ (10,081)</u>	<u>\$ 10,081</u>

**Note 10 – Subsequent Events**

On July 25, 2019, the School obtained equipment financing from a financial institution in the amount of \$230,597. This financing was obtained using the School's existing capital assets as collateral and will be repaid in 48 monthly principal and interest payments at a fixed interest rate of 3.95%.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Somerset Academy South  
(A charter school under Somerset Academy, Inc.)

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

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State passed through local	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,011,292	\$ 2,012,174
Charges and other revenue	339,873	344,682	345,608
Total Revenues	<u>2,339,873</u>	<u>2,355,974</u>	<u>2,357,782</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	1,331,244	1,313,098	1,255,494
Student support services	25,000	25,000	22,458
Instructional staff training	500	900	791
Board	30,000	16,013	10,181
School administration	275,522	262,954	257,710
Fiscal services	40,725	40,725	40,725
Central services	50,000	45,025	45,025
Operation of plant	626,576	626,767	616,172
Maintenance of plant	72,000	74,500	73,281
Total Current Expenditures	<u>2,451,567</u>	<u>2,404,982</u>	<u>2,321,837</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>(111,694)</u>	<u>(49,008)</u>	<u>35,945</u>
Capital Outlay			
Other capital outlay	250,000	615,898	612,472
Total Expenditures	<u>2,701,567</u>	<u>3,020,880</u>	<u>2,934,309</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(361,694)	(664,906)	(576,527)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	-	(13,043)	(10,081)
Long term advances from Somerset Academy, Inc.	250,000	368,511	378,245
Net change in fund balance	(111,694)	(309,438)	(208,363)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ (111,694)</u>	<u>\$ (309,438)</u>	<u>\$ (208,363)</u>

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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



INDEPENDENT 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*

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To the Board of Directors of  
Somerset Academy South  
Pembroke Pines, 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 Somerset Academy South (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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



Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that were reported to management in a separate management letter dated pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Purpose of this report

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

Handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "HLB Gravier, LLP".

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 30, 2019



## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of  
Somerset Academy South  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of Somerset Academy South, Pembroke Pines, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

### **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' 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 those reports and schedules, which are dated, 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.

Not applicable since this is the first year of operations of the School.

### **Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and school code assigned by the Florida Department of education of the entity is Somerset Academy South, 5263.

## **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 Somerset Academy South has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Somerset Academy South 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 Somerset Academy South. It is management's responsibility to monitor Somerset Academy South'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 recommendation to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had the following recommendations:

### **ML – 19-01 PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

**Criteria:** The School runs a pre-kindergarten program and the corresponding revenues and expenses are reflected in the Schools financial statements.

**Condition:** We noted that the School does not have formal policies and procedures and a timely process for reconciling the pre-kindergarten revenues received from various sources.

**Cause:** The condition results from school personnel receiving pre-kindergarten revenues into accounts of another charter school's pre-kindergarten bank account and not identifying and transferring the funds into the correct pre-kindergarten bank account as of June 30, 2019. In addition, there were no procedures in place to identify, segregate and receive payroll deductions for tuition payments of employees in a timely manner.

**Effect:** Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above resulted in a misstatement of pre-kindergarten revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2019.

**Recom-  
mendation:** We recommend that the Schools establish policies and procedures for the pre-kindergarten program to ensure timely and accurate recognition of revenues and expenses.

**Views of Responsible  
officials:** See attached management response.

## **Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7 and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to report the results of our determination as to whether Somerset Academy South maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that Somerset Academy South maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

## **Additional Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

## **Purpose of this Letter**

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

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 30, 2019

**SOMERSET ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SOUTH**

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

HLB Gravier, LLP  
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**RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

The following is the response by the School's Administrator to your recommendations:

**MI, – 19-01 PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

We recommend that the Schools establish policies and procedures for the pre-kindergarten program to ensure timely and accurate recognition of revenues and expenses.

**Management Response**

Management will adhere to the auditor's recommendation. The school will establish policies and procedures for the Pre-Kindergarten program to ensure timely and accurate recognition of revenues and expenses. Continuous oversight by the Principal will be performed to ensure compliance with policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AM' or similar, written in a cursive style.