

Gateway Charter High School

A Department of Southwest Charter
Foundation, Inc.
(A Component Unit of the School
District of Lee County, Florida)

Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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Gateway Charter High School

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Gateway Charter High School
A Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
Fort Myers, 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 Gateway Charter High School (the "School"), a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Lee County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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, 2020, 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 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. that is attributable to the transactions of the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2020 and the changes in its financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year ended June 30, 2020 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, 2020, 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, 2020

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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As management of Gateway Charter High School (the "School"), a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Lee County, Florida (the "School District"), we offer readers of the School's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Management's discussion and analysis is included at the beginning of the School's basic financial statements to provide, in layman's terms, the past and 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 and other supplementary information.

Financial Highlights

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

- As of June 30, 2020, the School's governmental fund balance was \$ 60,414 as compared to \$ 48,355 as of June 30, 2019.
- The net position (deficit) at June 30, 2020 was \$ (1,918,188), as compared to \$ (2,020,981) as of June 30, 2019.

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 Basic Financial Statements: The government-wide basic 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 (deficit) 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 (deficit). 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 basic 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 Basic Financial Statements: A fund is a grouping of related accounts which is used to maintain control over resources which 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 basic 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 basic 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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information which 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 26 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The School has been in operation for sixteen years; therefore, comparative government-wide data is presented. The School's net position (deficit) was \$ (1,918,188) at June 30, 2020, of which \$ (688,630) represents net investment in capital assets (deficit) and \$ (1,229,558) is unrestricted (deficit). The School's net position (deficit) was \$ (2,020,981) at June 30, 2019, which represented net investment in capital assets (deficit), of \$ (692,803) and \$ (1,328,178) of unrestricted (deficit).

**Gateway Charter High School
Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2020**

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

Gateway Charter High School Net Position (Deficit)		
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 2,022,458	\$ 436,502
Capital assets, net of depreciation	9,515,743	9,982,197
Total assets	11,538,201	10,418,699
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	2,476,044	965,094
Noncurrent liabilities	10,980,345	11,474,586
Total liabilities	13,456,389	12,439,680
Net Position (Deficit):		
Net investment in capital assets (deficit)	(688,630)	(692,803)
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,229,558)	(1,328,178)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (1,918,188)	\$ (2,020,981)

Current and other assets increased due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents, which was partially offset by a decrease in receivables. Capital assets, net of depreciation decreased due to current year depreciation expense which was offset by capital asset purchases made during the year. Current liabilities increased due to an increase in the amount owed to the School's management company. Noncurrent liabilities decreased due to principal payments made on the School's capital lease payables.

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, 2020 and 2019:

Gateway Charter High School Change in Net Position		
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Revenues:		
General revenues	\$ 4,276,889	\$ 4,878,279
Program revenues	889,699	948,103
Transfer in	188,953	188,949
Total revenues	5,355,541	6,015,331
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	2,071,919	2,211,301
Instructional support services	2,128,166	2,432,271
Non-instructional services	1,052,663	1,161,322
Total governmental activities	5,252,748	5,804,894
Change in net position	\$ 102,793	\$ 210,437

General revenues decreased mainly due to a reduced contribution from the School’s management company in the current year. Program revenues decreased due a reduction in food service revenue compared to prior year. Instruction expenses decreased due to a decrease in wages and instructional support services decreased due to lower costs for transportation and maintenance of plant. Non-instructional services decreased due to a reduction in cost associated with food service.

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	2020		2019	
	Expenditures	Percent	Expenditures	Percent
Governmental expenditures:				
Instructional expenditures	\$ 1,911,377	36%	\$ 2,075,993	35%
Debt service	1,245,597	23%	1,183,313	20%
Plant operations and maintenance	727,775	14%	865,712	14%
Transportation	374,243	7%	536,014	9%
School administration	302,235	6%	328,589	5%
All other functions/programs	782,255	14%	1,030,457	17%
Total governmental expenditures	\$ 5,343,482	100%	\$ 6,020,078	100%

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets: At June 30, 2020, the School had capital assets of \$ 9,515,743 net of accumulated depreciation, invested in a building, furniture, fixtures and equipment, computers and improvements other than building, as compared to \$ 9,982,197 at June 30, 2019.

Debt: At June 30, 2020, the School had outstanding debt of \$ 10,482,040 as compared to \$ 11,015,000 at June 30, 2019. Additional information on the School’s debt can be found in Notes 7, 8 and 9 on pages 23 and 24.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

State source revenues were unfavorable to the budget due to a lower than expected enrollment count. Local source revenues were also unfavorable to the budget due to lower support received from the School’s management company than anticipated. Total revenues were approximately \$ 366,000 unfavorable to the budget. Total expenditures were favorable to the budget by approximately \$ 354,000 due to savings in instruction, school administration, and pupil transportation service costs. Overall, the School ended the year with a change in fund balance that was favorable to the budget by approximately \$ 12,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget

In fiscal year 2020, the State of Florida increased its Florida Education Finance Program base funding, safe schools and mental health initiative allocations. The capital outlay funding pool increased to \$ 158 million. A 2% merit increase was also paid out to eligible staff.

For fiscal year 2021, capital outlay revenue was assumed at a flat rate in comparison to the current rate per student. The budgets reflect the Florida Education Finance Program funding increase to fund teacher salary increases. A 2% merit increase for all staff was also budgeted. 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 Maria C. Garzon, Controller - Schools; Charter Schools USA; 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 700; Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
June 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,664,980
Due from Trustee	223,045
Due from other governments	39,591
Due from related parties	30,684
Other receivables	3,744
Prepaid items	28,104
Deposits	<u>32,310</u>
Total current assets	2,022,458
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets (depreciable), net of accumulated depreciation	<u>9,515,743</u>
Total assets	<u>11,538,201</u>
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	30,898
Salaries and wages payable	174,954
Due to other governments	379
Due to related party	313
Due to management company	1,749,402
Due to Agency Fund	1,093
Accrued interest payable	36,834
Compensated absences	20,633
Capital leases	393,538
Loan from related party	<u>68,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,476,044</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Accrued interest payable	952,965
Compensated absences	6,878
Capital leases	9,810,835
Loan from related party	<u>209,667</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>10,980,345</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,456,389</u>
Commitments (Note 11)	-
Net Position (Deficit):	
Net investment in capital assets (deficit)	(688,630)
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(1,229,558)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,918,188)</u>

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

**Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<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 (Deficit)</u>
Functions/Programs:					
Instruction	\$ 2,071,919	\$ -	\$ 207,113	\$ -	\$ (1,864,806)
Student support services	207,332	-	-	-	(207,332)
Instruction and curriculum development services	1,252	-	-	-	(1,252)
Instructional staff and training services	25,614	-	12,418	-	(13,196)
Instruction related technology	85,049	-	-	-	(85,049)
Board services	23,937	-	200	-	(23,737)
School administration	302,235	-	10,286	-	(291,949)
Fiscal services	6,292	-	-	-	(6,292)
Food services	247,484	26,550	225,953	-	5,019
Central services	94,703	-	614	-	(94,089)
Pupil transportation services	374,243	-	100,142	-	(274,101)
Operation of plant	964,462	-	40,799	-	(923,663)
Maintenance of plant	167,979	-	-	-	(167,979)
Community services	4,650	-	-	-	(4,650)
Interest on long-term debt	675,597	-	-	265,624	(409,973)
Total governmental activities	\$ <u>5,252,748</u>	\$ <u>26,550</u>	\$ <u>597,525</u>	\$ <u>265,624</u>	<u>(4,363,049)</u>
General revenues:					
Grants and entitlements					3,413,013
Contributions					776,401
Interest income					19,783
Other income					67,692
Transfer in					188,953
Total general revenues and transfer in					<u>4,465,842</u>
Change in net position					102,793
Net position (deficit), July 1, 2019					<u>(2,020,981)</u>
Net position (deficit), June 30, 2020					\$ <u><u>(1,918,188)</u></u>

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

**Gateway Charter High School
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,664,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,664,980
Other receivables	3,744	-	-	3,744
Due from Trustee	223,045	-	-	223,045
Due from other governments	-	18,019	21,572	39,591
Due from related parties	30,684	-	-	30,684
Due from other funds	34,586	-	-	34,586
Prepaid items	28,104	-	-	28,104
Deposits	32,310	-	-	32,310
	<u>2,017,453</u>	<u>18,019</u>	<u>21,572</u>	<u>2,057,044</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>2,017,453</u>	\$ <u>18,019</u>	\$ <u>21,572</u>	\$ <u>2,057,044</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 30,898	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,898
Salaries and wages payable	174,954	-	-	174,954
Due to other governments	379	-	-	379
Due to related party	313	-	-	313
Due to management company	1,749,402	-	-	1,749,402
Due to Agency Fund	1,093	-	-	1,093
Due to other funds	-	13,014	21,572	34,586
	<u>1,957,039</u>	<u>13,014</u>	<u>21,572</u>	<u>1,991,625</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,957,039</u>	<u>13,014</u>	<u>21,572</u>	<u>1,991,625</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Unavailable revenue	-	5,005	-	5,005
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,005</u>
Commitments (Note 11)				
	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	28,104	-	-	28,104
Deposits	32,310	-	-	32,310
	<u>60,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,414</u>
Total fund balances	<u>60,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,414</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ <u>2,017,453</u>	\$ <u>18,019</u>	\$ <u>21,572</u>	\$ <u>2,057,044</u>

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

**Gateway Charter High School
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
 June 30, 2020**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 60,414

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

The cost of capital assets acquired is reported as an expenditure 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	\$	16,273,590		
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(6,757,847)</u>		9,515,743

Unavailable revenue in the governmental funds is susceptible to full accrual in the government-wide statements.				5,005
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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	\$	(27,511)		
Accrued interest payable		(989,799)		
Capital leases		(10,204,373)		
Loan from related party		<u>(277,667)</u>		<u>(11,499,350)</u>

Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities \$ (1,918,188)

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

**Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:				
Federal through state	\$ -	\$ 286,582	\$ -	\$ 286,582
State sources	3,697,465	4,025	265,624	3,967,114
Local sources	912,892	-	-	912,892
Total revenues	<u>4,610,357</u>	<u>290,607</u>	<u>265,624</u>	<u>5,166,588</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	1,904,928	6,449	-	1,911,377
Student support services	207,332	-	-	207,332
Instruction and curriculum development services	1,252	-	-	1,252
Instructional staff and training services	13,196	12,418	-	25,614
Instruction related technology	85,049	-	-	85,049
Board services	23,737	200	-	23,937
School administration	291,949	10,286	-	302,235
Fiscal services	6,292	-	-	6,292
Food services	21,531	225,953	-	247,484
Central services	94,089	614	-	94,703
Pupil transportation services	374,243	-	-	374,243
Operation of plant	559,796	-	-	559,796
Maintenance of plant	167,979	-	-	167,979
Community services	4,650	-	-	4,650
Capital outlay	75,945	9,997	-	85,942
Debt service:				
Principal	532,960	-	-	532,960
Interest	447,013	-	265,624	712,637
Total expenditures	<u>4,811,941</u>	<u>265,917</u>	<u>265,624</u>	<u>5,343,482</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(201,584)</u>	<u>24,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(176,894)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfer out	-	(24,690)	-	(24,690)
Transfers in	213,643	-	-	213,643
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>213,643</u>	<u>(24,690)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,953</u>
Net change in fund balances	12,059	-	-	12,059
Fund Balances, July 1, 2019	<u>48,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,355</u>
Fund Balances, June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 60,414</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,414</u>

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

**Gateway Charter High School
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
 Expenditures and Change in Fund Balances
 of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 12,059

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives as provision for depreciation.

Cost of capital assets	\$	85,942	
Less provision for depreciation		<u>(552,396)</u>	(466,454)

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

Retirements of capital lease obligations			532,960
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Some expenses 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 fund.

Change in compensated absences	\$	(12,812)	
Change in accrued interest payable		<u>37,040</u>	<u>24,228</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 102,793

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

**Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
State sources	\$ 3,891,207	\$ 3,697,465	\$ (193,742)
Local sources	1,085,414	912,892	(172,522)
Total revenues	<u>4,976,621</u>	<u>4,610,357</u>	<u>(366,264)</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction	2,081,870	1,904,928	176,942
Student support services	218,694	207,332	11,362
Instruction and curriculum development services	-	1,252	(1,252)
Instructional staff training services	21,714	13,196	8,518
Instruction related technology	80,883	85,049	(4,166)
Board services	21,442	23,737	(2,295)
School administration	398,143	291,949	106,194
Fiscal services	8,995	6,292	2,703
Food services	-	21,531	(21,531)
Central services	99,002	94,089	4,913
Pupil transportation services	528,051	374,243	153,808
Operation of plant	460,845	559,796	(98,951)
Maintenance of plant	134,166	167,979	(33,813)
Community services	-	4,650	(4,650)
Capital outlay	151,350	75,945	75,405
Debt service:			
Principal	532,961	532,960	1
Interest	427,458	447,013	(19,555)
Total expenditures	<u>5,165,574</u>	<u>4,811,941</u>	<u>353,633</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(188,953)	(201,584)	(12,631)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers in	<u>188,953</u>	<u>213,643</u>	<u>24,690</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>12,059</u></u>	\$ <u><u>12,059</u></u>

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

**Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -
Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:			
Federal sources:			
National School Lunch Program	\$ 383,275	\$ 221,928	\$ (161,347)
Title II	7,651	25,501	17,850
Title IV	-	22,315	22,315
Federal Emergency Management Agency	-	16,838	16,838
State sources:			
National School Lunch Program	15,890	4,025	(11,865)
Total revenues	<u>406,816</u>	<u>290,607</u>	<u>(116,209)</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction	1,672	6,449	(4,777)
Instruction and curriculum development services	527	-	527
Instructional staff and training services	3,595	12,418	(8,823)
Board services	-	200	(200)
School administration	-	10,286	(10,286)
Food services	333,629	225,953	107,676
Central services	1,857	614	1,243
Operation of plant	65,536	-	65,536
Capital outlay	-	9,997	(9,997)
Total expenditures	<u>406,816</u>	<u>265,917</u>	<u>140,899</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	24,690	24,690
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfer out	-	(24,690)	(24,690)
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

Gateway Charter High School
Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Agency Fund
June 30, 2020

	<u>Student Activity</u>
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 69,542
Due from General Fund	<u>1,093</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>70,635</u></u>
Liabilities:	
Due to students	\$ <u>70,635</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u><u>70,635</u></u>

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

Note 1 - Organization and Operations

The Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), formally known as The Lee Charter Foundation, Inc., was organized in September 2001 as a Florida nonprofit corporation. Gateway Charter High School (the "School") is a Department of the Foundation and is established as a charter school for students from ninth through twelfth grade in Lee County. There were 527 students enrolled for the 2019/2020 school year.

The basic financial statements of Gateway Charter High School, a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. and component unit of the School District of Lee County, Florida (the "School District"), 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 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2020, 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.

The School's basic financial statements do not include the activity or accounts of Lee County Community Charter Schools, LLC (the "LLC") (Note 11), an entity created to fund 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 District, the Lee County School District. The current charter is effective until June 2023 and may be renewed in increments of five years by mutual written agreement between the School and the School District. At the end of the term of the charter, the School District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter in which case the School District is required to notify the School in writing at least ninety days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the School District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown as defined by the agreement. Gateway Charter High School is considered a component unit of the School District.

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

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

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

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

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

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

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

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

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

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.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

Cash and cash equivalents: The School maintains its cash accounts with one financial institution. The School's accounts at this institution, at times, may exceed the federally insured limit. The School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk (Note 3).

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

Due to and due from other funds and transfers: 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. Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that is required to collect them to the fund that incurred the reimbursable expenditures in the prior year.

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

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

Capital assets: Property and equipment purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with 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 which significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

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

Buildings	40 years
Computers	3 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10 years
Improvements other than buildings	10 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 that time. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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.

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 (deficit) - represents the difference between the cost of capital assets, less accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of any 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.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

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

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's Review: The School has evaluated subsequent events through September 9, 2020, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the deposits and cash on hand totaled \$ 1,734,522 with a bank balance of \$ 1,744,828.

State statutes require, and it is the School's policy, that all deposits be made into, and be held by, financial institutions designated by the Treasurer of the State of Florida as qualified public depositories as defined by Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. This statute requires that every qualified public depository institution maintain eligible collateral to secure the public entity's funds. The minimum collateral to be pledged by an institution, the collateral eligible for pledge, and reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the treasurer is defined by the statute. Collateral is pooled in a multiple qualified public depository institution pool with the ability to assess members of the pool should the need arise. The School's deposits are held in a qualified public depository. They are covered by the collateral pool as the School has identified itself as a public entity at June 30, 2020.

Gateway Charter High School
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2020

Note 4 - Due From Trustee

Due from Trustee at June 30, 2020 consists of \$ 223,045 due to the School for accrued interest and revenues from Lee County School District (Note 11).

Note 5 - Due From/To Related Parties

The School is a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. ("SCF"). As of June 30, 2020, SCF owes the School \$ 7,325 for funding yet to be distributed to the School and for board of directors' expenses that were prepaid by the School.

The School, Gateway Charter School ("GCS") and Gateway Intermediate Charter School ("GICS") are affiliated, as they all share common board membership and are Departments of SCF. The Schools share teachers and administrative staff, as well as other operating expenses. As of June 30, 2020, the basic financial statements reflect a due from GICS of \$ 23,359 and a due to GCS of \$ 313.

Note 6 - Capital Assets

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2020
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Buildings	\$ 13,338,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,338,119
Computers	1,142,441	60,675	-	1,203,116
Furniture and equipment	788,632	25,267	-	813,899
Improvements other than buildings	918,456	-	-	918,456
Total capital assets, depreciable	16,187,648	85,942	-	16,273,590
Accumulated depreciation:				
Building	4,084,799	333,453	-	4,418,252
Computers	1,010,562	94,315	-	1,104,877
Furniture and equipment	644,877	53,415	-	698,292
Improvements other than building	465,213	71,213	-	536,426
Total accumulated depreciation	6,205,451	552,396	-	6,757,847
Net capital assets	\$ 9,982,197	\$ (466,454)	\$ -	\$ 9,515,743

Provision for depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	\$ 147,730
Operation of plant	<u>404,666</u>
Total	\$ <u>552,396</u>

Gateway Charter High School
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2020

Note 7 - Loan From Related Party

As of June 30, 2020, the School owes GCS \$ 277,667 for general working capital purposes. The loan is to be repaid over a period of five years with interest at 4.0%. The following is a schedule of future minimum payments as of June 30, 2020:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 68,000	\$ 9,999	\$ 77,999
2022	68,000	7,241	75,241
2023	68,000	4,484	72,484
2024	73,667	1,744	75,411
	<u>\$ 277,667</u>	<u>\$ 23,468</u>	<u>\$ 301,135</u>

Note 8 - Capital Leases

The School previously entered into a capital lease arrangement for use of its facility. This lease arrangement was entered into as part of a bond issuance by the Lee County Industrial Development Authority (Note 11). This lease agreement was amended and restated upon the closing of a supplemental bond issuance. The lease is through 2057 and requires monthly principal and interest payments through June 2037. As of June 30, 2020, the net book value of the leased facility is approximately \$ 8,919,900. Amortization of the leased facility is included with depreciation expense.

Future facility capital lease payments in the aggregate are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Accrued Interest Payable	Total
2021	\$ 384,350	\$ 540,296	\$ 36,834	\$ 961,480
2022	404,718	519,928	36,834	961,480
2023	426,166	498,480	36,834	961,480
2024	448,751	475,895	48,349	972,995
2025	472,533	452,113	48,349	972,995
2026-2030	2,765,915	1,857,316	278,075	4,901,306
2031-2035	3,580,724	1,042,506	351,570	4,974,800
2036-2037	1,712,028	137,264	152,027	2,001,319
	<u>\$ 10,195,185</u>	<u>\$ 5,523,798</u>	<u>\$ 988,872</u>	<u>\$ 16,707,855</u>

In 2016, the School entered into a capital lease arrangement for the replacement of the HVAC system. The lease requires monthly payments of \$ 9,249 through July 2020. As of June 30, 2020, the net book value of the leased equipment is approximately \$ 289,900. Amortization of HVAC system is included with depreciation expense.

Gateway Charter High School
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2020

Note 8 - Capital Leases (continued)

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments for the HVAC system as of June 30, 2020:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ <u>9,188</u>	\$ <u>61</u>	\$ <u>9,249</u>

Note 9 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in the School's long-term liabilities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, are as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Amount Due Within One Year</u>
Capital lease, building	\$ 10,560,191	\$ -	\$ 365,006	\$ 10,195,185	\$ 384,350
Capital lease, equipment	114,809	-	105,621	9,188	9,188
Loan from related party	340,000	-	62,333	277,667	68,000
Compensated absences	<u>14,699</u>	<u>15,045</u>	<u>2,233</u>	<u>27,511</u>	<u>20,633</u>
	<u>\$ 11,029,699</u>	<u>\$ 15,045</u>	<u>\$ 535,193</u>	<u>\$ 10,509,551</u>	<u>\$ 482,171</u>

Note 10 - Employee Benefit Plan

During the year ended June 30, 2020, 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:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting Percentage</u>
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4	100%

Nonvested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment and such forfeitures are used to reduce any employer contribution. For the Plan year ending December 31, 2019, the School did not have any forfeitures. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School contributed a matching amount of \$ 6,712.

Note 11 - Commitments

Management agreement: The School has a formal agreement through June 2027 with Charter Schools USA at Gateway, LC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Schools USA, Inc. ("CSUSA") to manage, staff and operate the School. All staff of the School are employees of CSUSA. The agreement states that CSUSA will receive cost reimbursements and management fees (the "fee") in annual amounts based on the fee schedule which includes Gateway Charter School, Gateway Charter High School, Six Mile Charter Academy and Cape Coral Charter School or the budgeted amount approved by the Board of Directors based on enrollment and School performance. Total cost reimbursements and management fees amounted to \$ 3,139,232 for the year ended June 30, 2020. For the year ending June 30, 2020, there was no fee allocated to the School and CSUSA contributed \$ 776,401 to the School.

The School also has an amount due to CSUSA of \$ 1,749,402 at June 30, 2020 for expenses paid on behalf of the School.

Lease agreement: In 2007, the Lee County Industrial Development Authority (the "Authority") issued \$ 80,520,000 in Tax Exempt Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A and \$ 1,645,000 in Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2007B pursuant to an Indenture of Trust between the Authority and a trustee to make a loan to Lee County Community Charter Schools, LLC (the "LLC") to finance the acquisition of the facilities of five charter schools under Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation").

Pursuant to a loan agreement, the Authority loaned the proceeds of the Bonds to the LLC. In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, the Authority assigned all of its rights and interest in the loan agreement to the trustee. The Bonds are payable from and secured by a lien upon and pledge of payments to be received by the trustee.

The School leases its facility from the LLC (Note 8). The capital lease payments and term of the lease are based on the debt service requirements of the Bonds. These payments are made from revenues received from the School District of Lee County for the operation of the schools. The Foundation is obligated under the Indenture to deposit all Charter revenues received from the School District 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.

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

Note 12 - Capital Appropriations Funding

The Florida Department of Education has approved a Charter School Capital Outlay (CSCO) award for the School. In each year that funds are appropriated by the state for charter school capital outlay purposes, those funds are allocated among eligible charter schools. The funds for the School's allocation are transferred to the School once a CSCO Plan has been provided to and approved by the sponsoring district. The School's CSCO Award totaled \$ 265,624 for the 2019/2020 school year which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying basic financial statements. If the CSCO funds are used to acquire tangible property assets, the School District 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 District. The School has elected to use these funds to pay a portion of the interest expense on the facility.

Note 13 - 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 were no claims in excess of insurance coverage limits during the past 3 years.

As disclosed in Note 11, CSUSA employs all of the employees of the School. As a result, the School is not exposed to medical or workers' compensation claims for these individuals.

Note 14 - Transfer In

In 2007, a majority of the Schools governed by Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. were involved in a bond issuance for the financing and acquisition of facilities for the Schools to occupy (Note 11). The Schools pay amounts under the indenture of trust which are considered their portion of the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. Due to the expansion and creation of Gateway Intermediate Charter School, there is a "Transfer In" of \$ 188,953 in the statement of activities and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for their portion of the payments as they were not a separate entity at the time the transaction was initially recorded.

Note 15 - Risks and Uncertainties

In March 2020, the *World Health Organization* declared the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. As a result, the local and global financial markets are experiencing significant declines and creating economic uncertainties. At this time, it is unknown precisely how this negative outlook will impact the School's financial statements in the future. No adjustments have been made to the accompanying financial statements as a result of the current events.

OTHER INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORTS

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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
Gateway Charter High School
A Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
Fort Myers, 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 Gateway Charter High School (the "School"), a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Lee County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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, 2020.

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, 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To the Board of Directors
Gateway Charter High School
A Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
Fort Myers, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Gateway Charter High School (the "School"), a Department of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Lee County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2020.

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, 2020, 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 of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education are Gateway Charter High School and 364121.

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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.

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.



KEEFE McCULLOUGH

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
September 9, 2020