

**FLORIDA CONNECTIONS
ACADEMY**
(A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER FLORIDIANS FOR
QUALITY VIRTUAL EDUCATION, INC.)
A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Florida Connections Academy
(A charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc.)
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Hillsborough County, 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 Florida Connections Academy ("School"), a charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. and component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 *Governmental 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 School'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 School'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 opinion.

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 Florida Connections Academy, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Florida Connections Academy at June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and Note to Required Supplementary Information, as shown in the table of contents, 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 historic 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 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 17, 2021, on our consideration of Florida Connections Academy'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 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 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 Florida Connections Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of King & Walker, CPAs in black ink.

September 17, 2021
Tampa, Florida

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of Florida Connections Academy (“School”) provides an overview of the School’s activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School’s financial statements and notes to financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the School’s revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School’s statement of activities by \$9,205.
- As shown on the statement of net position, the School reported a total net position balance of \$45,132.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- ✓ Notes to financial statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School’s overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the government’s financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net position, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School’s net position and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the School’s financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates two funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations and a Special Revenue Fund to account for Federal grant programs. For reporting purposes, the General Fund is considered a major fund. The other funds were combined into a single aggregate fund.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to Financial Statements

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

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of the School's current year and prior year net position:

	Net Position, End of Year		
	Governmental Activities		Increase
	6-30-20	6-30-21	(Decrease)
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,029,851	\$4,679,963	\$ 1,650,112
Capital Assets, Net	35,302	29,068	(6,234)
Total Assets	3,065,153	4,709,031	1,643,878
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	3,029,226	4,663,899	1,634,673
Total Liabilities	3,029,226	4,663,899	1,634,673
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	35,302	29,068	(6,234)
Unrestricted	625	16,064	15,439
Total Net Position	\$ 35,927	\$ 45,132	\$ 9,205

The assets of the School primarily consist cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from other agencies. Liabilities are comprised of vendor accounts payable, salaries and benefits payable, and amounts due to other agencies. Total net position amounted to \$45,132.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the School's change in net position for the current year and prior year:

Operating Results for the Year			
	Governmental Activities		Increase (Decrease)
	6-30-20	6-30-21	
Revenues:			
Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$ 395,889	\$ 395,889
State	10,804,859	17,684,137	6,879,278
Local and Other	1,056,500	957,979	(98,521)
Total Revenues	<u>11,861,359</u>	<u>19,038,005</u>	<u>7,176,646</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction	10,624,282	17,490,316	6,866,034
Instruction & Curriculum Development	119	38,311	38,192
Instructional Staff Training	59,520	3,536	(55,984)
Instructional Related Technology	60,858	88,898	28,040
Board	20,769	19,028	(1,741)
General Administration	68,726	73,000	4,274
School Administration	931,805	1,225,366	293,561
Central Services	2,914	4,750	1,836
Operation of Plant	60,698	62,429	1,731
Maintenance of Plant	10,209	11,421	1,212
Community Service	2,680	5,511	2,831
Unallocated Depreciation	3,884	6,234	2,350
Total Expenses	<u>11,846,464</u>	<u>19,028,800</u>	<u>7,182,336</u>
Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ 14,895</u>	<u>\$ 9,205</u>	<u>\$ (5,690)</u>

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (93%). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction related functions (93%) and School Administration (6%).

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$16,064.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The General Fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its General Fund budget. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for additional information.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2021, amounts to \$29,068 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment and leasehold improvements. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in subsequent notes to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the School in fiscal year 2021-22 include:

- Continued funding from FEFP
- Expected increase in enrollment

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Florida Connections Academy's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Florida Connections Academy, 5805 Breckenridge Parkway, Suite E, Tampa, FL 33610.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2021

	<u>Government Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,540,936
Due From Other Agencies	133,776
Prepaid Items & Deposits	5,251
Capital Assets:	
Leasehold Improvements, Net	24,016
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Net	<u>5,052</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>29,068</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,709,031</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Salaries and Benefits Payable	607,988
Accounts Payable	1,469,448
Due to Other Agencies	<u>2,586,463</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>4,663,899</u></u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,068
Unrestricted	<u>16,064</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 45,132</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 17,490,316	\$ -	\$ 395,889	\$ -	\$ (17,094,427)
Instruction & Curriculum Development	38,311		-		(38,311)
Instructional Staff Training	3,536		-		(3,536)
Instructional Related Technology	88,898		-		(88,898)
Board	19,028		-		(19,028)
General Administration	73,000		-		(73,000)
School Administration	1,225,366		-		(1,225,366)
Central Services	4,750		-		(4,750)
Operation of Plant	62,429		-		(62,429)
Maintenance of Plant	11,421		-		(11,421)
Community Service	5,511	-			(5,511)
Unallocated Depreciation	6,234				(6,234)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 19,028,800</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 395,889</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(18,632,911)</u>
General Revenue					
State Sources					17,684,137
Local and Other					3,229
Contributions					954,750
Total General Revenues					<u>18,642,116</u>
Change in Net Position					9,205
Net Position - July 1, 2020					35,927
Net Position - June 30, 2021					<u>\$ 45,132</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,540,936	\$ -	\$ 4,540,936
Due From Other Agencies	-	133,776	133,776
Prepaid Items & Deposits	5,251	-	5,251
Due from Other Funds	133,776	-	133,776
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,679,963</u>	<u>\$ 133,776</u>	<u>\$ 4,813,739</u>
LIABILITIES			
Salaries and Benefits Payable	\$ 607,988	\$ -	\$ 607,988
Accounts Payable	1,469,448	-	1,469,448
Due to Other Agencies	2,586,463	-	2,586,463
Due to Other Funds	-	133,776	133,776
Total Liabilities	<u>4,663,899</u>	<u>133,776</u>	<u>4,797,675</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	5,251	-	5,251
Unassigned	10,813	-	10,813
Total Fund Balances	<u>16,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,064</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4,679,963</u>	<u>\$ 133,776</u>	<u>\$ 4,813,739</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2021

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 16,064
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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 as assets in governmental funds.	<u>29,068</u>
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Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 45,132</u></u>
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$ 395,889	\$ 395,889
State	17,684,137	-	17,684,137
Local and Other	957,979	-	957,979
Total Revenues	<u>18,642,116</u>	<u>395,889</u>	<u>19,038,005</u>
Expenditures			
Current - Education:			
Instruction	17,094,427	395,889	17,490,316
Instruction & Curriculum Development	38,311	-	38,311
Instructional Staff Training	3,536	-	3,536
Instructional Related Technology	88,898	-	88,898
Board	19,028	-	19,028
General Administration	73,000	-	73,000
School Administration	1,225,366	-	1,225,366
Central Services	4,750	-	4,750
Operation of Plant	62,429	-	62,429
Maintenance of Plant	11,421	-	11,421
Community Service	5,511	-	5,511
Total Expenditures	<u>18,626,677</u>	<u>395,889</u>	<u>19,022,566</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	15,439	-	15,439
Fund Balances, July 1, 2020	<u>625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>625</u>
Fund Balances, June 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 16,064</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,064</u></u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 15,439
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities
are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlays	-	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(6,234)</u>	<u>(6,234)</u>

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u>9,205</u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

➤ **Reporting Entity**

Florida Connections Academy ("School"), a virtual charter school operated by the not-for-profit Board, Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc., is authorized by The School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida ("District").

The School's charter is held by Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, 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 Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc., which is comprised of not less than three members.

The basic financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, 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 general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, The School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, ("District"). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2023, and will be automatically extended on a month-to-month basis until the charter has been renewed, nonrenewed or terminated by the District as provided in the charter and in accordance with applicable Florida law. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter for failure to meet requirements for student performance stated in the charter, failure to meet generally acceptable standards of fiscal management, a material violation of law or if good cause is shown. At least 90 days before renewing, nonrenewing or terminating a charter, the District is required to notify the school in writing. The charter may also be terminated immediately if the district in the event of an immediate and serious danger to the health, safety or welfare of the school's students. In the event of termination of the charter, any property purchased by the School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds, except capital outlay funds, revert back to the District. Any unencumbered capital outlay funds revert back to the Florida Department of Education to be redistributed among eligible charter schools. The School is considered a component unit of the District; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the School's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*,

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2021

Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the School is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the School's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the School.

➤ **Basis of Presentation**

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

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

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

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

The School's major governmental fund is as follows:

- General Fund – to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.

All other funds were presented in the aggregate.

➤ **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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2021

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. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are 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 current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. 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. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

➤ **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as demand deposits, money market accounts, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. The School considers all demand accounts and money market funds which are not subjected to withdrawal restrictions to be cash and cash equivalents.

Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company up to \$250,000. The accounts routinely exceed the federally insured limit of \$250,000. The School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit or custodial risk.

➤ **Capital Assets**

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general School purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as those costing more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation.

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Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 years
Leasehold Improvements	5-20 years

➤ **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

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

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

➤ **Net Position and Fund Balance Classification**

Government-wide Financial Statements

Net Position are classified and reported in three components:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted Net Position – consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted Net Position – all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Nonspendable – fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for

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resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to assets that are in nonspendable form.

- Restricted – fund balance that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- Committed – fund balance that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School’s Board of Governance.
- Assigned – fund balance that is intended to be used by the School’s management for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- Unassigned – fund balance that is the residual amount for the School’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

➤ **Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy**

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

➤ **Revenue Sources**

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from 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(17), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (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 (FTE) students reported by the School during designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. The Department may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the School’s compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such

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adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is the product of the (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program, multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the School reported 3,558.05 unweighted FTE and 3,699.7858 weighted FTE. Weighted FTE funding is 4% of total FEFP funding.

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

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC).
- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Documentation for instructors teaching out-of-field (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).

The School may receive federal or state awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For federal or state 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.

The School is also eligible for charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. The amounts received under this program are based on the School's actual and projected student enrollment during the fiscal year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures and, as such, are reflected as restricted Net Position and reserved fund balance in the accompanying statement of Net Position and balance sheet – governmental fund, respectively, to the extent that they remain unexpended.

The School follows the policy of applying restricted resources prior to applying unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

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➤ **Income Taxes**

The School is exempt from Federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, no uncertain tax positions have been made requiring disclosure in the related notes to financial statements. The School's income tax returns for the past three years are subject to examination by tax authorities and may change upon examination.

➤ **Use of Estimates**

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and affect revenues and expenditures for the period presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

➤ **Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the report date, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management determined there are no subsequent events which require disclosure.

2. CASH DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned to the School. The School does not have a custodial credit risk policy. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2021, the School was exposed to custodial risk. The School's bank accounts exceeded the FDIC insurance limit by \$4,290,936.

3. DUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

The amounts Due From Other Agencies included in the accompanying statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds primarily consists of amounts due from the District School Board of Hillsborough County for federal grants recorded in the Special Revenue Funds. The receivable is considered to be fully collectible and as such, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established.

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4. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

At June 30, 2021, the School's Special Revenue Fund owed the General Fund \$133,776 for expenditures awaiting disbursement. The amounts of interfund receivables, payables, and transfers are netted together and not reported in the statement of net position.

5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 33,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,769
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	7,050	-	-	7,050
Total Capital Assets	40,819	-	-	40,819
 Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Leasehold Improvements	(4,929)	(4,824)		(9,753)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(588)	(1,410)	-	(1,998)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(5,517)	(6,234)	-	(11,751)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 35,302	\$ (6,234)	\$ -	\$ 29,068

All depreciation expense is shown as unallocated on the Statement of Activities.

6. DUE TO OTHER AGENCIES

The amount Due to Other Agencies on the School's statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds consists of amounts due to the District School Board of Hillsborough County for estimated overpayments of FEFP funding received during the fiscal year from the District.

7. STATE REVENUE SOURCES

State revenue reported in the School's statement of activities and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – governmental funds for the current fiscal year included only Florida Education Finance Program funding of \$17,684,137. As provided in the charter school contract, the District has charged the School an administrative fee totaling \$72,989.

8. FUNDING AND CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATIONS

The School receives substantially all of its support and revenue from federal, state and local funding sources, passed through the District, in the form of performance and budget based contracts. Continuing operation of the School is greatly dependent upon the continued support of these governmental agencies.

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9. OPERATING AGREEMENTS

Educational Program Agreement – The School entered into a statement of agreement (“Agreement”) with Connections Education of Florida, LLC (the “Company”) by and through its Governing Board, Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. The term of the Agreement commenced on July 1, 2018, and expires on the date coterminous with the School’s charter, June 30, 2023. The parties will begin negotiating a renewal contract in 2022.

During the term, the Company provides a non-exclusive, nontransferable, royalty-free, limited license to access and use the Company’s proprietary technology platform for purposes of utilizing the education program, including providing web-based access from non-school sites to the education program to students, caretakers of students, learning coaches, teachers, and administrative staff.

The contract further calls for the Company to be responsible and accountable to the School’s Board for administrative and technology services, including operation and performance of the School in accordance with the School’s charter contract, the statement of mission and purpose, and the laws of the State of Florida.

Under the terms of the agreement, the School shall pay \$3,130 per funded FTE to compensate the Company for the services provided. Fees under this agreement incurred during the 2020-21 fiscal year amounted to \$8,809,542.

Financial Matters – The parties agree that in the event that as of June 30 of each year during the term, total revenues are less than the School’s expenditures, and in the event that the School does not have positive net assets sufficient to offset the difference between total revenues and total expenditures, and to the extent that expenditures in excess of total revenues were included in the balanced budget or were subsequently approved by both parties in a written budget amendment, the Company shall issue a credit or discount to the School to the extent required to maintain positive net assets at least equal to \$10,000 as of each June 30. Any credit or discount offered under this clause will not be recoverable by the Company. During the current fiscal year, the Company credited \$954,750 to the School as part of their protection against deficits or forgiveness fee, which is included in the local and other revenue reported in the statement of activities and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – governmental funds.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

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11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The School participates in state grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivables at June 30, 2021, may be impaired.

In the opinion of the School, there are no significant liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School occasionally becomes party to various legal actions and proceedings. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of such legal matters will not have a significant adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
State	\$ 14,464,917	\$ 17,684,137	\$ 17,684,137	\$ -
Local and Other	2,311,000	957,979	957,979	-
Total Revenues	16,775,917	18,642,116	18,642,116	-
Expenditures:				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	15,169,978	17,094,427	17,094,427	-
Instruction & Curriculum Development	500	38,311	38,311	-
Instructional Staff Training	81,913	3,536	3,536	-
Instructional Related Technology	81,707	88,898	88,898	-
Board	36,900	19,028	19,028	-
General Administration	68,125	73,000	73,000	-
School Administration	1,196,958	1,225,366	1,225,366	-
Central Services	8,632	4,750	4,750	-
Operation of Plant	91,886	62,429	62,429	-
Maintenance of Plant	11,000	11,421	11,421	-
Community Service	23,000	5,511	5,511	-
Total Expenditures	16,770,599	18,626,677	18,626,677	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	5,318	15,439	15,439	-
Fund Balance, July 1, 2020	625	625	625	-
Fund Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ 5,943	\$ 16,064	\$ 16,064	\$ -

See Independent Auditor's Report.

FLORIDA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

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A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2021

1. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are presented on 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). Budgets may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the date for the annual report.

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 of Florida Connections Academy,
(A charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc.)
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Hillsborough County, 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 Florida Connections Academy ("School"), a charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. and component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 17, 2021.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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 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 School'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 School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "King & Walker, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

September 17, 2021
Tampa, Florida

**Management Letter as Required by Rules of the Florida Auditor General,
Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits***

To the Board of Directors of Florida Connections Academy,
(A charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc.)
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Florida Connections Academy, (“School”), a charter school under Floridians for Quality Virtual Education, Inc. and component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2021.

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 Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated September 17, 2021, 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 prior audit findings or recommendations.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are Florida Connections Academy, 297826.

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 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 Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

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

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

Purpose of this Letter

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

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "King & Walker, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

September 17, 2021
Tampa, Florida