

# North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
(A Component Unit of the School  
District of Broward County, Florida)

Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021



# North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
North Lauderdale, 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 North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Broward 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 *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, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Grants Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the School are intended to present the financial position and change in financial position of only that portion of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. that is attributable to the transactions of the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as of June 30, 2021 and the changes in its financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year ended June 30, 2021 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 30, 2021 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Keefe McCullough*

KEEFE McCULLOUGH

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 30, 2021

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2021**

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As management of North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Broward County, Florida, 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, 2021 and 2020.

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.

### **Financial Highlights**

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

- As of June 30, 2021, the School's fund balance was \$ 954,821 as compared to \$ 907,059 for June 30, 2020.
- The net position of the School as of June 30, 2021 was \$ 1,140,065 as compared to \$ 674,725 as of June 30, 2020.

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

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

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

The statement of net position presents information on all of the School's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

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

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

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

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

**Governmental Funds:** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund 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, Grants 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 Grants Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 15 of this report.

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 24 of this report.

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

The School has been in operation for fifteen years; therefore, comparative government-wide data is presented. The School's net position was \$ 1,140,065 at June 30, 2021. Of this amount, \$ 199,087 represents net investment in capital assets, \$ 555 represents restricted net position and \$ 940,423 represents unrestricted net position. The School's net position was \$ 674,725 at June 30, 2020, which represented net investment in capital assets (deficit) of \$ (234,156), restricted net position of \$ 611 and unrestricted net position of \$ 908,270.

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Our analysis in the table below focuses on the net position of the School's governmental activities as of June 30, 2021 and 2020:

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School Net Position		
	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 1,500,791	\$ 1,040,844
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,334,327	2,607,207
Total assets	4,835,118	3,648,051
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current Liabilities	618,959	202,922
Noncurrent liabilities	3,239,022	2,770,404
Total liabilities	3,857,981	2,973,326
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets (deficit)	199,087	(234,156)
Restricted	555	611
Unrestricted	940,423	908,270
Total net position	\$ 1,140,065	\$ 674,725

Current and other assets increased mainly due to an increase in the School's cash position. Capital assets, net of depreciation increased due to asset purchases of \$ 783,000 somewhat offset by depreciation expense of \$ 56,000. Current liabilities increased due to an increase in amount of funds due to related parties. Noncurrent liabilities increased due to the renegotiation of the School's capital lease.

**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 table below provides a condensed presentation of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020:

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School Change in Net Position		
	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>Revenues:</b>		
General revenues	\$ 2,377,864	\$ 2,276,595
Program revenues	387,859	528,020
Total revenues	2,765,723	2,804,615
<b>Functions/Program Expenses:</b>		
Instruction	1,308,807	1,443,830
Instructional support services	516,659	812,518
Non-instructional services	474,917	626,401
Total expenses	2,300,383	2,882,749
Change in net position	\$ 465,340	\$ (78,134)



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General revenues increased due to a rise in enrollment and in state source revenues compared to the previous year with the new teacher salary allocation funds. Program revenues decreased compared to last year due to a reduction in grants and food service revenue. Total expenses decreased due to a reduction in instruction, instructional support services and non-instructional services.

**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	2021		2020	
	Expenditures	Percent	Expenditures	Percent
Governmental expenditures:				
Instructional expenditures	\$ 1,287,658	41%	\$ 1,404,942	49%
Plant operations and maintenance	204,880	7%	451,248	16%
Fiscal services	222,019	7%	214,602	8%
Debt service	271,338	9%	270,216	10%
Capital outlay	783,010	25%	27,558	1%
All other functions/programs	359,478	11%	467,529	16%
Total governmental expenditures	\$ 3,128,383	100%	\$ 2,836,095	100%

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets:** At June 30, 2021, the School had capital assets of \$ 3,334,327 net of accumulated depreciation, invested in buildings, computer equipment, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and improvements other than buildings as compared to \$ 2,607,207 at June 30, 2020.

**Debt:** At June 30, 2021, the School had outstanding debt of \$ 3,298,168 as compared to \$ 2,841,363 at June 30, 2020. Additional information on the School’s debt can be found in Notes 7 and 8 on pages 21 and 22.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

State sources revenues were favorable to budget due to an increase in enrollment. Local sources revenues were unfavorable to budget due to a reduction in e-rate revenue and interest income. Total General Fund revenues were favorable to budget by \$ 13,000. Total General Fund expenditures were favorable to budget by \$ 112,000 due to savings in instruction and food service expense. Overall, the School ended the year with a change in fund balance that was favorable to the budget by approximately \$ 96,000.

**Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget**

In fiscal year 2021, the State of Florida increased its Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) base funding to include a teacher salary increase pool of \$ 500 million and mental health initiative allocations. The capital outlay funding pool increased to \$ 169.6 million. A 2% merit increase was paid out to eligible staff.

For fiscal year 2022, the Florida Education Finance Program funding and the capital outlay revenue assumed at a flat rate in comparison to the current rate per student. The teacher salary allocation will continue to be a part of the base FEFP funding. A 2% merit increase for all staff was included in the budget. 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 Myrna Lainé-Hyppolite, Senior Vice President - Finance and School Accounting; Charter Schools USA, 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2021**

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	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,385,829
Due from Trustee	104,780
Other receivables	1,423
Prepaid items	<u>8,759</u>
Total current assets	1,500,791
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,334,327</u>
Total assets	<u>4,835,118</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>	
Deferred amount on renegotiation of capital lease	<u>162,928</u>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	999
Salaries and wages payable	155,056
Due to management company	32,574
Due to related parties	346,156
Unearned revenue	11,185
Compensated absences	10,382
Capital lease	<u>62,607</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>618,959</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>	
Compensated absences	3,461
Capital lease	<u>3,235,561</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,239,022</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,857,981</u>
<b>Commitments (Note 10)</b>	-
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	199,087
Restricted for extracurricular activities	555
Unrestricted	<u>940,423</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,140,065</u>

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Program Revenues			Governmental	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Activities Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position
<b>Functions/Programs:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 1,308,807	\$ -	\$ 132,675	\$ -	\$ (1,176,132)
Student support services	100,613	-	43,996	-	(56,617)
Instructional staff training services	5,700	-	-	-	(5,700)
Instruction related technology	10,654	-	-	-	(10,654)
Board services	17,082	-	-	-	(17,082)
School administration	158,922	-	-	-	(158,922)
Fiscal services	222,019	-	-	-	(222,019)
Food services	25,585	529	-	-	(25,056)
Central services	37,076	-	-	-	(37,076)
Operation of plant	196,142	-	12,746	-	(183,396)
Maintenance of plant	44,628	-	-	-	(44,628)
Extracurricular activities	3,846	-	3,790	-	(56)
Interest on long-term debt	169,309	-	-	194,123	24,814
	<u>2,300,383</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>193,207</u>	<u>194,123</u>	<u>(1,912,524)</u>
Total governmental activities	\$ <u>2,300,383</u>	\$ <u>529</u>	\$ <u>193,207</u>	\$ <u>194,123</u>	<u>(1,912,524)</u>
General revenues:					
Grants and entitlements					2,377,245
Intrest income					439
Miscellaneous					180
Total general revenues					<u>2,377,864</u>
Change in net position					465,340
Net position, July 1, 2020, as restated (Note 13)					<u>674,725</u>
Net position, June 30, 2021					<u>\$ 1,140,065</u>

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**  
**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2021**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grants Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Club and Activities Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,385,274	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 555	\$ 1,385,829
Due from Trustee	104,780	-	-	-	104,780
Other receivables	1,423	-	-	-	1,423
Prepaid items	8,759	-	-	-	8,759
	<u>1,500,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>1,500,791</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,500,236</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 555</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,791</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 999
Salaries and wages payable	155,056	-	-	-	155,056
Due to management company	32,574	-	-	-	32,574
Due to related parties	346,156	-	-	-	346,156
Unearned revenue	11,185	-	-	-	11,185
	<u>545,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>545,970</u>
Total liabilities	<u>545,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>545,970</u>
<b>Commitments (Note 10)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	8,759	-	-	-	8,759
Retricted for extracurricular activities	-	-	-	555	555
Assigned to subsequent year's budget	82,059	-	-	-	82,059
Unassigned	863,448	-	-	-	863,448
	<u>954,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>954,821</u>
Total fund balances	<u>954,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>954,821</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,500,236</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 555</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,791</u>

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Net Position  
 June 30, 2021**

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**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 954,821

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

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

Cost of capital assets	\$	4,733,275	
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(1,398,948)</u>	3,334,327

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	\$	(13,843)	
Capital lease		<u>(3,298,168)</u>	(3,312,011)

Governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and refundings and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

162,928

**Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 1,140,065

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grants Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Club and Activities Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Federal through state	\$ -	\$ 191,187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,187
State sources	2,377,245	-	194,123	3,790	2,575,158
Local sources	13,894	-	-	-	13,894
	<u>2,391,139</u>	<u>191,187</u>	<u>194,123</u>	<u>3,790</u>	<u>2,780,239</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	1,210,827	76,831	-	-	1,287,658
Student support services	56,617	43,996	-	-	100,613
Instructional staff training services	5,700	-	-	-	5,700
Instruction related technology	10,654	-	-	-	10,654
Board	17,082	-	-	-	17,082
School administration	158,922	-	-	-	158,922
Fiscal services	222,019	-	-	-	222,019
Food services	25,585	-	-	-	25,585
Central services	37,076	-	-	-	37,076
Operation of plant	130,486	-	29,766	-	160,252
Maintenance of plant	44,628	-	-	-	44,628
Extracurricular activities	-	-	-	3,846	3,846
Capital outlay	712,650	70,360	-	-	783,010
Debt service:					
Principal	106,981	-	-	-	106,981
Interest	-	-	164,357	-	164,357
	<u>2,739,227</u>	<u>191,187</u>	<u>194,123</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>3,128,383</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(348,088)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(348,144)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>					
Renegotiation of capital lease	395,906	-	-	-	395,906
Net change in fund balances	47,818	-	-	(56)	47,762
<b>Fund Balances, July 1, 2020, as restated (Note 13)</b>	<u>906,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>907,059</u>
<b>Fund Balances, June 30, 2021</b>	<u>\$ 954,266</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 555</u>	<u>\$ 954,821</u>

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



**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of the  
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 47,762

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

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

Cost of capital assets	\$ 783,010	
Less provision for depreciation	<u>(55,890)</u>	727,120

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. (395,906)

Repayment of debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 106,981

Revenues that are earned but not received within the availability period are recognized in the statement of activities when earned and subsequently in the governmental fund financial statements when they become available. (14,518)

Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Change in compensated absences	\$ (1,147)	
Provision for amortization of costs associated with capital lease	(3,095)	
Amortization of deferred amount on renegotiation of capital lease	<u>(1,857)</u>	<u>(6,099)</u>

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 465,340

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -  
Budget and Actual - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
State sources	\$ 2,358,128	\$ 2,377,245	\$ 19,117
Local sources	20,193	13,894	(6,299)
	<u>2,378,321</u>	<u>2,391,139</u>	<u>12,818</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Instruction	1,326,810	1,210,827	115,983
Student support services	69,179	56,617	12,562
Instructional media services	6,300	-	6,300
Instructional staff training services	10,870	5,700	5,170
Instruction related technology	34,845	10,654	24,191
Board	20,162	17,082	3,080
School administration	178,533	158,922	19,611
Fiscal services	218,252	222,019	(3,767)
Food services	139,385	25,585	113,800
Central services	58,706	37,076	21,630
Operation of plant	69,183	130,486	(61,303)
Maintenance of plant	79,972	44,628	35,344
Community services	11,384	-	11,384
Capital outlay	516,379	712,650	(196,271)
Debt service:			
Principal	74,133	106,981	(32,848)
Interest	37,290	-	37,290
	<u>2,851,383</u>	<u>2,739,227</u>	<u>112,156</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(473,062)</u>	<u>(348,088)</u>	<u>124,974</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Renegotiation of capital lease	<u>424,435</u>	<u>395,906</u>	<u>(28,529)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (48,627)</u>	<u>\$ 47,818</u>	<u>\$ 96,445</u>

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

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -  
Budget and Actual - Grants Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Federal sources:			
National School Lunch Program	\$ 165,657	\$ -	\$ (165,657)
Title I	146,947	109,628	(37,319)
Title III	-	500	500
IDEA	-	1,076	1,076
Emergency Relief Fund	-	79,983	79,983
	<u>312,604</u>	<u>191,187</u>	<u>(121,417)</u>
Total revenues			
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Instruction	105,266	76,831	28,435
Student support services	39,690	43,996	(4,306)
Operation of plant	165,657	-	165,657
Community services	1,991	-	1,991
Capital outlay	-	70,360	(70,360)
	<u>312,604</u>	<u>191,187</u>	<u>121,417</u>
Total expenditures			
Net change in fund balance	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

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

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

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Broward County, Florida (the "School District"), was established in June 2005 as a public charter middle school to serve students from sixth through eighth grade in Broward County. The School is a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation organized in August 1998. There were 373 students enrolled for the 2020/2021 school year.

The basic financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present the financial position of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in its financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Renaissance Charter School, Inc. (Notes 7 and 10) is the entity that funded the purchase of the facility housing the School's operations. Accordingly, these basic financial statements only include balances, activity and disclosures related to the School

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Reporting entity:** The School operates under a charter granted by the School District. The current charter is effective until June 30, 2030 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. The School is considered to be a component unit of the School District of Broward County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

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

**Grants Fund** - This special revenue 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 nonmajor fund type:

**Club and Activities Fund** - This special revenue 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)**

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The School considers all demand accounts and money market funds which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions to be cash and cash equivalents. The School maintains its cash accounts with two financial institutions. The School's accounts at these institutions, 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 funds to the fund that incurred the expenditures but the revenue is unavailable and 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 basic financial statements and state source revenue in the fund financial statements. This funding is received on a pro rata basis over a ten-month period the School is in session and is adjusted for changes in full-time equivalent (FTE) student population.

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

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

Building	45 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Improvements other than buildings	10 years

**Deferred outflows/inflows of resources:** In addition to assets, the statement of net 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 has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The government-wide statement of net position reports a deferred amount on renegotiation of capital lease.

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

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

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

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

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

- Net investment in capital assets - represents the difference between the cost of capital assets, less accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings, used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those capital 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 - indicates that portion of net position that is available to fund 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 Review:** The School has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2021, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At June 30, 2021, the carrying amount of the deposits and cash on hand totaled \$ 1,385,829 with bank balances of \$ 1,386,960.

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



**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**  
**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2021**

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**Note 4 - Due From Trustee**

Due from Trustee at June 30, 2021 consists of \$ 104,780 related to funding and accrued interest that has yet to be transferred to the School.

**Note 5 - Due To Related Parties**

The School is a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. ("RCS"). The due to balances represent amounts that are due to RCS and other schools that share common board membership and are departments of RCS.

**Note 6 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2021
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Building	\$ 3,215,626	\$ 391,825	\$ -	\$ 3,607,451
Computer equipment	438,636	102,371	-	541,007
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	223,654	5,800	-	229,454
Improvements other than buildings	72,349	283,014	-	355,363
Total capital assets, depreciable	<u>3,950,265</u>	<u>783,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,733,275</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Building	690,764	25,846	-	716,610
Computer equipment	416,978	15,933	-	432,911
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	202,876	3,800	-	206,676
Improvements other than buildings	32,440	10,311	-	42,751
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,343,058</u>	<u>55,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,398,948</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 2,607,207</u>	<u>\$ 727,120</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,334,327</u>

Provision for depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	\$ 19,733
Operation of plant	<u>36,157</u>
	<u>\$ 55,890</u>

**Note 7 - Capital Lease**

The School amended its capital lease arrangement with North Broward Academy at Red Apple, LLC for use of its facility, furniture, fixtures and equipment. The original lease arrangement was entered into as part of a transaction consisting of a bond issuance by Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and Red Apple Development, Inc. (Note 10) and was amended when the Series 2020C and 2020D Bonds were issued to refund the Series 2010 Bonds. The lease is through June 2065 and requires monthly principal and interest payments through October 2050. As of June 30, 2021, the net book value of the leased facility, furniture, fixtures and equipment are approximately \$ 2,890,841. Amortization of the leased facility, furniture, fixtures and equipment are included with depreciation expense.

**North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**  
**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2021**

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

Future minimum payments at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 62,607	\$ 177,517	\$ 240,124
2023	66,004	174,029	240,033
2024	69,887	170,345	240,232
2025	73,770	166,448	240,218
2026	69,134	162,540	231,674
2027-2031	375,580	769,181	1,144,761
2032-2036	472,110	673,256	1,145,366
2037-2041	604,423	541,462	1,145,885
2042-2046	773,212	372,779	1,145,991
2047-2050	822,493	149,668	972,161
	<u>\$ 3,389,220</u>	<u>\$ 3,357,225</u>	<u>\$ 6,746,445</u>

**Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities**

Changes in the School's long-term liabilities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Amortization</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Amount Due Within One Year</u>
Capital lease obligation, net of unamortized costs of \$ 91,052	\$ 2,841,363	\$ 560,691	\$ 106,981	\$ 3,095	\$ 3,298,168	\$ 62,607
Compensated absences	12,696	7,554	6,407	-	13,843	10,382
	<u>\$ 2,854,059</u>	<u>\$ 568,245</u>	<u>\$ 113,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,095</u>	<u>\$ 3,312,011</u>	<u>\$ 72,989</u>

**Note 9 - Employee Benefit Plan**

During the year ended June 30, 2021, 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%

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

Nonvested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment and such forfeitures are used to reduce any employer contribution. For the Plan year ending December 31, 2020, the School had no forfeitures. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School contributed a matching amount of \$ 5,622.

**Note 10 - Commitments**

**Management agreement:** The School has a formal agreement with Charter Schools USA at North Broward, L.C. ("CSUSA") to manage, staff, and operate the School. The agreement states that CSUSA shall be entitled to cost reimbursements and management fees (the "fee") for its services, subject to availability of funds. The fee is subordinated to all lease payment requirements (Note 7). The agreement calls for fee that ranges from \$ 222,566 for fiscal year 2022 to \$ 754,777 for fiscal year 2050 or the budget amount approved by the Board of Directors based on enrollment and School performance. Total cost reimbursements and management fees amounted to \$ 216,084 for the year ended June 30, 2021. The basic financial statements reflect a due to CSUSA which totaled \$ 32,574 at June 30, 2021.

**Lease agreement:** In July 2020, the Florida Development Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") issued \$ 60,035,000 in Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2020C and \$ 6,145,000 in Taxable Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2020D pursuant to an Indenture of Trust between the Corporation and a trustee to make a loan to Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. ("REN"), a division of which the School exists, and Red Apple Development, LLC and subsidiaries ("RAD") to refund the Series 2010 Tax Exempt Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds which financed the acquisition of the facilities of five charter schools existing under Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds, the Corporation assigned all of its rights and interest in the loan agreement to the trustee. The bonds are payable from and secured by a lien upon and pledge of payments to be received by the trustee.

Concurrent with the preceding loan transaction, RAD, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, amended its four lease agreements with REN. The facilities which are owned by RAD are leased by REN on behalf of the schools under a 45-year lease (Note 7). The leases are deemed to be capital leases and the capital lease payments are based on the debt service requirements of the bonds which extend through October 2050. These payments are made from the revenues received from the School Board of Broward County for the operation of the Schools. REN is obligated under the Indenture to deposit all Charter revenues received from the School Board and additional revenues, if any, directly with the trustee during the term of the lease. The payments are applied by the trustee to make sinking fund payments and pay for operating expenses.

In addition to the capital lease payments noted in Note 7, the School is required to pay incremental rent payments to RAD. The incremental rent payments range from approximately \$ 5,000 to \$ 621,287 per year over the term of the agreement which is through June 2065. There was no incremental rent paid for the year ending June 30, 2021.

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

**Note 11 - Risk Management**

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

As disclosed in Note 10, CSUSA employs all of the employees of the School. As a result, the School is not exposed to medical or workers' compensation claims for these individuals.

**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 \$ 194,123 for the 2020/2021 school year which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying basic financial statements. If the CSCO funds are used to acquire tangible property assets, the School Board has a reversionary interest in those assets. In the event of nonrenewal, termination, or breach of the charter school agreement, ownership of the assets would automatically revert to the School Board. The School has elected to use these funds to pay a portion of the interest expense on the capital lease.

**Note 13 - Prior Period Adjustments**

GASB No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, effective for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, deals with financial reporting of Fiduciary Activities and no longer permits the use of Agency Funds, which requires a change to the way the School reports its Internal Accounts. Internal Account activity will now be reported in the Club and Activities Fund. This treatment requires the restatement of the net position and fund balances as of June 30, 2020. The restatements are as follows:

Fund balances, June 30, 2020	\$	906,448
Inclusion of Agency Fund		<u>611</u>
Restated fund balances, June 30, 2020	\$	<u>907,059</u>
Net position, June 30, 2020	\$	674,114
Inclusion of Agency Fund		<u>611</u>
Restated net position, June 30, 2020	\$	<u>674,725</u>

**Note 14 - Risks and Uncertainties**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has caused disruption in international and U.S. economies and markets. The coronavirus and fear of further spread has caused quarantines, cancellation of events, and overall reduction in business and economic activity. On March 11, 2020, the *World Health Organization* designated the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. Management and the Board of Directors continue to evaluate and monitor the potential adverse effect that this event may have on the School's financial position and operations. The full impact of COVID-19 is unknown at this time and cannot be reasonably estimated as these events are still developing.

# OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER  
MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors  
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
North Lauderdale, 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 North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Broward 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 30, 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) as a basis for designing 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 financial statements. 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 30, 2021

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

To the Board of Directors  
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
North Lauderdale, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School District of Broward County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2021.

### 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 30, 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 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 school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education are North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School and 065371.

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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.



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