

PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board Of Broward County, Florida

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Year Ended June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.
A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board of Broward County, Florida
Hollywood, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. ("PAT"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.'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 and each major fund of PAT, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance 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 and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 - 6 and 22 - 23 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 27, 2021 on our consideration of PAT'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 PAT's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Hollywood, FL
September 27, 2021

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2021**

Our discussion and analysis of the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.'s ("PAT") financial program provides an overview of PAT's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Because the information contained in this discussion is intended to highlight significant transactions, it should be read in conjunction with PAT's financial statements which begin on page 7.

For financial statement purposes, PAT is considered a component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, Florida, which is a primary government entity for financial reporting. PAT has included separate statements for the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds. The Fund Financial Statements reflect financing activities of PAT by providing information on inflows and outflows of spendable resources, while the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information on the activities of PAT.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of PAT's financial position. Included in these statements are all assets and liabilities using the accrual method of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are recorded when received.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of PAT's assets and liabilities, 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 PAT is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

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.

Governmental Funds - All of PAT's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of PAT's governmental activities and the basic services it provides.

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages 13-21 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of PAT's financial position. PAT's assets exceeded liabilities by \$439,206 and \$283,221 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NET POSITION

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current assets | \$ 479,001 | \$ 318,270 | \$ 160,731 |
| Capital assets | <u>37,761</u> | <u>37,625</u> | <u>136</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 516,762</u> | <u>\$ 355,895</u> | <u>\$ 160,867</u> |
| Current liabilities | \$ 77,556 | \$ 72,674 | \$ 4,882 |
| Non-current liabilities | <u>118,600</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>118,600</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>196,156</u> | <u>72,674</u> | <u>123,482</u> |
| Net position | | | |
| Investment in capital assets | \$ 37,761 | \$ 37,625 | \$ 136 |
| Unrestricted | <u>282,845</u> | <u>245,596</u> | <u>37,249</u> |
| Total net position | <u>320,606</u> | <u>283,221</u> | <u>\$ 37,385</u> |
| Total liabilities and net position | <u>\$ 516,762</u> | <u>\$ 355,895</u> | <u>\$ 160,867</u> |

| <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Federal passed through local schools | \$ 81,911 | \$ 66,273 | \$ 15,638 |
| State passed through local school | 1,058,398 | 1,019,147 | 39,251 |
| Other revenue | <u>5,671</u> | <u>14,519</u> | <u>(8,848)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$1,145,980</u> | <u>\$ 1,099,939</u> | <u>\$ 46,041</u> |

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2021**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$1,145,980 and \$1,099,939 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The main source of revenue was from the Florida Education Finance Program ("FEFP") and it represented approximately 82% and 86% of total revenue for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Expenses for major functions of PAT are shown in the following table:

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Instruction | \$ 519,164 | \$ 561,020 | \$ (41,856) |
| Pupil personnel services | 28,571 | 14,090 | 14,481 |
| Instruction and curriculum | 35,430 | 1,868 | 33,562 |
| Instructional staff training services | 1,894 | 45 | 1,849 |
| Instructional related technology | 2,840 | 683 | 2,157 |
| Board expenses | 13,575 | 16,186 | (2,611) |
| General expenses | 47,241 | 46,716 | 525 |
| School administration | 149,920 | 194,900 | (44,980) |
| Facilities acquisition & construction | 3,231 | 2,160 | 1,071 |
| Fiscal services | 36,715 | 36,934 | (219) |
| Pupil transportation | 17,791 | 52,326 | (34,535) |
| Operation of plant | 247,640 | 273,906 | (26,266) |
| Maintenance of plant | 4,584 | 4,541 | 43 |
| Community services | <u>-</u> | <u>3,931</u> | <u>(3,931)</u> |
| Totals | \$ 1,108,596 | \$ 1,209,306 | \$ (100,710) |

FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Key highlights for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 1,145,980 | \$1, 099,939 | \$ 46,041 |
| Expenditures | (1,108,731) | (1, 215,157) | 106,426 |
| Other financing sources, net of debt costs | <u>118,600</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>118,600</u> |
| Change in fund balance | <u>\$ 155,849</u> | <u>\$ (115,218)</u> | <u>\$ 271,067</u> |
| Fund balance, beginning of year | <u>\$ 245,596</u> | <u>\$ 360,814</u> | <u>\$ (115,218)</u> |
| Fund balance, end of year | <u>\$ 401,445</u> | <u>\$ 245,596</u> | <u>\$ 155,849</u> |

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2021**

CURRENT YEAR VS PRIOR YEAR RESULTS

The 2020-2021 school year was the fifteenth year that PAT enrolled students. Total revenue was \$1,145,980 and \$1,099,939 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The increase in revenue was primarily the result of increases in Covid-19 funding and capital outlay. Total expenses were \$1,108,731 and \$1,215,157 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The approximate \$106,000 decrease in expenses is primarily attributable to the decrease in staffing costs in the instruction and school administration functions resulting from a decrease in staff.

DEBT SERVICE

On February 24, 2021, PAT received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan from the SBA in the amount of \$118,600. The PPP loan was used for payroll and certain overhead costs. The PPP loan for \$118,600 was forgiven in full on July 28, 2021.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS – GENERAL FUND

Actual revenue was \$36,356 more than budgeted as PAT received additional Covid-19 funds that were not initially budgeted for. Total expenses were approximately \$38,000 greater than the budgeted were related to the increase in revenue as PAT was required to spend the additional funds received.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

On May 1st, 2019 PAT's related school purchased the building they were renting. PAT now leases space from the related school. There are unoccupied buildings on the property which were not used in the past year, and PAT and its related school plan to explore their options of utilizing this new found space as an additional source of income.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.'s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc., 502 N. 28 Avenue, Hollywood, Florida 33020.

PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

| | | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
|---|--------|------------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ | 466,713 |
| Prepaid Expenses | | - |
| Accounts Receivable | | 12,288 |
| Total current assets | | <u>479,001</u> |
| CAPITAL ASSETS | | |
| Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | | 37,761 |
| Total capital assets | | <u>37,761</u> |
| Total assets | \$ | <u><u>516,762</u></u> |
| LIABILITES AND NET POSITION | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITES | | |
| Salaries and Wages Payable | \$ | 59,305 |
| Due to Other Agencies | | 12,334 |
| Deferred Revenue | | 5,608 |
| Accounts Payable | | 309 |
| Total liabilities | | <u>77,556</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Portion due after one year | | |
| Paycheck protection program loan | | 118,600 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | <u>118,600</u> |
| Total liabilities | | 196,156 |
| NET POSITION | | |
| Investment in Capital Assets | | 37,761 |
| Unrestricted | | 282,845 |
| Total net position | | <u>320,606</u> |
| Total liabilities and net position | \$ | <u><u>516,762</u></u> |

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

PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Program Revenues | | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | |
| Governmental activities | | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 519,164 | \$ - | \$ 40,532 | \$ - | \$ (478,632) |
| Pupil personnel services | 28,571 | - | - | - | (28,571) |
| Instruction and curriculum development services | 35,430 | - | 35,430 | - | - |
| Instructional staff training services | 1,894 | - | - | - | (1,894) |
| Instructional related technology | 2,840 | - | - | - | (2,840) |
| Board expenses | 13,575 | - | - | - | (13,575) |
| General expenses | 47,241 | - | - | - | (47,241) |
| School administration | 149,920 | - | - | - | (149,920) |
| Facilities acquisition and construction | 3,231 | - | - | - | (3,231) |
| Fiscal services | 36,715 | - | - | - | (36,715) |
| Pupil transportation | 17,791 | - | - | - | (17,791) |
| Operation of plant | 247,640 | - | 5,949 | 89,199 | (152,492) |
| Maintenance of plant | 4,584 | - | - | - | (4,584) |
| Community services | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total governmental activities | <u>\$ 1,108,596</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 81,911</u> | <u>\$ 89,199</u> | <u>\$ (937,486)</u> |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Revenues | |
| State through local school district | 969,199 |
| Investment earnings | - |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 5,671 |
| Total General Revenues | <u>974,870</u> |
| Change in net position | 37,384 |
| Net position, July 1, 2020 | <u>283,222</u> |
| Net position June 30, 2021 | <u>\$ 320,606</u> |

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PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash | \$ 466,713 | \$ - | \$ 466,713 |
| Prepaid Expenses | - | - | - |
| Due from Funds | 12,288 | 5,608 | 17,896 |
| Accounts Receivable | - | 12,288 | 12,288 |
| Total Assets | \$ 479,001 | \$ 17,896 | \$ 496,897 |
| LIABILITES | | | |
| Salaries and Wages Payable | \$ 59,305 | \$ - | \$ 59,305 |
| Due To Funds | 5,608 | 12,288 | 17,896 |
| Due To Other Agencies | 12,334 | - | 12,334 |
| Deferred Revenue | - | 5,608 | 5,608 |
| Accounts Payable | 309 | - | 309 |
| Total Liabilities | 77,556 | 17,896 | 95,452 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - |
| Restricted | - | - | - |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Assigned | - | - | - |
| Unassigned | 401,445 | - | 401,445 |
| Total Fund Balances | 401,445 | - | 401,445 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 479,001 | \$ 17,896 | \$ 496,897 |

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

PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------|
| Fund Balance - Governmental Funds | \$ | 401,445 |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------|

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|--------|
| Governmental capital assets | \$ | 79,036 | |
| Less accumulated depreciation | | <u>(41,275)</u> | |
| | | | 37,761 |

Loan proceeds are reported as financing sources in the general fund and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Assets, however, issuing a loan increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the Statement of Activities.

(118,600)

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------|
| Net Position of Governmental Activities | \$ | <u><u>320,606</u></u> |
|---|----|-----------------------|

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**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Total |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Federal passed through local school district | \$ - | \$ 81,911 | \$ 81,911 |
| State passed through local school district | 1,058,398 | - | 1,058,398 |
| Interest income | - | - | - |
| Other revenue | 5,671 | - | 5,671 |
| | 1,064,069 | 81,911 | 1,145,980 |
| EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | | | |
| | | - | - |
| Instruction | 478,162 | 40,532 | 518,694 |
| Pupil personnel services | 28,571 | - | 28,571 |
| Instruction and curriculum development services | - | 35,430 | 35,430 |
| Instructional staff training services | 1,894 | - | 1,894 |
| Instructional related technology | 2,840 | - | 2,840 |
| Board expenses | 13,575 | - | 13,575 |
| General expenses | 47,241 | - | 47,241 |
| School administration | 148,631 | - | 148,631 |
| Facilities acquisition and construction | 6,828 | - | 6,828 |
| Fiscal services | 36,715 | - | 36,715 |
| Pupil transportation | 17,791 | - | 17,791 |
| Operation of plant | 239,988 | 5,949 | 245,937 |
| Maintenance of plant | 4,584 | - | 4,584 |
| Community services | - | - | - |
| Total expenditures | 1,026,820 | 81,911 | 1,108,731 |
| Expenses over Revenues | 37,249 | - | 37,249 |
| Other Financing Sources | | | |
| Proceeds from Paycheck Protection Program loan | 118,600 | - | 118,600 |
| Total Other Financing Sources | 118,600 | - | 118,600 |
| Net changes in fund balance | 155,849 | - | 155,849 |
| Fund balances, July 1, 2020 | 245,596 | - | 245,596 |
| Fund balances, June 30, 2021 | \$ 401,445 | \$ - | \$ 401,445 |

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

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Net Change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ 155,849

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

Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|
| Expenditures for capital assets | \$ | 8,168 | |
| Less current year depreciation | | <u>(8,033)</u> | |
| | | | 135 |

The issuance of noncurrent debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds. This amount represents the current year additions to noncurrent debt. (118,600)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 37,384

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

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT
OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Reporting Entity

Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. (“PAT”) operates as a Charter School pursuant to a Charter School Contract (“the Contract”) with the School District of Broward County, Florida (“the District”). Under the Contract, PAT provides a middle school education to children who reside in Broward County. The governing body of PAT is the Board of Directors.

The general operating authority of PAT is under Florida Statutes 228.056(7) as a Charter School Contract with the School Board of Broward County, Florida. Under the Charter, PAT provides education to children from the sixth through the eighth grade in Broward County. In April 2014, PAT’s charter was amended to permit PAT to operate a charter school for grades six through twelve. The Charter Contract was renewed and is now effective through June 30, 2025.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within PAT’s basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provide for identification of any entities for which PAT is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with PAT are such that exclusion would cause PAT’s basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of PAT. PAT is a component unit of the District.

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net assets and a statement of activities. These statements report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of PAT. As part of the consolidation process, all interfund activities are eliminated from these statements. Both statements report only governmental activities as PAT does not engage in any business type activities.

Net assets, the difference between assets and liabilities, as presented in the statement of net assets, are subdivided into three categories: amounts invested in capital assets, restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when constraints are imposed on the use of the amounts either externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or enabling legislation.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between the direct and indirect expenses of a given function and its program revenues, and displays the extent to which each function contributes to the change in net assets for the fiscal year. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable to a specific function. Indirect expenses are costs PAT has allocated to various functions. Program revenues consist of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Charges for services refer to amounts received from those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

**PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT
OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Grants and contributions consist of revenues that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues not classified as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, establishes the following classifications depicting the relative strength of the constraints that control how specific amounts can be spent:

- Nonspendable fund balance - includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact and that are not expected to be converted to cash.
- Restricted fund balance - includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. Effectively, restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.
- Committed fund balance - includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of PAT's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by PAT taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- Assigned fund balance - comprises amounts intended to be used by PAT for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.
- Unassigned fund balance - the residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, then it will be reported as a negative amount in the unassigned classification in that fund. Positive unassigned amounts will be reported only in the general fund.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Separate fund financial statements report detailed information about PAT's governmental funds. The focus of the governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Therefore, major funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements. All of PAT's funds were deemed major funds. A reconciliation is provided that converts the results of governmental fund accounting to the government - wide presentation.

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred.

All governmental fund financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, considered to be sixty days. 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 recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, principal and interest on general long-term debt is recorded as expenditures only when payment is due.

PAT's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Accordingly, the financial statements are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts for recording assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures, and other financing sources and uses.

Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. PAT reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – the general operating fund of PAT. It is used to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

PAT has a revenue spending policy that provides for programs with multiple revenue sources. The board of directors will use resources in the following hierarchy: debt proceeds, federal funds, state funds, local non-city funds, city funds and funds passed through the District. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The board of directors has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of PAT.

4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

PAT’s annual budgets are adopted for the entire operations for PAT and may be amended by the Board of Directors (the “Board”). Since the budgetary basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), budget and actual amounts in the accompanying required supplementary information are presented on the budgetary basis.

A reconciliation of revenues over expenditures presented in conformity with GAAP is set forth in the adjustments to the required supplementary information.

5. Cash

Cash is made up of cash on hand at PAT and/or checking accounts held at a financial institution.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental columns on the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by PAT as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$750 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market values at the date of donation. For the year ended June 30, 2021, PAT recorded net capital assets of \$37,761.

Property, plant and equipment of PAT is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| <u>Asset Type</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Lives</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Computer software and equipment | 3 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 5 |
| Buildings and equipment | 10 |

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

6. Capital Assets (continued)

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

7. Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the State of Florida passed through the District to PAT pursuant to the funding provisions included in PAT's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, PAT reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of FTE students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

Funding for PAT is adjusted during the year to reflect revised calculations by the FDE under the FEFP and actual weighted FTE students reported by PAT during designated FTE student survey periods.

PAT receives federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. These federal awards may have requirements whereby the issuance of grant funds is withheld until qualifying expenditures are incurred. Revenues for these awards are recognized only to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred.

Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

8. Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

9. Income Taxes

PAT is a non-profit organization and is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

9. Income Taxes (continued)

PAT is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. PAT’s federal income tax returns for 2019-2021 remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions.

NOTE B – CONCENTRATIONS

1. Revenue Sources

As stated in Note A-7, PAT receives revenues for current operations primarily from the State of Florida through the District. The following is a schedule of revenue sources and amounts:

| <u>Sources</u> | <u>Amounts</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| State funding through local district | \$ 1,058,398 |
| Federal passed through local school district | 81,911 |
| Other | <u>5,671</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,145,980</u> |

2. Cash

Under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, PAT’s deposits must be placed in banks and savings and loans which are qualified as public depositories. PAT maintains cash deposits at a bank in Florida. Deposits at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) up to \$250,000. Monies deposited in amounts greater than the insurance coverage are secured by the banks pledging securities with the State Treasurer and collateral pool. As of June 30, 2021, uninsured bank deposit balances were \$214,854.

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NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

| | Balance at June 30, <u>2020</u> | Additions | Adjustments and Deletions | Balance at June 30, <u>2021</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Capital assets depreciated: | | | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | \$ 40,268 | \$ 1,340 | \$ - | \$ 41,609 |
| Building | <u>30,599</u> | <u>6,828</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>37,427</u> |
| Total assets depreciated | <u>\$ 70,867</u> | <u>\$ 8,168</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 79,036</u> |
| Less Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | \$ 28,407 | \$ 4,680 | \$ - | \$ 33,087 |
| Building | <u>4,835</u> | <u>3,353</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>8,188</u> |
| Total assets depreciated | <u>\$ 33,242</u> | <u>\$ 8,033</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 41,275</u> |

Total governmental activities

Capital assets, net \$ 37,761

Depreciation expense of \$8,033 was charged to the instruction, administration, facilities acquisition and operation of plant functions for the year ended June 30, 2021.

NOTE D – COMMITMENTS

On January 1, 2012, PAT signed a non-cancelable operating lease with another charter school effective July 1, 2012 for a new facility. In April 2013, the lease was amended to extend the term to 15 years commencing August 1, 2013 with static increases in 2014 and 2015 followed by increases of 2% annually starting in 2016. Based on the current student count, PAT was responsible for 30% of the total rent. On May 1, 2019, Sunshine Elementary Charter School (“SECS”) purchased the school campus that PAT was renting through the issuance of the Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Paragon Academy of Technology and Sunshine Elementary Charter School Project) Series 2019A and 2019B for \$7,860,000. Effective May 1, 2019, PAT entered into a lease agreement with SECS as a requirement per the bond indenture that runs until the maturity of the bond, June 1, 2054. The lease agreement has financial covenants effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 that PAT must meet in order to remain in compliance with the lease agreement. PAT met the financial covenants for the year ended June 30, 2021. Additionally, PAT has other administrative covenants as part of the lease agreement which they are currently meeting. PAT also leases a copier machine.

Total rent expense was approximately \$139,000 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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NOTE D – COMMITMENTS (continued)

Future minimum lease payments required under the lease agreements are approximately as follows:

June 30:

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| 2022 | \$ 147,023 |
| 2023 | 147,939 |
| 2024 | 150,870 |
| 2025 | 154,232 |
| 2026 | 156,083 |
| Thereafter | <u>4,511,262</u> |
| Total | \$ 5,267,409 |

NOTE E – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

On February 24, 2021, PAT received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$118,600. The loan is guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA). PAT will not have to pay any interest on the loan based on submitting a loan forgiveness application demonstrating that it incurred eligible expenses during the “loan forgiveness covered period,” as defined by the SBA. PAT has an option to elect an eight or 24-week period for the loan forgiveness covered period beginning on the date the loan was disbursed. PAT must submit to its lender a loan forgiveness application within 10 months after the end of its loan forgiveness covered period. By doing so, PAT will not have to make any payments of principal or interest on the loan before the date on which the SBA remits the loan forgiveness amount on the loan to the lender (or notifies the lender that no loan forgiveness is allowed) and the date PAT is notified by the lender that the first payment is due. Interest continues to accrue during the deferment period. If PAT does not submit to its lender a loan forgiveness application within 10 months after the end of its loan forgiveness covered period, it must begin paying principal and interest after the 10-month period subsequent to the loan forgiveness covered period. Interest on the loan is at 1% and the loan is due in full in February 2026.

On July 28, 2021, PAT received notification from the SBA that the PPP loan was forgiven in full and therefore, no debt maturity schedule is being presented as the debt is not owed.

NOTE F – RELATED PARTY

As discussed in Note D, PAT shares a facility with SECS. The schools also share certain administrative and maintenance employees, costs to operate the facility and SECS administers the National School Lunch Program for PAT. At times, there are balances due between the schools. At June 30, 2021, there was \$12,334 due to SECS for reimbursement of shared costs.

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NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

PAT is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. PAT purchases commercial insurance for all material risks of loss to which PAT is exposed, including general liability, property and workers compensation.

PAT did not have any settlements that exceeded insurance coverage for the years ended June 30, 2019 – 2021.

NOTE H – DATE OF MANAGEMENT’S REVIEW

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 27 2021, which is the date the financial statements became available to be issued.

NOTE I – COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, PAT received some federal funds to assist with distance learning. PAT’s enrollment has not been impacted as a result of COVID-19, however, there may be additional expenditures associated with PAT’s distance learning platform that may be incurred in the future if there are future school closures. PAT’s management is unable to determine the duration and extent of the financial impact that COVID-19 will have on PAT.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

PARAGON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | General Fund | Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Federal passed through local school district | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| State passed through local school district | 1,027,713 | 1,027,713 | 1,058,398 | (30,685) |
| Investment earnings | - | - | - | - |
| Other revenue | - | - | 5,671 | (5,671) |
| Total revenues | 1,027,713 | 1,027,713 | 1,064,069 | (36,356) |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Instruction | 442,707 | 442,707 | 478,162 | (35,455) |
| Pupil personnel services | 30,607 | 30,607 | 28,571 | 2,036 |
| Instruction and curriculum development services | 1,568 | 1,568 | - | 1,568 |
| Instructional staff training services | 336 | 336 | 1,894 | (1,558) |
| Instructional support services | 331 | 331 | - | 331 |
| Instructional related technology | 806 | 806 | 2,840 | (2,034) |
| Board expenses | 11,495 | 11,495 | 13,575 | (2,080) |
| General expenses | 48,058 | 48,058 | 47,241 | 817 |
| School administration | 107,834 | 107,834 | 148,631 | (40,797) |
| Facilities and acquisition | 10,000 | 10,000 | 6,828 | 3,172 |
| Fiscal services | 38,114 | 38,114 | 36,715 | 1,399 |
| Pupil transportation | 52,849 | 52,849 | 17,791 | 35,058 |
| Operation of plant | 238,527 | 238,527 | 239,988 | (1,461) |
| Maintenance of plant | 5,091 | 5,091 | 4,584 | 507 |
| Community services | - | - | - | - |
| Total expenses | 988,323 | 988,323 | 1,026,820 | (38,497) |
| Excess/(Deficit) of revenues over expenditures | \$ 39,390 | \$ 39,390 | 37,249 | \$ 2,141 |
| Other Financing Sources | | | | |
| Proceeds from Paycheck Protection Program loan | - | - | 118,600 | (118,600) |
| Total Other Financing Sources | - | - | 118,600 | (118,600) |
| Net changes in fund balance | 39,390 | 39,390 | 155,849 | (116,459) |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2020 | 245,596 | 245,596 | 245,596 | - |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2021 | \$ 284,986 | \$ 284,986 | \$ 401,445 | \$ (116,459) |

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

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Federal passed through local school district | \$ 48,224 | \$ 48,224 | \$ 81,911 | \$ (33,687) |
| State passed through local school district | - | - | - | - |
| Investment earnings | - | - | - | - |
| Other revenue | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total revenues | 48,224 | 48,224 | 81,911 | (33,687) |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Instruction | 17,680 | 17,680 | 40,532 | (22,852) |
| Pupil personnel services | 384 | 384 | - | 384 |
| Instruction and curriculum development services | 30,160 | 30,160 | 35,430 | (5,270) |
| Instructional staff training services | - | - | - | - |
| Instructional related technology | - | - | - | - |
| Board expenses | - | - | - | - |
| School administration | - | - | - | - |
| Fiscal services | - | - | - | - |
| Pupil transportation | - | - | - | - |
| Operation of plant | - | - | 5,949 | (5,949) |
| Maintenance of plant | - | - | - | - |
| Community services | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total expenses | 48,224 | 48,224 | 81,911 | (33,687) |
| Revenues over Expenses | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other Financing Sources | | | | |
| Transfers in | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers out | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Other Financing Sources | - | - | - | - |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2020 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2021 | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

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



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Members of Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.
*A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board of Broward County, Florida*
Hollywood, 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 and each major fund of Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc., ("PAT", a nonprofit organization), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.'s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered PAT's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 PAT's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the PAT'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 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 PAT's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



Hollywood, Florida
September 27, 2021



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

To the Board of Directors of Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc., Florida,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board
of Broward County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc., Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 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 that report, which is dated September 27, 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 findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5, Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. and 5381.

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 Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. 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 Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.'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 Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. 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 Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc. maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but 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 District School Board of Broward County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 27, 2021