

# The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus

(A Charter School under The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. and a Component Unit of The School Board of Broward County, Florida)

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2022

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2021-2022

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Tracy Nessl, Executive Director, effective March 1, 2022 Rosa Dyer, Superintendent, resigned, effective February 24, 2022 Lissette Torres, Principal



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale (the "School"), a charter school under The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

# Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
  expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

# Emphasis of a Matter - Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 6 to the financial statements, in 2022, the School adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No, 87, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

# Emphasis of a Matter - Presentation

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position and change in financial position of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale that is attributable to the transactions of the School and is not intended to be a complete presentation of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. as of June 30, 2022 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension schedules on pages 5-9, 34-35 and 36-39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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, 2022 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** 

Coral Gables, Florida September 30, 2022

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus (A Charter School Under The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.)
June 30, 2022

The corporate officers of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

# **Financial Highlights**

- 1. The net position of the Charter School at June 30, 2022 was a deficit of \$895,336.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$335,911.
- 3. The net position of the School increased by \$116,859 during the year.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$146,448.

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

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

# Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 15 of this report.

# Notes to Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 - 33 of this report.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, the net position was a deficit of \$895,336 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 follows:

	2022	2021	
Cash	\$ 166,041	\$ 104,796	
Investments	153,000	520,000	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,870	29,380	
Capital and right of use assets, net	542,499	192,237	
Total Assets	878,410	846,413	
Deferred outflows of resources	372,953	350,075	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	71,103	125,204	
Salaries and wages payable	89,378	44,723	
Loans and capital lease obligations payable	566,615	475,876	
Net pension liability	458,055	954,143	
Total Liabilities	1,185,151	1,599,946	
Deferred inflows of resources	961,548	608,737	
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	-	15,520	
Unrestricted	(895,336)	(1,027,715)	
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ (895,336)	\$ (1,012,195)	

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 follows:

	2022	2021	
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 228,585	\$ 307,058	
Capital outlay funding	150,928	132,956	
Other revenue	63,540	27,992	
General Revenues			
Local sources (FTE and other non specific)	1,662,332	1,963,742	
PPP loan forgiveness	299,159	-	
Other revenue	27,015	29,907	
Total Revenues	\$ 2,431,559	\$ 2,461,655	
EXPENSES			
Component Unit Activities:			
Instruction	\$ 868,643	\$ 1,062,965	
Student support services	76,605	33,802	
Instructional staff training	-	3,000	
Board	12,003	27,673	
General administration	200	92,609	
School administration	355,520	328,053	
Fiscal services	35,415	45,427	
Food services	140,869	121,591	
Central services	99,737	112,126	
Pupil transportation services	75,202	42,802	
Operation of plant	499,267	509,648	
Maintenance of plant	71,840	67,367	
Community services	39,108	19,676	
Debt service	40,291	17,766	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	2,314,700	2,484,505	
Change in Net Position	116,859	(22,850)	
Net Position at Beginning of Year	(1,012,195)	(989,345)	
Net Position at End of Year	\$ (895,336)	\$ (1,012,195)	

The School's revenue and expenses decreased by \$30,096 and \$169,805, respectively. The School had an increase in its net position of \$116,859 for the year.

# **School Location and Lease of Facility**

The School leases a facility located at 1217 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

# **Capital Improvement Requirements**

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

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

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

#### **Governmental Funds**

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

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported ending fund balance of \$163,318. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$146,448. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

# **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2022 amounts to \$138,633 (net of accumulated depreciation) and right of use lease asset (building) \$403,866 (net of accumulated amortization). This investment in capital assets includes right-of-use asset (building), improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and computer software. As of June 30, 2022, the School had \$566,615 of debt and long-term liabilities associated to its capital assets.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements Adopted**

As described in Note 6, the School adopted GASB Statement No, 87, Leases. The effect of the adoption was to capitalize a right of use asset (building) with a corresponding liability which is being amortized over the life of the underlying lease agreement. The overall impact on the financial statements was to record interest and amortization expense related to the underlying asset and liability which results in higher total expenses (compared to pre-adoption) during the early years of the lease agreement.

# **Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights**

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

	Governmental Fund				
	Original Budget		F	inal Budget	Actual
REVENUES					
Program Revenues					
State capital outlay funding	\$	151,560	\$	151,560	\$ 150,928
Federal sources		99,452		110,567	113,151
Lunch program		102,932		112,234	115,434
Charges for services		29,551		30,735	36,364
General Revenues					
FTE and other nonspecific revenues		1,650,020		1,656,043	1,662,332
Charges and other revenues		44,596		52,845	54,191
Total Revenues	\$	2,078,111	\$	2,113,984	\$ 2,132,400
CURRENT EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	\$	1,103,555	\$	1,056,255	\$ 1,023,327
Student support services		85,000		78,308	76,605
Board		20,000		13,186	12,003
General administration		1,522		1,373	200
School administration		386,963		341,348	340,643
Fiscal services		45,900		38,843	35,415
Food services		132,115		129,167	127,405
Central services		102,300		101,293	99,737
Pupil transportation services		94,000		76,666	75,202
Operation of plant		309,283		308,166	304,301
Maintenance of plant		72,000		69,587	67,158
Community Services		56,000		46,949	39,108
Total Current Expenditures	\$	2,408,638	\$	2,261,141	\$ 2,201,104

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

# **Requests for Information**

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the Charter School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to the Senior Management Team, The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., 1217 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

# Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2022

<u>Assets</u>	Governmental Activites	
Current assets:		
Cash	\$	166,041
Investments		153,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		16,870
Total current assets		335,911
Capital assets, depreciable		322,133
Less: accumulated depreciation		(183,500)
Right-of-use lease asset		589,722
Less: accumulated amortization		(185,856)
Total capital assets, net		542,499
Total Assets		878,410
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows related to pension liability		372,953
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		71,103
Salaries and wages payable		89,378
Notes payable and lease liabilities, current portion		211,941
Total Current Liabilities		372,422
Net pension liability		458,055
Notes payable		107,491
Lease liability		247,183
Total Liabilities		1,185,151
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows related to pension liability		961,548
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets		_
Unrestricted (deficit)		(895,336)
Total Net Position	\$	(895,336)
The accompanying notes are an integral		
part of this financial statement.		

Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2022

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Capital Grants and Grants and Contributions Contributions		Operating Capital Re Grants and Grants and and G		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental activities:	-						
Instruction	\$ 868,643	\$ -	\$ 113,151	\$ -	\$ (755,492)		
Student support services	76,605	-	-	-	(76,605)		
Board	12,003	=	-	-	(12,003)		
General administration	200	-	-	-	(200)		
School administration	355,520	-	-	-	(355,520)		
Fiscal services	35,415	-	-	-	(35,415)		
Food services	140,869	20,983	115,434	-	(4,452)		
Central services	99,737	-	-	-	(99,737)		
Pupil transportation services	75,202	-	-	-	(75,202)		
Operation of plant	499,267	-	-	150,928	(348,339)		
Maintenance of plant	71,840	-	-	-	(71,840)		
Community services	39,108	42,557	-	-	3,449		
Debt service	40,291				(40,291)		
Total governmental activities	2,314,700	63,540	63,540 228,585 150,928		(1,871,647)		
	General rever	nues:					
	FTE and other	nonspecific re	evenues		1,662,332		
	PPP loan forg	giveness			299,159		
	Other revenue	her revenues					
	Change in net	position		116,859			
	Net position (	(deficit), begin	ning		(1,012,195)		
	Net position (	(deficit), ending					

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2022

	General Fund		Special	Total
			Revenue	Governmental
			Fund	Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$	153,929	\$ 12,112	\$ 166,041
Investments		153,000	-	153,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		16,870		16,870
Total Assets		323,799	12,112	335,911
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		-	-	-
	,			
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Salaries and wages payable		89,378	_	89,378
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		71,103	_	71,103
Total Liabilities		160,481		160,481
	-	, -		
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		_	_	_
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Fund balance				
Nonspendable, not in spendable form		16,870	_	16,870
Assigned		_	12,112	12,112
Unassigned		146,448	-	146,448
		163,318	12,112	175,430
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of		, -		
Resources and Fund Balance	\$	323,799	\$ 12,112	\$ 335,911

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2022

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

\$ 175,430

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

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

Capital assets	322,133	
Accumulated depreciation	(183,500)	
Right-of-use lease asset	589,722	
Less: accumulated amortization	(185,856)	542,499

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension liability.

372,953

Noncurrent liabilites, including net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund balance.

Deferred inflows	(961,548)
Net pension liability	(458,055)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.

(566,615)

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities

\$ (895,336)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the year ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues:					
State capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,928	\$ 150,928	
State passed through local	1,662,332	_	-	1,662,332	
Federal sources	-	113,151	-	113,151	
Federal school lunch program	-	115,434	-	115,434	
Charges for services and other revenue	36,364	54,191		90,555	
Total Revenues	1,698,696	282,776	150,928	2,132,400	
Expenditures:					
Current					
Instruction	910,176	113,151	-	1,023,327	
Student support services	76,605	_	-	76,605	
Board	12,003	_	-	12,003	
General administration	200	_	-	200	
School administration	340,643	_	-	340,643	
Food services	, -	127,405	_	127,405	
Fiscal services	35,415	_	_	35,415	
Central services	99,737	_	_	99,737	
Pupil transportation services	75,202	_	_	75,202	
Operation of plant	304,301	_	_	304,301	
Maintenance of plant	67,158	_	_	67,158	
Community services	16,325	•		39,108	
Capital Outlay:	- ,	,		,	
Right-of-use lease asset (building)	_	_	589,722	589,722	
Debt Service:			005,.22	000,722	
Redemption of Principal	23,723	_	176,101	199,824	
Interest	14,841	_	25,450	40,291	
Total Expenditures	1,976,329	263,339	791,273	3,030,941	
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Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(277,633)	19,437	(640,345)	(898,541)	
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in (out)	(40,712)	(9,911)	50,623	_	
Increase in lease liabilities	(10,712)	(),)11)	589,722_	589,722	
mercuse in lease habilities			307,122	307,722	
Net change in fund balance	(318,345)	9,526	-	(308,819)	
Fund Balance at beginning of year	481,663	2,586		484,249	
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 163,318	\$ 12,112	\$ -	\$ 175,430	

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures an Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the year ended, June 30, 2022

For the year ended	June 30, 2022	
Net Change in Fund	Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ (308,819)
Amounts reported f different because:	for governmental activities in the statement of activities are	
	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays differed from depreciation and amortization expense.	
	Right of use lease asset capital outlay 589,722	
	Depreciation and amortization expense (239,460)	350,262
	Increase in long term liabilities is revenue in the governmental funds, but a decrease or repayment of such payables reduces liabilities in the statement of net position.	
	Increases in long-term liabilities	(589,722)
	Principal payments on long-term liabilities	199,824
	PPP loan forgiveness	299,159
	The changes in net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are not reported in the fund statements and the net effect is to decrease net position.	166,155
Change in Net Positi	ion of Governmental Activities	\$ 116,859

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

# Reporting Entity

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.#5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus (the "School"), is a component unit of the School Board of Broward County, Florida (the "District"). The Schools charter is held by The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.which is composed of eight members and also governs one other charter school. The board has determined that no component units exist that would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Broward County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2025 and it can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes.

The School is located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2022, when on average 226 students were enrolled for the school year.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The School's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

# Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

# Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

Program revenues include: (1) charges for services, such as food service and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as the National School Lunch Program, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants and contributions specific to capital outlay. In addition, revenues not classified as program revenues are shown as general revenues, which include Florida Education Finance Prgogram (FEFP) revenues and other miscellaneous sources.

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

#### Fund Financial Statements

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

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

Special Revenue Fund – accounts for specific revenues, such as federal funding, federal lunch program, and COVID-19 emergency relief funding that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes. Also, accounts for resources of the School's Internal Fund, which is used to administer monies collected in connection with school, student athletics, class, and club activities.

Capital Projects Funds – accounts for state and local capital outlay as authorized by Charter School Capital Outlay, Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes mainly for capital outlay expenditures.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues are recognized when received. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Charges for services and fees are recognized when cash is collected as amounts are not measurable.

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

When grant terms provide that the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant funds, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for long-term debt principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

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

# Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School's allowable deposits or investments and address specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools, GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, and other related standards which establish accounting and financial reporting standards for all investments (see Note 2). Money market investment that have maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition are reported at amortized cost rather than fair value. Amortized cost closely approximates fair value.

#### Capital Assets

The School's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are sold or disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in the government wide financial statements. Proceeds received from the sale or disposal of capital assets are recorded as Other Financing Sources in the governmental funds.

The right to use assets are initially measure at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

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

Estimated useful lives, in years, for capital assets are as follows:

Right-of-use asset (building)

Improvements

Furniture, Equipment, and Computers

Software

2 - 4 Years

5 Years

5 - 10 Years

3 Years

# Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Other assets consist mainly of prepaid expenses which are payments for goods or services that have not been consumed or used at year end. The expenditure will be recorded when the asset is used. Accordingly, prepaid expenses are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification.

#### **Inter-fund Transfers**

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

## Due from Other Governments or Agencies

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

#### Compensated Absences

Full time employees of the School, after 30 days of employment, are entitled to be paid for eight or ten days of sick leave in each calendar year, depending on whether they are ten or twelve month employees, respectively. In the event of termination, each qualifying employee is not entitled to receive payment for accumulated unused sick days. Each full time twelve-month employee is entitled to annual paid vacation leave, which is accrued when earned. The amount of paid vacation time ranges from five days after one-year employment to fifteen days after ten years employment. In the event of termination, each qualifying employee is entitled to receive payment equal to one hundred percent of the value of the total accumulated unused vacation days.

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

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

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

# Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

#### **Net Pension Liability**

As a participating employer in the Florida Retirement System, the School recognizes its proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans. Additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS.

The School's retirement plans and related amounts are described in a subsequent note.

#### Long-Term Debt and Liabilities

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

# Revenue Sources

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

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

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

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

# Net Position and Fund Balance Classification

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

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific purpose, it is the Schools's policy to use restricted resources first, until exhausted, before using unrestricted resources.

#### Fund financial statements

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

- a) Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to not in spendable form assets.
- b) <u>Restricted</u> fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. There are no restricted fund balances at year end.

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

- c) <u>Committed</u> fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification that is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Assigned fund balances at year end pertain to the School's internal account.
- e) <u>Unassigned</u> portion of the fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose. This is the residual classification for the School's general fund.

Committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is, therefore, exempt from income tax. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

## New Accounting Standard Adopted

In fiscal year 2022, the School adopted a new statement of financial accounting standard issued by Governmental Accounting Standards Board: Statement No. 87 Leases. See Note 6.

In fiscal year 2022, the School adopted GASB issued Statement No. 92, Omnibus. This Statement enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. Certain requirements of this Statement are effective immediately and others for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. These changes were incorporated in the School's 2022 financial statements and had no effect.

# Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Effective

GASB has issued GASBS Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users. The School is currently evaluating the effect that implementation of the new standard will have on its financial statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022.

#### Use of Estimates

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

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

# **Subsequent Events**

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 30, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2 – Cash and Investments

# **Deposits**

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in two financial institutions. Deposits at FDIC-insured institutions are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor, per financial institution. The School is a charter school under The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., which also operates another charter school. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2022, there were approximately \$42,000 in potential excess of FDIC coverage.

#### <u>Investments</u>

The School follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets: Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.); Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

At June 30, 2022, the School had \$170,000 invested in a governmental money market mutual fund that is exempt from GASB 72 fair value hierarchy disclosures. The governmental money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of June 30, 2022, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 87% within 30 days.

#### Credit Risk

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

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution or counterparty that is in possession of investment or collateral securities, the School will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2022, all of the School's investments in government money market mutual funds were held in a separate account and designated as assets of the School.

# Note 2 – Cash and Investments (continued)

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

# Note 3 – Capital Assets

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	]	Balance	A	dditions /	Retire	ments /		Balance
	0	7/01/21	Transfers In		Reclassification		06/30/22	
Capital Assets, depreciable:								
Improvements	\$	118,152	\$	-	\$	-	\$	118,152
Furniture, equipment and computers		197,932		-		-		197,932
Computer software		6,049		_		_		6,049
Total Capital Assets		322,133		-		-		322,133
Less Accumulated Depreciation:								
Improvements		(60,373)		(10,451)		-		(70,824)
Furniture, equipment and computers		(66,113)		(41,137)		-		(107,250)
Computer software		(3,410)		(2,016)				(5,426)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(129,896)		(53,604)		-		(183,500)
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	\$	192,237	\$	(53,604)	\$	-	\$	138,633
Lease Assets:								
Right of use lease asset (building)	\$	-	\$	589,722	\$	-	\$	589,722
Less accumulated amortization:		-		(185,856)		-		(185,856)
Total Lease Assets being amortized, net		-		403,866		-		403,866
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$	192,237	\$	350,262	\$	_	\$	542,499

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, depreciation and amortization expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

	Depreciation		Depreciation		An	nortization
Instruction	\$	11,489	\$	-		
School administration		14,877		-		
Operation of plant		9,092		185,856		
Maintenance of plant		4,682		-		
Food services		13,464		=_		
Total Expense	\$	53,604	\$	185,856		

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

Academica Broward, LLC ("Academica"), an educational service and support provider, offers administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting and financial reporting and virtual services. The agreement between the School and the education service provider calls for a per student fee.

The agreement is with The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed on an annual basis. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the School incurred \$101,475 in fees related to this agreement, of which approximately \$27,800 was payable at year-end. Academica Broward, LLC is located at 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida 33143.

# Note 5 – Transactions with other Divisions of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. operates one other charter school. The schools operated by The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. share administrative staff, as well as other operating expenses.

# Other

The School conducts certain business with a foundation controlled by a member of its Board of Directors and deems that all services and materials supplied are arm's length transactions and at fair value. In addition, this member recuses from voting on matters relating to these transactions. See Note 7.

The former Superintendent of the School is an officer of the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools. From time to time the School conducts business with the Consortium.

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. has entered into a lease for its administrative offices and classrooms with a private foundation whose Board of Directors includes the former Superintendent and three members of the School's Board of Directors. From time to time funds are loaned between the Schools and the Foundation. During the year ended June 30, 2022, \$58,861 was paid to a related party in connection with lease.

# Note 6 – Long Term Liabilities

#### Notes Payable

In November 2020, the School obtained financing collateralized by equipment from a financial institution for a total loan balance of \$150,000. The terms require the loan to be repaid in 60 monthly installments that include principal and interest at an interest rate of 6.25%. As of June 30, 2022, the loan balance was \$123,677. The promissory loan matures on November 23, 2024.

## Equipment Financing Agreement

In September 2018, the School entered into agreements for the acquisition of certain computer equipment for a total balance of \$115,833. The terms require the loan to be repaid in 60 monthly installments that include principal and interest at an interest rate of 10.50%. As of June 30, 2022, the loan balance was \$29,317. The financing matures on August 1, 2023.

## **Note 6 – Long Term Liabilities (continued)**

Interest expense on notes payable for the year ended June 30, 2022, was \$14,841.

# Paycheck Protection Program

On August 12, 2020, The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., was granted a loan from a financial institution in the amount of \$630,207, pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program (the "PPP") under Division A, Title I of the CARES Act, which was enacted March 27, 2020.

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. fully expended the loan proceeds on payroll costs within the covered period and the loan was forgiven on September 29, 2021. The proceeds from the loan were recorded equitably on the books of the School and The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5271 Davie Campus.

# <u>Lease Agreements – Building</u>

The School entered into an amended and restated classroom lease agreement and an office lease agreement for its Fort Lauderdale Campus facilities with an extended lease term expiring on June 30, 2025. The monthly based rent for office and classroom space is \$10,670 to be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

In addition, the School leases administrative offices from Charter Holdings Foundation, Inc. a private foundation controlled by members of the Board of Directors. The amended lease, continues through April 16, 2023 and the monthly base rent is \$4,655 to be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) See Note 5.

The School has implemented GASB Statement No. 87 Leases, and as a result recorded a lease right of use asset and liability in these financial statements. The lease right of use asset and liability for the administrative offices is allocated between the School and The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for implementation, was approximately 52% for the School and 48% The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus. At the time of the initial measurement, there was no interest rate specified in the original lease agreement. The School has used an average effective interest for several borrowings during FY 2021 and 2022. The average borrowing rate was 5% which was used to discount the annual lease payments to recognize the intangible right to use this asset and the lease liability as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, interest expense totaled \$25,362, as it relates to its lease agreements. For 2022, variable and other payments of \$3,941 in connection with the lease agreement not previously included in the measurement of the lease liability were recorded in rent expense.

Annual requirements to amortize the lease liabilities and related interest are as follows:

Year	Principal		Interest		Total	
2022	\$	166,438	\$	16,628	\$	183,066
2023		119,717		9,559		129,276
2024		127,466		3,434		130,900
	\$	413,621	\$	29,621	\$	443,242

**Note 6 – Long Term Liabilities (continued)** 

Annual maturities of long-term debt and related interest are as follows:

Year	Principal		Principal		Interest		Total	
2023	\$	45,503	\$	9,493	\$	54,996		
2024		22,792		6,220		29,012		
2025		24,258		4,718		28,976		
2026		25,819		3,120		28,939		
2027		27,480		1,419		28,899		
2028		7,142		76		7,218		
	\$	152,994	\$	25,046	\$	178,040		

Changes in long term liabilities during the year are as follows:

	Balance 07/01/2021	Advances	Danaymanta	Balance 06/30/2022		ount Due in 1 Year
	07/01/2021	Advances	Repayments	00/30/2022	Willi	III I I eai
Lease liability (building)	\$ -	\$ 589,722	\$ (176,101)	\$ 413,621	\$	166,438
Equipment financing (computer equipment)	53,040	-	(23,723)	29,317		29,317
Notes payable to lender (equipment)	123,677	-	-	123,677		16,186
Notes payable to bank under PPP	299,159		(299,159)			
Total	\$ 475,876	\$ 589,722	\$ (498,983)	\$ 566,615	\$	211,941

**Note 7 – Contingencies and Concentrations** 

#### Contingencies and Concentrations

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

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2022, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$80,797.

#### Legal Contingencies

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

# Note 8 – Risk Management

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

#### Note 9 – Retirement Plans

# <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</u>

Plan Description. The School participates in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program. The FRS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) available for eligible employees. The FRS was established and is administered in accordance with Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. The HIS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance and administered in accordance with section 112.363, Florida Statutes. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' Web site (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The general classes of membership are as follows:

- Regular Class Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *DROP Plan Participants* Members of FRS who have effectively retired and continue covered employment for up to five years.

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service.

All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS-participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest.

# **Note 9 – Retirement Plans (continued)**

The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits. The School had no DROP participant during fiscal 2022.

<u>Benefits Provided.</u> The FRS provides a lifetime pension benefit with joint and survivor payment options. FRS membership is compulsory for employees filling regularly established positions in the School. The HIS benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of the state-administered retirement system in paying their health insurance costs.

A DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer. An employee may participate in the DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust and accrue interest.

<u>Contributions</u> - The contribution rates for members are established, and may be amended, by the State of Florida. During the 2022 fiscal year, contribution rates were as follows:

	Percent of Gross Salary				
Class or Plan	Employee	Employer (A)			
Florida Retirement System, Regular	3.00%	10.00%			
DROP Plan Participants	0.00%	16.98%			
Florida Retirement System, Reemployed Retiree	(B)	(B)			

(A) Employer rates include 1.66% for the post employment health insurance supplement and 0.06% for administrative costs of the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program.

Employer contributions are recognized by the FRS in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the FRS. Employer contributions recognized by the FRS from the School were \$69,637 for the FRS and \$15,093 for the HIS for the year ended June 30,2022.

<u>Defined Contribution Plan.</u> Effective July 1, 2002, the FRS Investment Plan was implemented as a defined contribution plan alternative available to all FRS members in lieu of the defined benefit plan. Employer contributions are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. The Investment Plan is funded by employer contributions that are based on salary and membership class (i.e., regular class, reemployed retiree, etc.).

Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. The School had seven Investment Plan participants during fiscal 2022.

## **Note 9 – Retirement Plans (continued)**

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows</u> of Resources Related to Pensions

The School reports a liability for its proportionate share of net pension liabilities. Net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School's proportions of the net pension liability was based on the School's actuarially determined share of contributions to the pension plans, relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

At June 30, 2022, the School reported a liability of \$458,055 for its proportionate share of net pension liability, consisting of \$138,081 for the FRS and \$319,974 for the HIS.

The School's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated using accrued retirement contributions for employers that were members of the FRS and HIS during fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

At June 30, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 the School's proportions for FRS were 0.003892562 percent, 0.003742518 percent, 0.003771338 percent, 0.003621038 percent, 0.003658153 percent, 0.003562926 percent, 0.002623435, 0.001530762 and 0.001827955 percent respectively; the School's proportions for HIS were 0.004992759 percent, 0.005319098 percent, 0.005233433 percent, 0.004950752 percent, 0.004857294 percent, 0.004713312, 0.003546222, 0.002380766 and 0.002567757 percent, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the School recognized a net pension income after GASB 68 adjustments of \$67,725. Employer contributions in the allocated schedules for the defined benefit plans represent contributions specific to each defined benefit plan and do not equal total blended contributions remitted by the employer. The year-to-year pension expense number is likely to be volatile.

At June 30, 2022, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	I	Deferred		
	Οι	Outflows of		erred Inflows
	R	esources	of Resources	
Florida Retirement System				
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$	23,667	\$	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		94,482		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings				
on pension plan investments		-		481,731
Changes in proportion and differences between				
contributions recognized and proportionate share				
of contributions		77,852		292,254
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		101,756		_
Total Florida Retirement System	\$	297,757	\$	773,985

**Note 9 – Retirement Plans (continued)** 

Health Insurance Subsidy Program		
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 10,540 \$	132
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	24,750	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	•	12,978
on pension plan investments	328	
Changes in proportion and differences between		
contributions recognized and proportionate share		
of contributions	17,524	174,453
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	 22,054	-
Total Health Insurance Subsidy Program	\$ 75,196 \$	187,563

Contributions of \$123,810, consisting of \$101,756 for the FRS and \$22,054 for the HIS, are reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense for the years ended June 30, as follows:

	FRS		HIS	
2022	\$	(64,036)	\$	6,298
2023		(74,672)		2,006
2024		(98,911)		4,140
2025		(126,748)		5,495
2026		785		4,110
Thereafter		(363,581)		817
Total	\$	(727,163)	\$	22,866

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability for FRS and HIS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Inflation increases for both plans is assumed at 2.40 percent. Payroll growth for both plans is assumed at 3.25 percent. Both the discount rate and the long-term expected rate of return used for FRS Pension Plan investments is 6.80 percent. The plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Because the HIS program uses a pay-as-you-go funding structure, a municipal bond rate of 2.16 percent was used to determine the total pension liability for the program.

Mortality assumptions for both the FRS Pension Plan and the HIS Program were based on the PUB-2010 base table.

## **Note 9 – Retirement Plans (continued)**

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2021:

- FRS: Decreasing the maximum amortization period to 20 years for all current and future amortization bases.
- HIS: The municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was decreased from 2.21% to 2.16%.

The actuarial assumptions for the FRS Pension Plan that determined the total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period June 30, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return</u> – The long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investment was not based on historical returns, but instead on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to mirror the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption.

The FRS's long-term expected rate of return assumption of 6.8% used in GASB discount rate calculations, on pension plan investments, consists of two building block components: 1) a long-term average annual inflation assumption of 2.4% as most recently adopted in October 2020 by the FRS Actuarial Assumption Conference; 2) an inferred real (in excess of inflation) return of 4.3%, which is consistent with the 4.27% real return capital market outlook model developed during 2020 by the outside investment consultant to the Florida State Board of Administration.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Annual	Compund	
		Arithmetic	Annual	
	Target	(Geometric)	(Geometric)	Standard
Asset Class	Allocation (1)	Return	Return)	Deviation
Cash	1.0%	2.10%	2.10%	1.10%
Fixed income	20.0%	3.80%	3.70%	3.30%
Global equity	54.2%	8.20%	6.70%	17.80%
Real estate	10.3%	7.10%	6.20%	13.80%
Private equity	10.8%	11.70%	8.50%	26.40%
Strategic investments	3.7%	5.70%	5.40%	8.40%
Total	100.0%			
Assumed Inflation - Mean			2.40%	1.20%

# **Note 9 – Retirement Plans (continued)**

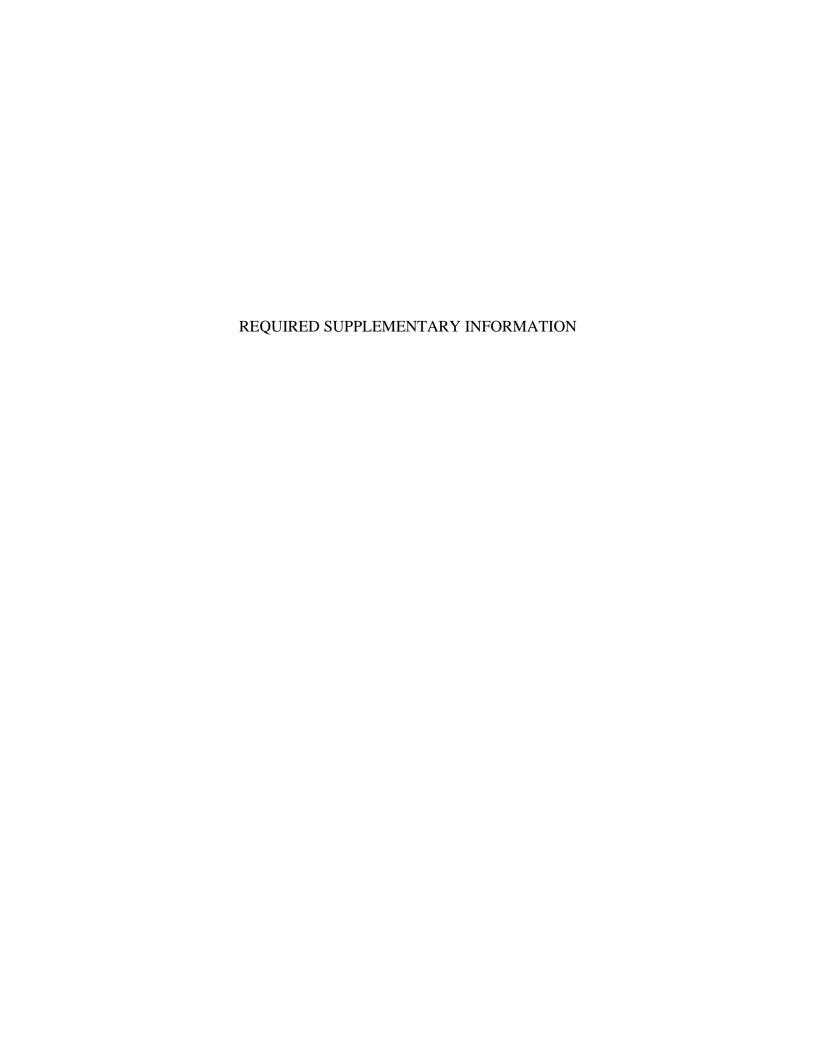
<u>Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</u> – The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The sensitivity analysis shows the impact to the collective net pension liability of the participating employers if the discount rate was 1 .00 percent higher or 1.00 percent lower than the current discount rate at June 30, 2021.

School's proportionate share of the	1% Decrease (5.80%)	Current Discount Rate (6.80%)	1% Increase (7.80%)
FRS Net Pension Liability	617,507	138,081	(262,666)
	1% Decrease (1.16%)	Current Discount Rate (2.16%)	1% Increase (3.16%)
HIS Net Pension Liability	369,921	319,974	279,054

# **Note 10 – Interfund Transfers**

Interfund transfers in governmental funds as of June 30, 2022, consist of the following:

			S	pecial	(	Capital
	General Fund		General Fund Revenue Fu		Proj	ects Fund
To fund lunch deficit	\$	9,911	\$	(9,911)	\$	-
To fund debt service fund for principal and interest payments		(50,623)		_		50,623
Total Transfers, net	\$	(40,712)	\$	(9,911)	\$	50,623



The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus (A charter school under The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc.)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  $\,$  Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
State passed through local	\$ 1,650,020	\$ 1,656,043	\$ 1,662,332
Charges for services	29,551	30,735	36,364
Total Revenues	1,679,571	1,686,778	1,698,696
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	989,278	942,308	910,176
Student support services	85,000	78,308	76,605
Board	20,000	13,186	12,003
General administration	1,522	1,373	200
School administration	386,963	341,348	340,643
Fiscal services	45,900	38,843	35,415
Central services	102,300	101,293	99,737
Pupil transportation services	94,000	76,666	75,202
Operation of plant	309,283	308,166	304,301
Maintenance of plant	72,000	69,587	67,158
Community Services	26,000	19,685	16,325
Total Current Expenditures	2,132,246	1,990,763	1,937,765
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues			
Over Current Expenditures	(452,675)	(303,985)	(239,069)
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	22,800	23,800	23,723
Interest expense	16,000	16,000	14,841
Total Capital Outlay and			
Debt Service Expenditures	38,800	39,800	38,564
Total Expenditures	2,171,046	2,030,563	1,976,329
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures Other financing sources (uses):	(491,475)	(343,785)	(277,633)
Transfers in (out)	(79,167)	(43,487)	(40,712)
Net change in fund balance	(570,642)	(387,272)	(318,345)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	481,663	481,663	481,663
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ (88,979)	\$ 94,391	\$ 163,318

# Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Fund							
	Origin	nal Budget	Fin	al Budget		Actual		
REVENUES								
Federal sources	\$	99,452	\$	110,567	\$	113,151		
Federal school lunch program		102,932		112,234		115,434		
Charges for services and other revenue		44,596		52,845		54,191		
Total Revenues		246,980		275,646		282,776		
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Instruction		114,277		113,947		113,151		
Food services		132,115		129,167		127,405		
Community services		30,000		27,264		22,783		
Total Current Expenditures		276,392		270,378		263,339		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues								
Over Current Expenditures		(29,412)		5,268		19,437		
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		
Total Expenditures		276,392		270,378		263,339		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		(29,412)		5,268		19,437		
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers in (out)		29,412		(5,268)		(9,911)		
Net change in fund balance		-		-		9,526		
Fund Balance at beginning of year		2,586		2,586		2,586		
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	2,586	\$	2,586	\$	12,112		

# Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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

Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
School's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.001827955%	0.001530762%	0.002623435%	0.003562926%	0.003658153%	0.003621038%	0.003771338%	0.003742518%	0.003892562%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	138,081	663,455	903,474	1,073,172	1,082,057	914,315	487,119	28,349	670,083
School's covered-employee payroll	917,690	923,038	827,996	1,539,443	1,548,259	1,528,339	1,587,716	1,581,017	1,450,460
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered- employee payroll	15.05%	71.88%	109.12%	69.71%	69.89%	59.82%	30.68%	1.79%	46.20%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%	88.54%

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

<sup>\*</sup> Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the School's Contributions Florida Retirement System Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the	\$ 69,637	\$ 50,860	\$ 81,345	\$ 101,541	\$ 95,231	\$ 88,305	\$ 91,948	\$ 81,977
contractually required contribution	(69,637)	(50,860)	(81,345)	(101,541)	(95,231)	(88,305)	(91,948)	(81,977)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's covered-employee payroll	917,690	923,038	827,996	1,539,443	1,548,259	1,528,339	1,587,716	1,581,017
Contributions as a percentage of covered- emloyee payroll	7.59%	5.51%	9.82%	6.60%	6.15%	5.78%	5.79%	5.19%

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

<sup>\*</sup> Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Health Insurance Subsidy Program

Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	2016		2015		2014
School's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.00	02567757%	0.00	02380766%	0.00	03546222%	0.0	004713312%	0.0	004857294%	0.004950752%	0.0	005233433%	0.0	05319098%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	319,974	\$	290,688	\$	396,787	\$	498,862	\$	519,364	\$ 576,990	\$	533,728	\$	497,349
School's covered-employee payroll	\$	917,690	\$	923,038	\$	827,996	\$	1,539,443	\$	1,548,259	\$ 1,528,339	\$	1,587,716	\$	1,581,017
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered- employee payroll		34.87%		31.49%		47.92%		32.41%		33.55%	37.75%		33.62%		31.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		3.56%		3.00%		2.63%		2.15%		1.64%	0.97%		0.50%		0.99%

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

<sup>\*</sup> Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the School's Contributions Florida Retirement System

	2021 2020 2019 2018		2017	2016	2015 2014		2013		
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 15,093 (15,093)	\$ 13,719 (13,719)	\$ 19,692 (19,692)	\$ 25,560 (25,560)	\$ 25,706 (25,706)	\$ 25,376 (25,376)	\$ 20,005 (20,005)	\$ 18,221 (18,221)	\$ 16,355 (16,355)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 917,690	\$ 923,038	\$ 827,996	\$1,539,443	\$1,548,259	\$1,528,339	\$1,587,716	\$1,581,017	\$1,450,460
Contributions as a percentage of covered-emloyee payroll	1.64%	1.49%	2.38%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.26%	1.15%	1.13%

# Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

<sup>\*</sup> Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.



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

Board of Directors of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus Fort 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 and each major fund of (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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, 2022.

# **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. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not 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*.

We issued a separate management letter pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General dated September 30, 2022.

# **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.

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** 

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Coral Gables, Florida September 30, 2022



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2022.

# **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

## **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated September 30, 2022, 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 or recommendations made in the preceding 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 school code assigned by the Florida Department of education of the entity is The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus, 5031.

# **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 has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that 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 Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus. It is management's responsibility to monitor The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. #5031 Fort Lauderdale 1 Campus's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

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

# **Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7 and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to report the results of our determination as to whether maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that 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 do not have any such recommendations.

# **Purpose of this Letter**

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Coral Gables, Florida September 30, 2022