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

Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Reports Thereon

June 30, 2023



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management of Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Seminole, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation d/b/a Elevation High School (the "School") offers the following narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Management's discussion and analysis is included at the beginning of the School's basic financial statements to provide the past and current position of the School's financial condition. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit, which consists of the basic financial statements and other supplemental information.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Elevation High School is managed by ALS Education, LLC.
- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School's Net position is approximately \$80,000
- ❖ For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School's revenues exceeded expenses by approximately \$7,000 on the Statement of Activities.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The basic financial statements present two different views of the School through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the understanding of the financial condition of School. This document also includes the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as the management letter required by the Rules of the Florida Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, *Audits of Charter Schools and Similar Entities*.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide a broad overview of the School's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the School's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the School's net position and the current year changes. The net position is the difference between the School's total assets and total liabilities. Measuring the net position is one way to evaluate the School's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include the School's basic services. The business-type activities are those services that the School charges for that are not directly related to the School's mission. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School had no business-type activities or component units.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the School's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. All of the operations of the School are presented in governmental funds only.

Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The School's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets that can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting*. This method also has a current financial resources focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the financial resources available to finance the School's programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in reconciliations that are a part of the fund financial statements.

The School adopts an annual budget for its general fund, as required by the Florida Statutes. The budget is legally adopted by management of the School and its Board. A budgetary comparison schedule has been included as part of the required supplementary information. The budgetary comparison schedules show four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the Board, 2) the final budget as amended by the Board, 3) the actual resources, charges and ending balances in the general fund, and 4) the variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to the full understanding of the information reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements start on page 16 of this report.

This report also includes the 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*, as well as the management letter required by the Rules of the Florida Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, *Audits of Charter Schools and Similar Entities*.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL

The School's combined net position as of June 30, 2023 is summarized as follows:

Governmental Activities

	2023	_	2022	_	Change
Current and other assets	\$ 334,527 60,684	\$	458,354	\$	(123,827)
Capital assets, net Total Assets	395,211	_	80,062 538,416	_	(19,378) (143,205
Total Assets	333,211	_	330,410	_	(143,203
Current and other liabilities	315,408		465,944	_	(150,536)
Total Liabilities	315,408	_	465,944	_	(150,536)
Net position: Invested in capital assets,					
net of related debt	60,684		80,062		(19,378)
Unrestricted	19,119	_	(7,590)	_	26,709
Total Net Position	\$ 79,803	\$_	72,472	\$_	7,331

The Schools accounts receivable increased due to the timing of ESSER deposits. Capital assets decreased from current year accumulated depreciation. Accounts payable decreased due to timing of payments.

Changes in Net Position

The School's total revenues exceeded total expenses by approximately \$7,000 in fiscal year 2023—see table below.

	,	Govern			
		2023	_	2022	Change
Revenues:					
Federal sources passed through					
local school district	\$,	\$,	\$ (14,336)
State and local sources		1,756,344		1,237,869	518,475
Contributions and other revenue		349,345	_	450,540	(101,195)
Total revenues		2,202,345	-	1,799,401	402,944
Expenses:					
Instruction		725,935		562,950	162,985
Pupil personnel support		226,802		144,426	82,376
Board		21,851		32,796	(10,945)
General administration		77,929		57,051	20,878
School administration		637,541		568,130	69,411
Facilities		-		215,086	(215,086)
Fiscal services		11,950		8,700	3,250
Transportation		7,167		5,818	1,349
Operation of plant		423,667		116,089	307,578
Maintenance of plant		62,172	_	15,883	46,289
Total expenses		2,195,014	_	1,726,929	468,085
Change in net position	\$	7,331	\$	72,472	\$ (65,141)

State and local sources increased due to increase in students. Therefore, instructional, pupil personnel and school administrative expenses increased.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of the end of fiscal 2023, the School had invested \$60,684 in capital assets, net of \$36,208 of accumulated depreciation.

As of June 30, 2023, information regarding the School's capital assets is as follows:

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	2023		2022	Change
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	96,892 \$ 96,892		-	
	96,892		96,892	-
Less-accumulated depreciation				
and amortization	(36,208)		(16,830)	(19,378)
Total capital assets	60,684	\$	80,062	(19,378)

There were no major capital asset additions in the current year. More detailed information about the School's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the fiscal year, the School did not amend its budget. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of the following three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize the changes in funding amounts and 3) changes in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

In the general fund, actual revenues were less than budgeted amounts by approximately \$65,000, due to state and local source revenues being less than anticipated. Actual expenditures remained consistent with budgeted amounts.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Amounts available for appropriation in all funds are approximately \$2.2 million, an increase of approximately \$202,000 from the actual 2023. Student enrollment is expected to increase in 2024.

Budgeted expenditures are approximately \$2.2 million, an increase of approximately \$150,000 from the actual 2023. If these estimates are realized, the School's general fund balance is expected to increase at the conclusion of fiscal 2024.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide interested parties with a general overview of the School's finances and to demonstrate the School's accountability for the money it receives. Should additional information be required, please contact ALS Education, LLC, 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 345, Orlando, FL 32822.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Governance of Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Seminole Inc., d/b/a Elevation High School
A Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Seminole County, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Seminole, Inc., d/b/a Elevation High School (the "School"), a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Elevation High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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. 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 School 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 Schools' 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.

Auditor's 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 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, 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information 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 August 26, 2023, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McCrady & Associates, PLLC

Altamonte Springs, Florida August 26, 2023

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 232,520
Due from other governmental agencies	102,007
Capital assets:	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	96,892
Less accumulated depreciation	(36,208)
Total capital assets, net	60,684
Total assets	\$ 395,211
LIABILITIES	
Due to management company	\$ 304,935
Due to Seminole County School District	10,473
Total liabilities	315,408
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	60,684
Unrestricted	19,119
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Total net position	79,803
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 395,211

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

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net (Expenses)

				Progr	Revenues and Changes in													
					Operating		Capital		Net Position									
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Governmental Activities:		Expenses		rvices		tributions		ntributions		Activities								
Instruction	\$	725,935	\$	-	\$	96,656	\$	-	\$	(629,279)								
Pupil personnel support		226,802		-		-		-		(226,802)								
Board		21,851		-		-		-		(21,851)								
General administration		77,929		-		-		-		(77,929)								
School administration		637,541		-		-		-		(637,541)								
Fiscal services		11,950		-		-		-		(11,950)								
Transportation		7,167		-		-		-		(7,167)								
Operation of plant		423,667		-		-		119,983		(303,684)								
Maintenance of plant		62,172		-		-				(62,172)								
Total primary government	\$	2,195,014	\$	-	\$	96,656	\$	119,983	\$	(1,978,375)								
		neral revenues State and local Other revenue	source							1,636,361 349,345								
		Total genera	al reven	nues						1,985,706								
	Net	Changes position at beg		-						7,331 72,472								
	Net	position at end	d of yea	ır					\$	79,803								

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2023

	General Fund			Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governmental agencies Due from special revenue fund	\$	232,520 - 102,007	\$	- 102,007 -	\$	232,520 102,007 102,007	
Total assets	\$	334,527	\$	102,007	\$	436,534	
LIABILITIES							
Due to management company Due to Seminole County School District Due to general fund	\$	304,935 10,473 -	\$	- - 102,007	\$	304,935 10,473 102,007	
Total liabilities		315,408		102,007		417,415	
FUND BALANCE							
Spendable:							
Unassigned		19,119				19,119	
Total fund balance		19,119				19,119	
Total liabilities and fund deficit	\$	334,527	\$	102,007	\$	436,534	

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

Total fund balance (deficit) - governmental funds	\$ 19,119
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. Capital asset values at year end are:	
Capital assets	96,892
Accumulated depreciation	 (36,208)
Total net position - governmental activities	\$ 79,803

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Federal sources passed through local				
school district	\$ -	96,656	\$ -	\$ 96,656
State and local sources	1,636,361	-	119,983	1,756,344
Contributions and other revenues	349,345	-		349,345
Total revenues	1,985,706	96,656	119,983	2,202,345
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	609,901	96,656	-	706,557
Pupil personnel support	226,802	-	-	226,802
Board	21,851	-	-	21,851
General administration	77,929	-	-	77,929
School administration	637,541	-	-	637,541
Fiscal services	11,950	-	-	11,950
Transportation	7,167	-	-	7,167
Operation of plant	303,684	-	119,983	423,667
Maintenance of plant	62,172			62,172
Total expenditures	1,958,997	96,656	119,983	2,175,636
Net changes in fund balance (deficit)	26,709	-	-	26,709
Fund balance (deficit) at beginning of year	(7,590)			(7,590)
Fund balance (deficit) at end of year	\$ 19,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,119

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net changes in fund deficit - total governmental funds	\$ 26,709
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount incurred for the period ended:	
Depreciation expense	 (19,378)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 7,331

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Elevation High School (the "School") is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the not-for-profit corporation Board of Directors the ("Board"), which is composed of three members. The School has retained a management company to operate the School (see Note 6).

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Seminole County Florida, (the "School Board"). The School is considered a component unit of the School Board and meets the definition of a governmental entity under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

The School is a high school that has developed a philosophy of recognizing and rewarding each student as an individual. Therefore the education program, goals and objectives, and methods of accountability toward the objectives, must be set according to the situation of each individual student.

The School has selected a self-paced, mastery based, accelerated learning program as the model to implement this philosophy. The goal of the School is to provide, for students that might not be best suited for traditional schools, a school program and educational opportunities. These students include, but are not limited to, drop-outs or those in danger of dropping out, students needing more remedial support or individual instruction than can be obtained in a traditional high school, and students with family or other situations that prevent attending a regular scheduled program at traditional high schools.

Charter Contract

The School operates under a charter granted by the Seminole County School Board (the "School Board"). The charter became effective March 9, 2022 and expires on March 9, 2026. Following the initial five year term, the charter shall be automatically extended on a month-to-month basis until the Charter has been renewed as provided for in section 1002.33, or 1002.331, Florida Statutes, nonrenewed, or terminated by the Sponsor. Upon expiration of the charter, the School Board may elect not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter. In addition, the School Board may terminate the current charter at any time, following provisions set forth in the charter, if good cause is shown.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Basis of Presentation

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – *Audits for States and Local Governments* and provisions in the Florida Statutes, the School is considered as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes. The School is required by its agreement with the School Board to use the governmental reporting model and follow the fund and accounting structure provided in the "Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools – The Red Book" issued by the Florida Department of Education ("FDOE").

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position and statement of activities are designed to provide financial information about the School as a whole on an accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the School's financial position, its assets and its liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those specifically associated with a program or function, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of goods and services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted for meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund financial statements report detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is a group of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related requirements. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by grant agreements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The following are individual governmental funds reported in the fund financial statements:

- General Fund the School's primary operating fund that accounts for all financial resources of the school, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.
- <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> to account for all resources for the acquisition of capital items by the School purchased with capital outlay funds.
- <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> to account for the proceeds of specific revenues sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for a specific purpose, including all federal grant revenues passed through the School District.

For the purpose of these statements, the general and special revenue funds are considered major funds. The capital projects fund is a non-major fund and reported as other governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses/expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses/expenditures are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing the related cash flows take place.

The governmental funds basic financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectable within a current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenues is recognized at the time the expenditure is made.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds from the acquisition of long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

Budgetary Basis Accounting

Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the governing board must approve all budgets and amendments. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level. Budgets may be amended by resolution of the Board prior to the date of the annual report.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School's cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposits with financial institutions.

All deposits should be made into and held by financial institutions designated by the treasurer of the State of Florida as qualified public depositories as defined by Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. Every qualified public depository institution should maintain eligible collateral to secure the public entity's funds. The minimum collateral to be pledged by the institution, the collateral eligible for pledge, and reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the treasurer is defined by the ability of the institution to guarantee deposits made by members of the pool should the need arise. The School's deposits are held in a qualified public depository. They are covered by the collateral pool as the School has identified itself as a public entity at June 30, 2023.

Interfund receivables and payables

Activities between the funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as due to/from other funds. The general fund and other governmental funds recorded a total receivable and payable of \$102,007, respectively, which is relates to the amounts due from other governmental agencies (as described in Note 3), for amounts paid by the general fund on behalf of other governmental funds.

Interfund Transfers

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the general funds transferred approximately \$102,000 to the capital projects fund for current year operation of plant.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

The School's capital assets with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The School capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more. Expenditures of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the asset value or extend the useful life are not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment

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Information related to the change in capital assets is described in Note 4.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

The net position is classified and reported in three components:

- <u>Investment in capital assets, net of related debt</u> consists of capital assets, net of
 accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings
 that are specifically attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted consists of amounts with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments. As of June 30, 2023, the School did not have any restricted amounts.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> all other amounts that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund financial statements

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

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

This statement also clarifies the definition of the special revenue fund which may be used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individual, private organizations or other governmental agencies or for major capital projects) legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. First, nonspendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including nonspendable amounts). Any

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remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the amount of restricted fund balances for specific purposes exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations are received primarily from the School Board, 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 reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the School Board. The School Board receives a 5% administrative fee from the School, which is withheld from the respective Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) payments. The administrative expense is reflected as a general administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – governmental funds. The administrative fee is calculated on the FEFP revenue up to 250 students.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the School Board reports the number of students and related data to the 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 period. The FDOE may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based on an audit of the School's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Generally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenues in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is calculated based on (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the Florida legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School reported 221.94 unweighted FTE.

From time to time, the School receives additional funding under other federal and state grants. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to various granting agencies. For federal and state grants in which funding is awarded based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized as the amount of eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School is also eligible for charter school capital outlay funding. The amounts received under this program are based on the School's actual and projected student enrollment during the fiscal year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures.

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Use of Estimates

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

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. This pronouncement establishes a definition for SBITAs and provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. Under this pronouncement, a school is required to recognize an intangible right-to-use subscription asset and corresponding subscription liability, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about a school's activities. The cumulative effect of any changes implemented to conform to this pronouncement would be reported as a restatement of beginning net position and fund balance. The original effective implementation date was reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. However, GASB Statement No. 95 postponed the implementation of this statement to be effective for reporting beginning after June 15, 2022. Currently, the School is not engaged in any software subscription services but is aware of the adoption of this Statement.

2 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) define fair value for an investment generally as the price an organization would receive upon selling the investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. The information available to measure fair value varies depending on the nature of each investment and its market or markets. Accordingly, GAAP recognizes a hierarchy of "inputs" an organization may use in determining or estimating fair value. The inputs are categorized into "levels" that relate to the extent to which an input is objectively observable and the extent to which markets exist for identical or comparable investments. In determining or estimating fair value, an organization is required to maximize the use of observable market data (to the extent available) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy assigns the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical items (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between independent observable inputs and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

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Level 3: Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. Level 3 inputs should be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable level 1 or 2 inputs are not available.

This statement requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The School's significant financial instruments are cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, short term borrowings, and other short term assets and liabilities. For these financial instruments (level 1), carrying values approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

3 **DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

Due from other agencies, included in the accompanying financial statements consists of \$102,007 of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Based on the sources of funds and management's evaluation of collectability, an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary.

4 **CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases		Ending Balance
Capital assets:						
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$	96,892	\$ 	\$ 	\$_	96,892
Total capital assets	-	96,892			-	96,892
Accumulated depreciation:						
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment		(16,830)	(19,378)		_	(36,208)
Total accumulated depreciation	-	(16,830)	(19,378)	-	_	(36,208)
Capital assets, net	\$	80,062	\$ (19,378)	\$ -	\$_	60,684
Depreciation expense:						

Instruction	\$ 19,378
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ 19,378

Depreciation expense is allocated to the above expenses in the accompanying statement of activities.

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5 SCHEDULE OF STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES

The following is a schedule of state and local revenue sources:

District School Board of Seminole County, Florida:

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	\$ 1,016,690
Class size reduction	203,427
Capital outlay	119,983
Discretionary local effort	107,041
Supplemental academic instruction	51,674
ESE guaranteed allocation	43,736
Discretionary millage funds	43,411
Teacher salary increase allocation	43,338
Florida schools recognition	30,783
Transportation	20,640
Funds compression allocation	17,897
Instructional materials	16,967
Erate funding	15,664
Safe schools	13,829
Reading allocation	 11,264
Total	\$ 1,756,344

The administrative fee paid to the School Board during the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled approximately \$78,000, which is reflected as a general administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – governmental funds.

6 MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION CONTRACTS

Management Services Agreement

The School entered into a contractual agreement on March 4, 2022 with ALS Education, LLC ("ALS" or "Company"), a Delaware Limited Liability Company to provide management and consulting services to the School. The term of the agreement shall continue for a term that is concurrent with the term of the Charter Contract. Under the terms of the agreement, the School shall pay a monthly continuing fee to the Company of ninety seven percent (97%) of the School's qualified gross revenues as defined by the agreement. Qualified gross revenues include various state, federal and local source revenues with certain exceptions. Qualified gross revenues exclude student fees, PTA/PTO income and any state or federal funding that is meant to be a reimbursement of expenditures on a dollar for dollar basis. The School will pay the Company 100% of all contributions and grants not specifically referenced above received by the School as a result of the Company's efforts, which are to assist in the implementation of the educational program, model and /or the day-to-day operations of the School.

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In return for the fees, ALS shall be responsible for providing the educational model, salaries for all personnel, costs for curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, facilities, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, maintenance and capital improvements of the School.

The contract may be terminated by the School for non-renewal of the charter with the School Board and for breaches of contract terms which have not been cured within ninety days of written notice at the time of the contract breach. The contract may be terminated by the Company for fiscal year operating deficits (excluding the first year of operations), failure to pay fees due to the Company, material changes in federal or state funding, damages to the school facility that make School operations unfeasible, uneconomical or impractical, as long as such notification comes within sixty (60) days after the occurrence that caused such situation. If the contract is terminated by the Company after the beginning of the school year, the termination will not be effective until the end of that school year.

Upon termination of the agreement, the School has the right to have all real and personal property leases related to the School assigned to and assumed by the School, as long as the lease permits assignment. The School also has the right to purchase all personal property and leasehold improvements owned by the Company and used exclusively or primarily in connection with School operations at the asset's "net book value", which shall be calculated based on the straight line method of depreciation. The useful lives assigned for this calculation are five (5) years for computers and software; five (5) years for furniture, fixtures and textbooks; and ten (20) years for buildings and leasehold improvements. There are no terms specified in the agreement for this purchase option.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company provided to the School its resources and management services as outlined in the Management Agreement. The School incurred management fees that are reflected as a school administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statements of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances-governmental funds.

Due to Management Company

Due to management company of approximately \$305,000 is included in the accompanying financial statements. The amount due is for June management fees.

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7 RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Workers' compensation coverage, health and hospitalization, general liability, professional liability and property coverage are being provided through purchased commercial insurance with minimum deductibles for each line of coverage. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not historically exceeded commercial coverage.

8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Lease commitment

ALS Education, LLC entered into a lease agreement on behalf of the School for the facilities of the School, which commences August 2022 and expires August 2036. Because the lease related to the School's facility is in the name of the Management Company, the School is not obligated to the Lessor for future lease payments.

Retirement benefits

The School does not provide post-retirement benefits to retired employees. All employees are employees of the management company and benefits are the management company's sole responsibility.

Grants

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

Management believes there are no significant contingent liabilities related to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

Legal Matters

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

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9 INCOME TAXES

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

10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 26, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts					Positive (Negative)			
	Original			Final		Actual		Variance	
REVENUES		_		_					
State and local sources	\$	2,024,487	\$	2,024,487	\$	1,636,361	\$	(388,126)	
Contributions and other revenues		26,141		26,141		349,345		323,204	
Total revenues		2,050,628		2,050,628		1,985,706		(64,922)	
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
Instruction		688,171		688,171		609,901		78,270	
Pupil personnel support		184,162		184,162		226,802		(42,640)	
Board		39,500		39,500		21,851		17,649	
General administration		102,531		102,531		77,929		24,602	
School administration		837,224		837,224		637,541		199,683	
Fiscal services		10,500		10,500		11,950		(1,450)	
Transportation		10,100		10,100		7,167		2,933	
Operation of plant		148,991		148,991		303,684		(154,693)	
Maintenance of plant		21,005		21,005		62,172		(41,167)	
Total expenditures		2,042,184		2,042,184		1,958,997		83,187	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$	8,444	\$	8,444	\$	26,709	\$	18,265	

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

1. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g., instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Budgets may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the date for the annual report.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based On an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Directors of Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Seminole, Inc., d/b/a Elevation High School a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Elevation High School (the "School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of School's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on 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 statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

McCrady & Associates, PLLC

Altamonte Springs, Florida August 26, 2023 Additional Information Required by Rules of the Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, Audits of Charter Schools and Similar Entities



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

To the Board of Directors of Florida High School for Accelerate Learning – Seminole Inc., d/b/a/ Elevation High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Seminole County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Elevation High School (the "School") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2023.

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 Florida Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in that report, if applicable, which is dated, August 26, 2023, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Florida 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 annual financial audit report.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5. Rules of the Florida Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity be disclosed in this management letter. The official title of the entity is Elevation High School. The School code is 599263.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2., and 10.855(11). Rules of the Florida Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Florida Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment

was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

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

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Florida Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the School maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

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

Purpose of this Letter

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

McCrady & Associates, PLLC

Altamonte Springs, Florida August 26, 2023