EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS

A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD JUNE 30, 2023

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EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens Miami Gardens, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens. (the Charter School), which is a component unit of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Charter 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 School. as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Excelsior Prep Charter School Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens 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 School'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.

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 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 Charter 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 Charter 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.

Other Matters- Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 7-12 and 32-33 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.

Required Supplementary Information (Cont.)

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 15, 2023, on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 Charter 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 Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Cooper City, Florida September 15, 2023

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

As management of the Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens (the "Charter School"), we offer readers of the Charter School's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here through page 11 of this report.

Some financial highlights include:

- The Charter School's revenues exceeded expenses by \$722,228 increasing its total net position.
- The Charter School's total assets exceeded its liabilities by \$1,723,377 resulting in a positive net position.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The Charter School's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. 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, which consist of the statement of Net Position and the statement of activities, are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Charter School's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of Net Position* provides information on all the Charter School's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as Net Position. Over time, increases or decreases in Net Position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Charter School is improving or deteriorating. However, as a governmental entity, the Charter School's activities are not geared towards generating profit as are the activities of commercial entities. Other factors such as the safety at the Charter School and quality of education, must be considered in order to reasonably assess the Charter School's overall performance.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Charter School's Net Position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in Net Position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue 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 14-15 of this report.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Charter School, like other state and local governmental entities, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Charter School has only one category of funds – governmental funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term, inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Charter School's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Charter School's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-20 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 21-30 of this report.

Supplementary Information

In addition to basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Charter School's adopted budget to actual results.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The following table presents an analysis of the condensed government-wide statements of net position:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 1,916,182	\$ 1,036,030	\$ 880,152
Non-Current Assets	8,815,430	9,139,172	(323,742)
Total Assets	10,731,612	10,175,202	556,410
Liabilities and Net Position			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	362,820	333,562	29,258
Non-Current Liabilities	8,645,415	8,840,491	(195,076)
Total Liabilities	9,008,235	9,174,053	(165,818)
Net Position			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	162,668	335,160	(172,492)
Unrestricted	1,560,709	665,989	894,720
Total Net Position	1,723,377	1,001,149	722,228
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 10,731,612	\$ 10,175,202	\$ 556,410

At the end of the fiscal year, the Charter School is able to report an increase in change in net position in the amount of \$722,228. This was mainly due to the easing of pandemic related effects and increased enrollment. Capital assets (e.g. buildings, building improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment), net of related debt was \$162,668. The Charter School uses its capital assets to provide services to students and its facility. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used are classified as restricted assets. As of June 30, 2023, the Charter school had no restricted assets. The remaining unrestricted balance may be used in any of the Charter School's ongoing operations.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont.)

The following table presents information on the condensed government-wide statements of changes in net position:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	2023	2022	Variance
Revenue:			
General Revenue	\$4,187,095	\$3,457,116	\$ 729,979
Program Revenue:			
Capital Grants and Contributions	291,405	291,708	(303)
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,926,837	1,141,917	784,920
Total Revenue	6,405,337	4,890,741	1,514,596
Expenses:			
Instruction	2,672,363	2,251,566	420,797
Student Support Services	12,725	1,800	10,925
Instruction And Curriculum Development Se	-	18,254	(18,254)
School Board	500	-	500
General Administration	489,822	400,776	89,046
School Administration	536,695	422,667	114,028
Fiscal Services	30,707	21,119	9,588
Food Services	236,385	205,752	30,633
Student Transportation Services	106,303	122,598	(16,295)
Operation of Plant	604,647	501,595	103,052
Maintenance of Plant	88,536	37,335	51,201
Interest on Long-Term Debt	493,354	511,310	(17,956)
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	411,072	345,677	65,395
Total Expenses	5,683,109	4,840,449	842,660
Change in Net Position	722,228	50,292	671,936
Net Position - Beginning of the year	1,001,149	950,857	50,292
Net Position - End of the year	\$1,723,377	\$1,001,149	\$ 722,228

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont.)

- At the end of the fiscal year there were 447 students in grades kindergarten to 8th grade. Revenues are based on the amount received per student from the State through the School Board of Miami-Dade County.
- Expenses for instruction are the result of teachers' salaries and related benefits, and also materials and supplies that directly impact student learning.
- Expense for pupil transportation services is due to the transportation of students to and from school.
- Plant operations expenses consist of utilities, communications, insurance cost, support personnel and related benefits.

Financial Analysis of the Charter School's Funds

As noted earlier, the Charter School uses fund accounting to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The focus of the Charter School's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Charter School's financing requirements. In particular unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Charter School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. At the end of fiscal year 2023 the Charter School's governmental fund reported a positive ending fund balance of \$1,763,362.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School had investment in capital assets of \$8,815,430. This amount is net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,783,882. Capital assets additions in the current year include Building Improvements. A more detailed analysis is provided in Note 5.

The Charter School's outstanding debt consisted of bond payable and notes payable. The Outstanding Debt at the end of the year is \$8,855,415.

Economic Factors & Budget Highlights

The following economic indicators were taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for fiscal year 2023-24:

- 1. Student membership and FEFP funding per pupil
- 2. Cost of goods and services
- 3. Competitive employee compensation

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Economic Factors & Budget Highlights (cont.)

Amounts available for revenue appropriation in the general fund are \$6,098,859, an approximate 9% decrease from the actual 2023 amount. A predominate factor affecting the budget is the school's funded student membership and available grant funding. Aggregate per student revenues is expected to increase from the 2023 school year due to the fact there was an increase to the student allocation per student FTE, however the amount of available grant funding has decreased when compared to the prior year.

Budgeted general fund expenditures are expected to decrease to \$5,266,665, or 7%, from the fiscal 2023 actual figure. The school is allocating resources to enhance academic achievement at all student-learning levels and for anticipated student membership. The 2023-24 budget expenditure base includes salary increases, the rising cost of health care and increases in other fixed recurring costs for School operations.

If these estimates are realized, the school's general fund balance is expected to increase by the close of fiscal 2024.

School Enrollment

During the fiscal years June 30, 2023, the grade levels at the Charter School ranged from Grade K through Grade 8th, with a total enrollment of 447 students.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Charter School's finances for all those with an interest in the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information should be addressed to the Director at 18200A NW 22nd Ave., Miami Gardens, FL 33056.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BASIC FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,654,364		
Accounts Receivable	214,418		
Other Assets	47,400		
Total Current Assets	1,916,182		
Non-Current Assets			
Capital Assets, Net	8,815,430		
Total Non-Current Assets	8,815,430		
TOTAL ASSETS	10,731,612		
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION			
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	40,065		
Salaries and Wages Payable	88,427		
Current Portion - Bond Payable	210,000		
Due to Other Agency	24,328		
Total Current Liabilities	362,820		
Non-Current Liabilities			
Note Payable	202,653		
Non-Current Portion - Bond Payable	8,442,762		
Total Non-Current Liabilities	8,645,415		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,008,235		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,000,233		
NET POSITION			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	162,668		
Unrestricted	1,560,709		
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,723,377		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 10,731,612		
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EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2023

			Program Revenues							
	Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		Net Revenues (Expenses) and Change in Net Position	
Governmental Activities	4		4		Φ.				.	(1.01.5.010)
Instruction	\$	2,672,363	\$	-	\$	1,656,153	\$	-	\$	(1,016,210)
Student Support Services		12,725		-		-		-		(12,725)
School Board		500		-		-		-		(500)
General Administration		489,822		-		-		-		(489,822)
School Administration		536,695		-		-		-		(536,695)
Fiscal Services		30,707		-		-		-		(30,707)
Food Services		236,385		-		270,684		-		34,299
Student Transportation Services		106,303		-		-		-		(106,303)
Operation of Plant		604,647		-		-		291,405		(313,242)
Maintenance of Plant		88,536		-		-		-		(88,536)
Interest on Long-Term Debt		493,354		-		-		-		(493,354)
Unallocated Depreciation		411,072				-				(411,072)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	5,683,109	\$	-	\$	1,926,837	\$	291,405	\$	(3,464,867)
	\$	neral Revenue School Board Miscellaneous al General Re	of Miam	- Dade Co	unty -	- FTE			\$	3,350,381 836,714 4,187,095
	Net	ange in Net Po Position - Jul Position - Ju	y 1, 2022						\$	722,228 1,001,149 1,723,377

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Revenue Projects	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 1,654,364	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,654,364
Accounts Receivable	175,000	18,862	20,556	214,418
Other Assets	47,400	-	-	47,400
Due from Other Funds	20,556	374,549		395,105
TOTAL ASSETS	1,897,320	393,411	20,556	2,311,287
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	40,065	-	-	40,065
Salaries and Wages Payable	88,427	-	-	88,427
Due to Other Agency	24,328	-	-	24,328
Due to Other Funds	374,549		20,556	395,105
TOTAL LIABILITIES	527,369		20,556	547,925
FUND BALANCES				
Non-spendable				
Deposit	47,400	-	-	47,400
Unassigned	1,322,551	393,411		1,715,962
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,369,951	393,411	-	1,763,362
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,897,320	\$ 393,411	\$ 20,556	\$ 2,311,287

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances- Governmental Funds		\$ 1,763,362
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 in the funds. Cost of Capital Assets Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 10,599,312 (1,783,882)	8,815,430
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds Note Payable		(202,653)
Bond Payable Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	-	\$ (8,652,762) 1,723,377

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue				
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	\$3,350,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,350,381
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	1,926,837	-	1,926,837
Capital Grants and Contributions	291,405	-	291,405	582,810
Miscellaneous Revenue	836,714			836,714
Total Revenue	4,478,500	1,926,837 291,4	291,405	6,696,742
Expenditure				
Instruction	1,229,749	1,442,614	-	2,672,363
Pupil Personnel Services	12,725	-	-	12,725
School Board	500	_	-	500
General Administration	489,822	_	-	489,822
School Administration	392,523	144,172	-	536,695
Fiscal Services	30,707	-	-	30,707
Food Services	-	236,385	-	236,385
Pupil Transportation Services	106,303	-	-	106,303
Operation of Plant	540,537	64,110	291,405	896,052
Maintenance of Plant	88,536	-	-	88,536
Debt Service:				
Principal	180,076	-	-	180,076
Interest on Long-Term Debt	493,354	-	-	493,354
Capital Outlay:				
Property, Plant & Equipment	87,330	_		87,330
Total Expenditure	3,652,162	1,887,281	291405	5,830,848
Net Changes in Fund Balances (Deficit)	826,338	39,556	_	865,894
Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	543,613	353,855	-	897,468
Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	\$1,369,951	\$ 393,411	\$ -	\$ 1,763,362

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC.

D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2023

Total Net Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$	865,894
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Net Position are different because:			
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.			
Cost of Capital Cssets Purchased Provision for Depreciation	\$ 87,330 (411,072)		(323,742)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources and the payment of the pricipal of long-term debt consumes the resources of the governmental funds. Principal Repayment of Bonds Payable			151,250
Principal Repayment of Notes Payable			28,826
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	-	\$	722,228

Note 1 – Organization and Operations

Nature of Operations

Excelsior Academies, Inc. (the "Charter School") is a not-for-profit corporation, organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and Section 228.056, Florida Statutes. The Charter School operates under a Charter approved by its sponsor, the Miami-Dade County District School Board. The governing body of the Charter School is the not-for-profit corporation's Board of Directors which is composed of three (3) members.

The Charter School provides educational services to students in grades kindergarten through eighth. The core philosophy and purpose of the Charter School is to demonstrate that the Charter School's students can learn at high levels through an academically rigorous and innovative curriculum that incorporates the development of good character.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity:

The Charter School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, Miami-Dade County District School Board (the "District"). The renewed charter contract is effective until June 30, 2028, and may be renewed in increments of 5 to 15 years by mutual agreement between the Charter School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under the grounds specified in the charter in which case the District is required to notify the Charter School in writing at least 90 days prior to the Charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. Excelsior Academies, Inc. is considered a component unit of the Miami-Dade County District School Board.

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

Basis of Presentation:

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – Audit for States and Local Governments and provisions of Florida Statutes, the Charter School is presented as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Cont.)

Government-wide Financial Statement:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of Net Position and the statement of changes in Net Position) report information on all activities of the Charter School. The effect of interfund activity, generally, has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or program is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) operating grants and contributions that are used to meet the operational requirements of a particular function or program, and 2) capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or program.

Fund Financial Statements:

The Charter School accounts are organized on the basis of funds. The operation of the fund is accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenditures.

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 revenue, such as federal grants and capital outlay grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Capital Projects Fund – used to account for financial resources used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and for the proceeds and related expenditures of charter school capital outlay funding.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Charter School are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Charter 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 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. Revenues from non-exchange transactions are reported according to GASB Codification Section 1600.111 and Section N50 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions. On the accrual basis, revenues from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have satisfied.

The governmental fund financial statement are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting under which revenues is recognized in the accounting period in which it becomes susceptible to accrual (i.e., when it becomes both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Charter School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Cont.)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, building improvements, furniture and fixtures, equipment and library books are reported in the applicable governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and a life of more than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Building and improvements 5-20 years Furniture, equipment, and computers 5-7 years

Donated capital assets, if any, are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. Within governmental funds, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported within the governmental fund financial statements.

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

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

Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations will be received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the Charter School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the Charter 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 Charter School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods.

The Charter School also receives Federal funding for the school food program. 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. Also, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

Income Taxes

The Charter School qualifies as a tax exempt organization under the 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.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Cont.)

Compensated Absences

The Charter School grants a specific number of sick days. Full time instructional employees are eligible to one day per month to up to ten days of active work.

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 sick days available to be used in future benefit years.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources:

The statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Equity Classifications:

Government-wide Financial Statement

Equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components:

- a. <u>Invested in capital assets</u>, net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. <u>Restricted Net Position</u>—consists of Net Position with constraints placed on their use either by: 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There is no restricted Net Position.
- c. <u>Unrestricted Net Position</u>— all other Net Position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Cont.)

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 list below:

- a. <u>Non-spendable</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 non-spendable fund balances at year end related to not in spendable asset form. The Non spendable fund balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$47,400.
- b. <u>Restricted</u> –fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. Effectively, restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers. The Restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2023 is NIL.
- 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 Charter School's Board of Director. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d. <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification is intended to be used by the Charter School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e. <u>Unassigned</u> fund balance is the residual classification for the Charter school's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classification.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances represent commitments relating to unperformed contracts for goods or services. At June 30, 2023, there were no encumbrances outstanding.

Use of Estimates

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

Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition of disclosure through September 15, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of June 30, 2023, the bank balance was \$ 1,652,574. The bank balance exceeds the FDIC limit as of June 30, 2023.

The Charter School is operated under a Charter sponsored by the Miami-Dade County School District as described in Note 1. Accordingly, its bank deposits are governed by Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. All time and demand deposits are held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes, Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", the State Treasurer requires all qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral having a market value equal to an amount from 50% to 125% of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held.

The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Government and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its financial condition. Any losses to public depositors are covered by applicable deposit insurance, sale of securities pledged as collateral and, if necessary, assessments against other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default. Therefore, all cash deposits in an approved Florida banking institution are both collateralized and insured and not subject to a concentration of credit risk or a custodial credit risk as defined in Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 40. The Charter School has no monetary assets other than cash in an approved depository.

Note 4 – Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent outstanding reimbursements from the following programs in the amount of \$214,418 on June 30, 2023.

Description	Amount
Capital Outlay	\$ 20,556
NSLP	5,421
ERC	175,000
Other Receivable	13,441
Total	\$ 214,418

Note 5 – Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

Balance						Balance
July 1, 2022		Additions		etions	June 30, 2023	
1,000,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000,000
8,535,000		87,330				8,622,330
976,982				-		976,982
10,511,982		87,330		-		10,599,312
(1,372,810)		(411,072)		-		(1,783,882)
9,139,172	\$	(323,742)	\$	-	\$	8,815,430
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The provision for depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2023, amounted to \$411,072. The Charter School allocated depreciation to instruction services.

Note 6 – Management Contract

The Charter school has contracted with School Development Service for administrative and educational management services for the operation of the school. All personnel are employees of the Charter School. The contract expires in June 30, 2027 and provides for a fee based on a percentage of certain revenues of the School which is 10%. The fees paid to the management company for the year ended June 30, 2023, amounted to \$395,221.

Note 7 – Long-Term Liabilities

Revenue Bonds

On November 21, 2019, the charter school used Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds to purchase the school facility. The bonds include series 2019A and 2019B — Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (the "Issuer") issued Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS), Series 2019A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,370,000 (the "Series 2019A Bonds"). Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Revenue Bonds issued Taxable Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS) Series 2019B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$255,000 (the "Series 2019B Bonds").

The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Bonds to: (i) finance all of the cost of the acquisition of an approximately 30,000 square foot educational facility, which includes classrooms, a computer laboratory, library and administrative office space, and the site therefor, which includes two separate outdoor recreational areas and parking, and related improvements, fixtures, furnishings and equipment, all located on approximately 2.53 acres (the "Site") in Miami Gardens, Florida, which educational facility is currently being leased by the Borrower and operated by the Borrower as a charter school for grades Kindergarten through 8 (collectively, the "Project"), (ii) fund a debt service reserve fund and (iii) pay certain costs of issuance relating to the Bonds.

Note 7 – Long-Term Liabilities- (Cont.)

Simultaneously with the issuance of the Series 2019 Bonds, the Borrower (in its capacity as issuer)will issue the Excelsior Academies, Inc. d/b/a EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS Taxable Notes, Series 2019C in the aggregate principal amount of \$640,000 (the "Corporate Note") pursuant to a Note Indenture dated as of November 1, 2019 (the "Note Indenture"), between the Borrower (in its capacity as the issuer of the Corporate Note) and UMB Bank, N.A., (in its capacity as trustee for the Corporate Note). The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Corporate Loan to acquire the church/daycare facility (the "Church/Daycare Facility") located on the Site. The Church/Daycare Facility is subject to an existing lease with Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church Inc. ("GreaterLove Missionary") with a remaining lease term of approximately fourteen years. The lease payments derived from Greater Love Missionary's use of the Church/Daycare Facility are expected to pay in full the Corporate Note debt service payments.

Simultaneously with the issuance of the Series 2019 Bonds and the Corporate Note, the Borrower entered into a non-interest bearing second mortgage loan with and F.P. Dino, Inc. (the "Seller") in the aggregate principal amount of \$270,000 (the "Second Mortgage") secured by the Facilities. In exchange for the Second Mortgage, the Seller will reduce the amount payable at closing of the purchase of the Series 2019 Project by \$270,000. The Second Mortgage is payable in principal installments of \$9,000 due annually on November 1, 2021, to November 1, 2023, with a final principal installment of \$234,000 due on the final maturity date of November 1, 2024. The Second Mortgage is subject to prepayment by the Borrower, at any time, in whole or in part, without a prepayment premium. Payment of the Second Mortgage is subordinate to the payment of the Series 2019 Bonds and the Corporate Note. The balance of the note as of June 30, 2023 is \$202,653.

Maturity Date]	Principal	Interest		Yield to		
November 1	Amount		ovember 1 Amount rate		Price	maturity	
2043	\$	8,370,000	5.10%	105.5	4.72%		
2025	\$	255,000	5.25%	101.3	5.00%		
2025	\$	640,000	5.25%	101.3	5.00%		
2024	\$	270,000	0.00%	100	0.00%		

Seller/Mortgage Note							
Year	Principal		Interest		Total		
2024	\$	202,653	\$	-	\$	202,653	

Period	Corporate Note 2019A		Corporate Note 2019B			Corporate Note 2019C			
Year Ended	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	-	426,870	426,870	115,000	5,118	120,118	175,000	14,306	189,306
2025	220,000	426,870	646,870	13,750	2,101	15,851	25,000	5,644	30,644
2026	260,000	421,260	681,260	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027	275,000	409,020	684,020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028	290,000	395,378	685,378	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029	310,000	380,971	690,971	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	6,969,012	3,322,011	10,291,023			-			<u>-</u> _
Total	8,324,012	5,782,380	14,106,392	128,750	7,219	135,969	200,000	19,950	219,950

Note 7 – Long-Term Liabilities- (Cont.)

The changes in long-term liabilities are also presented below:

	Beginning			Ending	
Description	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance	
Bond Payable	\$ 8,804,012	\$ -	\$ (151,250)	\$ 8,652,762	
Note Payable	231,479		(28,826)	202,653	
Total	\$ 9,035,491	\$ -	\$ (180,076)	\$ 8,855,415	

Note 8 – Risk Management

The Charter School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the past three (3) years. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

Note 9- Related Party

In accordance with the Charter Agreement, the School Board retains 5% up to the first 250 students as an administrative fee. This funding is received on a pro rata basis over the twelve- month period and is adjusted for changes in full-time equivalent student population. After review and verification of Full- Time Equivalent ("FTE") reports and supporting documentation, the Florida Department of Education may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FTE funding for prior year's errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent the statewide allocation from exceeding the amount authorized by the State Legislature.

Note 10 – Funding and Credit Risk Concentration

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

Note 11- Employee Retention Credit

The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) is a federal tax credit introduced under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and subsequently extended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act. The credit is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible employers that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and have retained their employees.

Note 11– Employee Retention Credit (Cont.)

The Charter School has maintained appropriate documentation, including payroll records, employment tax returns, and other relevant documents as required by the IRS. The school claimed a total Employee Retention Credit for \$ 175,000. This amount is reported in the income statement under 'Miscellaneous Income'. Management believes this amount reflects the allowable credit for qualified wages and health plan expenses incurred during the eligible period as defined by the IRS.

Note 12 - Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The School's personnel are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the Plan, the School provides a match of the employee's contribution up to 3% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$44,767 for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the plan's assets.



EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

GENERAL FUND

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variances Positive (Negative)					
Revenue									
State sources	\$ 3,391,240	\$3,391,240	\$ 3,350,381	\$ (40,859)					
Capital grants and contributions	289,174	289,174	291,405	2,231					
Miscellaneous revenues	348,024	348,024	836,714	488,690					
Total Revenue	4,028,438	4,028,438	4,478,500	450,062					
Expenditure									
Instruction	2,551,889	1,109,275	1,229,749	(120,474)					
Pupil Personnel services	180,980	180,980	12,725	168,255					
School Board	11,500	11,500	500	11,000					
General administration	494,048	494,048	489,822	4,226					
School Administration	333,942	,	392,523	(202,753)					
Fiscal Services	25,000		30,707	(5,707)					
Central services	14,613		-	14,613					
Student Transportation Services	105,300	105,300	106,303	(1,003)					
Operation of Plant	505,727	441,617	540,537	(98,920)					
Maintenace of plant	23,000	23,000	88,536	(65,536)					
Debt service	651,927	651,927	673,430	(21,503)					
Capital outlay			87,330	(87,330)					
Total Expenditure	4,897,926	3,247,030	3,652,162	(405,132)					
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditure	\$(869,488	\$ 781,408	\$ 826,338	\$ 44,930					
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND									
~				Variances Positive					
	Original Budget	rmai Budget	Actual Amounts	(Negative)					
Revenue	Duaget	Duaget	Amounts	(regative)					
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 2,038,121	\$ 2,038,121	\$ 1,926,837	\$ (111,284)					
Total Revenue	2,038,121	2,038,121	1,926,837	(111,284)					
Expenditure									
Instruction	-	1,442,614	1,442,614	-					
School administration	-	144,172	144,172	-					
Food Services	232,388	232,388	236,385	(3,997)					
Operation of plant		64,110	64,110						
Total Expenditure	232,388	1,883,284	1,887,281	(3,997)					
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenditure	\$1,805,733	\$ 154,837	\$ 39,556	\$ (115,281)					

EXCELSIOR ACADEMIES, INC. D/B/A EXCELSIOR PREP CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Basis Accounting

An annual budget is adopted on the Budgets 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. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay)

NOTE A.

The Charter School formally adopted a budget for the year ended June 30, 2023. Budgeted amounts may be amended by resolution or ordinance by the Board. A comparison of the actual results of operations to the budgeted amounts for the General Fund is presented as supplementary information.

NOTE B.

The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting on which the financial statements are prepared except for a 5% administrative charge up to 250 students that is retained by the School Board of Miami-Dade County.

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

To the Board of Directors Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens Miami Gardens, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens (the "Charter School"), a component unit of the Miami-Dade County District School Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Miami-Dade County District School Board, and the Auditor General of the State of Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Cooper City, Florida September 15, 2023

MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Directors Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens Miami, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 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 Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedules

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Disclosures in that report and schedule, which is dated September 15, 2023, 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 in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are of Excelsior Academies, Inc. D/B/A Excelsior Prep Charter School of Miami Gardens - 5032.

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 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 Section 10.854(1)(e)6. a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

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

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the School maintains on its website 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 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 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, School Board of Directors, School's management, and the School Board of Miami-Dade County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Cooper City, Florida September 15, 2023