Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Information

June 30, 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Walton Academy, Inc. DeFuniak Springs, Florida

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walton Academy, Inc. (the "School"), a component unit of the Walton County School District, 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 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 the School, as of 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 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 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, budgetary comparison, and pension and retirement information on pages 4 to 8 and 34 to 38 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

# Required Supplementary Information (continued)

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 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 School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Moss, Krusick & Associates, LLC

Winter Park, Florida September 15, 2023

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Walton Academy (the "School"), we offer readers of the School's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the school for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview and analysis of the School's financial activities, (c) identify changes in the School's financial position, (d) identify material deviations from the approved budget, and (e) highlight significant issues in individual funds.

Since the information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to highlight significant transactions, event, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

# **Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the School exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal by \$636,987.
- The School's total net position increased by \$169,810.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of \$1,138,597.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,017,450.

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

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's financial statements. The School's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements.

#### The School as a Whole

The information in the government-wide financial statements includes all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting (and reports depreciation on capital assets), which is similar to the basis of accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The change in net position (assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources) over time is one indicator of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, one needs to consider other nonfinancial factors in making an assessment of the School's health, such as changes in enrollment, changes in the State's funding of educational costs, changes in the economy, etc., to assess the overall health of the School.

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the 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, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected funding and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Schools that are principally supported by District, State, and Federal funding (governmental activities). Basic instruction, exceptional instruction, and school administration are examples of the School's governmental activities.

The government-wide financial statements include only the school itself, which is a component unit of the Walton County School District, Florida. The Walton County School District, Florida includes the operation of the School as a component unit in their operations.

The governmental-wide financial statements can be found listed on the table of contents of this report.

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

**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 a government'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 government activities in the government-wide financial statements.

By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. The School maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. The general fund and capital outlay fund are considered to be major funds. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found listed on the table of contents in this report. The School adopts an annual appropriated budget. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget and can be found listed in the table of contents in this report.

**Notes to financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found listed on the table of contents in this report.

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

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a School's financial position. In the case of the School, assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by \$636,987 and \$467,177 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 respectively.

A portion of the School's net position is a positive unrestricted balance. In addition, the School has a restriction related to capital outlay funds used for purchases of capital-type expenses in the amount of \$121,147. Another portion of the net position reflects its net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and motor vehicles). The School uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The net investment in capital assets totaled \$352,596 at June 30, 2023.

Comparison of the condensed statements of net position and the statement of activities are provided below:

	2023			2022	_\	/ariance
ASSETS						
Current assets	\$	1,186,819	\$	907,949	\$	278,870
Noncurrent assets		357,043		308,627		48,416
Total assets		1,543,862		1,216,576		327,286
Deferred outflows of resources		231,150		368,832		(137,682)
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities		48,222		7,160		41,062
Non-current liabilities		1,041,778		518,159		523,619
Total liabilities		1,090,000		525,319		564,681
Deferred inflows of resources		48,025		592,912		(544,887)
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets		352,596		301,353		51,243
Restricted		121,147		142,722		(21,575)
Unrestricted		163,244		23,102		140,142
Total net position	\$	636,987	\$	467,177	\$	169,810

The increase in current assets is mostly due to cash increase from collections from agencies. The increase in noncurrent assets is due to current year capital additions offset by current year depreciation. The changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources are due to the changes in assumptions, experience, investments, employer specific changes and subsequent contributions to the measurement date. The increase in current liabilities is mainly due to increases in accounts payables, accrued payroll, and due to other governments. The increase in noncurrent liabilities is due to the increase in pension liabilities. Unrestricted net position increased mainly due to revenue exceeding expenses.

Changes in the School's revenues were as follows:

	2023 2022			V	Variance		
Revenues							
Program revenues							
Operating grants and contributions	\$	317,169	\$	209,806	\$	107,363	
Capital grants and contributions		121,634		118,699		2,935	
General revenues		1,817,375		1,657,607		159,768	
Total revenues	\$	2,256,178	\$	1,986,112	\$	270,066	

The changes in revenues is due to increased federal funding for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds, increased FEFP revenues and FEFP transfers, and capital outlay funding.

	2023			2022	Variance		
Expenses							
Basic instruction	\$	952,956	\$	691,491	\$	261,465	
Psychological services		-		75,983		(75,983)	
Media services		1,800		139,295		(137,495)	
Board		15,811		4,017		11,794	
School administration		575,410		307,648		267,762	
Facilities		27,338		103,862		(76,524)	
Fiscal services		179,167		161,931		17,236	
Food services		10,771		572		10,199	
Staff services		171,633		154,369		17,264	
Transporation		24,917	24,917 8,150			16,767	
Operation of plant		126,565	128,696			(2,131)	
Administrative technology				743		(743)	
Total expenses		2,086,368		1,776,757		309,611	
Change in net position		169,810		209,355		(39,545)	
Net position at July 1, 2022		467,177		257,822		209,355	
Net position at June 30, 2023	\$	636,987	\$	467,177	\$	169,810	

The increase in basic instruction was mostly due to increases in group insurance and software purchases. Psychological services decreased due services not being offered in the current year to Media service decreased due to purchases of equipment and computers, hardware, and software subscriptions being capitalized. School administration increase is mostly due to increases in salaries and benefits. Facilities decreased due to less expenditures related to maintenance and improvements.

# **Financial Analysis of the Governmental Funds**

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

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$1,138,597. Of those funds, the general fund is the chief operating fund which included a total amount \$1,017,450 of unassigned fund balance, which is the amount available for spending at the School's discretion.

# **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$53,085 while budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures by \$93,947.

The budgetary information can be found listed on the table of contents in this report.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The School's net investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of June 30, 2023 amounts to \$352,596 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and motor vehicles.

**Debt and Long-Term Liabilities.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the School had an outstanding net pension liability of \$1,037,331 for employee's pension in the Florida Retirement System.

#### **Economic Factor**

A majority of the School's funding is determined by the number of enrolled students. The School is forecasting enrollment to be 170 students for the 2023/2024 school year comparative to the 160 students for the 2022/2023 school year.

#### **Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances for all those with an interest in the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Walton Academy, Inc., 389 Dorsey Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435.

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	710071000
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 1,145,534
Due from related party	39,481
Deposits	1,804
Total current assets	1,186,819
CAPITAL ASSETS	
Capital assets not being depreciated:	
Land	13,413
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	·
Buildings	187,760
Improvements other than buildings	82,528
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	39,521
Motor vehicles	2,800
Software	26,574
Total capital assets, net	352,596
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Right-of-use assets, net	4,447
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Total noncurrent assets	357,043
Total assets	1,543,862
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Related to changes in the net pension	231,150
Total deferred outflows of resources	231,150
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	39,510
Accrued payroll liabilities	7,764
Due from other agencies	948
Total current liabilities	48,222
MONGUPPENT LIABILITIES	
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES  Lease liabilities	4,447
Net pension liability	1,037,331
Total liabilities	1,090,000
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred change in proportion (NPL), contributions,	
experience, and investments	48,025
Total deferred inflows of resources	48,025
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	353 506
Restricted for:	352,596
Capital outlay	121,147
Unrestricted	163,244
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Total net position	\$ 636,987

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/ Programs		Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		oital Grants and ntributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
Governmental activities:	•	050.050	•		•	0.17.100	•		•	(005 707)
Basic instruction	\$	952,956	\$	-	\$	317,169	\$	-	\$	(635,787)
Media services		1,800		-		-		-		(1,800)
Board		15,811		-		-		-		(15,811)
School administration		575,410		-		-		-		(575,410)
Facilities		27,338		-		-		121,634		94,296
Fiscal services		179,167		-		-		-		(179,167)
Food services		10,771		-		-		-		(10,771)
Staff services		171,633		-		-		-		(171,633)
Transportation		24,917		-		-		-		(24,917)
Operation of plant		126,565		-		-		-		(126,565)
Total governmental activities	\$	2,086,368	\$	-	\$	317,169	\$	121,634	\$	(1,647,565)
					Genera	al revenues:				
					Florida	education fir	nance p	rogram		1,791,131
					Other r	evenues				26,244
					Tota	al revenues				1,817,375
					Change	e in net positi	on			169,810
					Net pos	sition at July	1, 2022	2		467,177
						sition at June			\$	636,987

# **BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

# June 30, 2023

					(	Other		Total		
			Ca	pital Outlay	Gove	rnmental	Go	vernmental		
	G	eneral Fund		Fund	F	unds		Funds		
ASSETS										
Cash	\$	1,145,534	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,145,534		
Due from related party		39,481		-		-		39,481		
Deposits		1,804		-		-		1,804		
Due from other funds		-		121,147		-		121,147		
Total assets	\$	1,186,819	\$	121,147	\$	-	\$	1,307,966		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$	39,510	\$	-	\$	-	\$	39,510		
Accrued payroll liabilities		7,764		-		-		7,764		
Due to other agencies		948		-		-		948		
Due to other funds		121,147		-		-		121,147		
Total liabilities		169,369				-		169,369		
FUND BALANCES										
Restricted for capital outlay		-		121,147		-		121,147		
Unassigned		1,017,450		-		-		1,017,450		
Total fund balances		1,017,450		121,147		-	-	1,138,597		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	1,186,819	\$	121,147	\$	-	\$	1,307,966		

# RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,138,597
The net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. Those assets consist of:  Capital assets  Accumulated depreciation  1,003,453 (650,857)	352,596
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	4,447
Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.  Deferred outflows of resources  Deferred inflows of resources  (48,025)	
	183,125
Noncurrent liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(1,037,331)
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.  Lease liabilities	(4,447)
Total net position of governmental activities	\$ 636,987

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

# Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund		General Fund		Ca <sub>l</sub>	oital Outlay Fund	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Revenues										
Federal passed through state and local	\$	206,624	\$	-	\$	110,545	\$	317,169		
State passed through local school district		1,791,131		121,634		-		1,912,765		
Other local revenues		26,244						26,244		
Total revenues		2,023,999		121,634		110,545		2,256,178		
Expenditures Current:										
Basic instruction		861,921		_		110,545		972,466		
Media services		44,295		_		110,040		44,295		
Board expenses		15,811		_		_		15,811		
School administration		348,737		50,748		_		399,485		
Facilities		2,450		24,888		_		27,338		
Fiscal services		179,167		,		_		179,167		
Food services		10,771		_		_		10,771		
Staff services		171,633		_		_		171,633		
Transportation		24,917		_		_		24,917		
Operation of plant		107,740		18,825		_		126,565		
Capital outlay		· <u>-</u>		48,748		_		48,748		
Total expenditures		1,767,442		143,209		110,545		2,021,196		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over (under) expenditures		256,557		(21,575)		-		234,982		
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in		-		-		-		-		
Transfers out		-		-		-		-		
Total other financing sources (uses)										
Net change in fund balances		256,557		(21,575)		-		234,982		
Fund balances at July 1, 2022		760,893		142,722				903,615		
Fund balances at June 30, 2023	\$	1,017,450	\$	121,147	\$	-	\$	1,138,597		

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total government funds			\$ 234,982
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:			
Governmental funds report fixed 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.			
Capital outlay Provision for depreciation	\$	110,753 (59,506)	51,247
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities require the use of curren financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.			·
Decrease in pension expense Amortization of the right-of-use asset			(116,419) 2,827
Some expenses reported in governmental funds are to be reported in a long-term basis; therefore are not reported in the statement of activities.  Payment of lease principal	n		(2,827)
Change in net position of governmental activities			\$ 169,810

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1. Reporting entity

Walton Academy (the "School"), is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The Charter School provides educational services to students at-risk in grades six through twelve. The governing body of the School is the Board of Directors, which is composed of four members.

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, which is the Walton County School District, Florida (the "District). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2025, and may be renewed in increments of five years by mutual agreement between the School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter in which case the District is required to notify the 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. The School is considered a component unit of the Walton County District School Board. The financial information presented is that of Walton Academy, Inc. only.

#### 2. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the School. Governmental activities are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely on fees charged to external parties as their primary revenues. The School has no business-type activities. Any internal activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

The statement of activities presents a comparison between the direct and indirect expenses of a given function and its program revenues, and displays the extent to which each function contributes to the change in net position for the fiscal year. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable to a specific function.

Indirect expenses are costs the School has allocated to various functions. Program revenues consist of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions.

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June 30, 2023

# NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 2. Government-wide financial statements (continued)

Charges for services refer to amounts received from those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Grants and contributions consist of revenues that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues not classified as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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

#### 3. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

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

All governmental fund financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period, or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the current fiscal period.

When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as expenditures only when payment is due.

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

# NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued)

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

<u>General Fund</u> – is the general operating fund of the School and is used to account for all resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u> – in accordance with guidelines established by the Walton County District School Board. This fund accounts for all resources for the leasing or acquisition of capital facilities by the School to the extent funded by capital outlay funds.

#### 4. Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand at the School and checking accounts held at a financial institution. The School has no cash equivalents.

#### 5. Receivables

The School's receivables consist of receivables from service programs and amounts due from other agencies. After reviewing the individual account balances, the School's management has determined, based on prior experience, that 100% of receivables are fully collectible. Therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided.

#### 6. Interfund activity

Activity 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. At the end of the year, the general fund owed the capital outlay fund \$121,147.

Transfers are used to move unrestricted fund revenues to finance programs and debt service activities that the School must account for in other funds. During the year, the general fund did not transfer any amounts to other funds.

#### 7. Capital assets

Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental columns on the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market values at the date of donation.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 7. Capital assets (continued)

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

Capital assets of the School are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated Useful
Asset Class	Lives
Buildings	5-15
Improvements other than buildings	5-15
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10
Motor vehicles	5

#### 8. Revenue sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the State of Florida passed through the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(17), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent ("FTE") students and related data to the District.

Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes the District reports the number of FTE students and related data to the Florida Department of Education ("FDOE") for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the Florida Education Finance Program and actual weighted FTE students reported by the School during designated FTE student survey periods.

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

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

# NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 9. Use of estimates

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

#### 10. Income taxes

The school is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state law.

The School recognizes the financial statement effects from a tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position.

Examples of tax positions include the tax-exempt status of the School and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income. The assessment of the technical merits of a tax position is a matter of judgment. The School believes that all of its tax positions are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination. The School files Form 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

#### 11. Fund balance classifications

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the School is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

<u>Non-Spendable fund balance</u> – amounts that are not spendable (such as inventory and prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

<u>Committed fund balance</u> – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the School itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

# NOTE A – SUMMARY OF REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 11. Fund balance classifications (continued)

<u>Assigned fund balance</u> – amounts the School intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or by an official or body to which the Board of Directors delegates the authority.

<u>Unassigned fund balance</u> – amounts that are available for any purpose. No other fund except the General Fund can report positive amounts of unassigned fund balance.

The School would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

#### 12. Budget

An operating budget is adopted and maintained by the governing board of the School pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

#### 13. Accounting pronouncements implemented

GASB issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), in May 2020. GASB 96 increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain assets and liabilities for SBITAs that previously recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for SBITAs accounting based on the foundational principle that SBITAs are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. The provisions in GASB 96 were implemented in the year ended June 30, 2023. The implementation of the new pronouncement did not have any impact on the financial statements as the School does not hold any SBITAs.

#### **NOTE B - CASH**

Cash is made up of deposits and cash on hand totaling \$1,145,534 at June 30, 2023. The School's deposits must be placed with a financial institution designated by the Treasurer of the State of Florida as a "qualified public depository", as defined in Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. The School deposits are held with a qualified depository and are covered by the collateral pool as the School has identified itself as a public entity. As of June 30, 2023, \$962,795 of the School's balances held were exposed to custodial credit risk.

# **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

June 30, 2023

# **NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Changes in capital assets activity were as follows:

	Balance at						Balance at		
	Ju	July 1, 2022		Additions		etions	June 30, 2023		
Capital assets not depreciated:									
Land	\$	13,413	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13,413	
Total capital assets not depreciated:		13,413				-		13,413	
Capital assets depreciated:									
Buildings		461,038		-		-		461,038	
Improvements other than buildings		340,848		48,748		-		389,596	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment		63,401		24,821		-		88,222	
Motor vehicles		14,000		-		-		14,000	
Computer software				37,184		-		37,184	
Total capital assets depreciated:		879,287		110,753		-		990,040	
Less accumulated depreciation:									
Buildings		249,255		24,023		-		273,278	
Improvements other than buildings		291,413		15,655		-		307,068	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment		42,283		6,418		-		48,701	
Motor vehicles		8,400		2,800		-		11,200	
Computer software		-		10,610		-		10,610	
Total accumulated depreciation		591,351		59,506		-		650,857	
Total capital assets, net	\$	301,349		51,247		-	\$	352,596	
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Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was charged to functions of the School as follows:

School administration	\$ 59,506
	\$ 59,506

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### **NOTE D - CONCENTRATIONS**

As stated in Note A-8, the School receives revenues for current operations primarily from the State of Florida through the local school district.

The following is a schedule of revenue sources and amounts:

Revenue sources passed through the School Board of Walton County, Florida: FTE funding \$ 1,670,528 **FEFP** transfers 83,232 Teachers' raises by state 29,338 Safety & security funds 6.038 Lead teachers' funds 1,995 Total from local school district 1,791,131 Capital outlay 121,634 Title 1 110,545 Federal through local 206.624 E-rate 13,950 **Donations** 1.299 Miscellaneous revenue 4,035 Uniforms 6,137 Interest 823 \$ 2,256,178

#### **NOTE E - COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### 1. Operating leases

On August 16, 2018, the Charter holder entered into an addendum to a third-party non-cancelable lease agreement, originally dated August 7, 2013, for a modular classroom unit. The current month-to-month payment is \$1,085 for a total annual payment of \$15,177.

On May 26, 2015, the School entered into an extension to a third-party non-cancelable lease agreement, originally dated May 29, 2012, for two modular classroom units. The lease requires monthly payments of \$237 and expires July 9, 2019. The School has extended the lease with a month-to-month renewal with current payments of \$237 for the total annual payment for the two units of \$5,376.

On June 20, 2018, the School entered into a third-party non-cancelable lease agreement, for a modular classroom. The School has extended the lease with a month-to-month renewal with current payments of \$2,759 for a total annual payment of \$32,578.

Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$57,831.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE E – COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

#### 2. Management agreement

As of July 8, 2015, the School entered into a management agreement with a third party ("Management Company") to provide financial, human resources and administration related assistance to the School at a fee which the School's Board shall approve annually and shall be part of the annual and amended budget (See Note H-1). The agreement will remain in effect during the current term and subsequent terms of the charter contract between the School and Walton County School District, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of the contact. Current year management fees charged to operations totaled \$342,419.

#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING

#### Florida Retirement System

General Information – Each qualified and participating employee of the School is included in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services. Division of Retirement, including the FRS Pension Plan ("Pension Plan") and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy ("HIS Plan"). Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan ("Investment Plan") alternative to the FRS Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration ("SBA").

As a general rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district with in the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code. Amendments to the law can be made only by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

The State of Florida annually issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the FRS. The latest available report may be obtained by writing to the State of Florida Division of Retirement Department of Management Services, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000, or from the Web site:

www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce operations/retirement/publications.

# 1. Pension description

The pension plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") for eligible employees.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING (continued)

#### 1. Pension description (continued)

Benefits under the pension plan are computed on the basis of age, average final compensation, and service credit. For pension plan members enrolled before July 1, 2011, regular class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service.

Vested members with less than 30 years of service may retire before age 62 and receive reduced retirement benefits. Senior Management Service class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 2.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service.

For plan members enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the vesting requirement is extended to eight years of credited service for all these members and increasing normal retirement to age 65 or 33 years of service regardless of age for Regular and Senior Management Service class members. Also, the final average compensation for all these members will be based on the eight highest years of salary.

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is three percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of three percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by three percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, the DROP program allows eligible members to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. Deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. There are no required contributions by DROP participants.

#### 2. Funding policy

Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the FRS, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute three percent of their salary to the FRS. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the FRS based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING (continued)

#### 2. Funding policy (continued)

These rates are updated as of July 1 of each year. The employer contribution rates by job class for the periods from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, were as follows: Regular – 11.91%; Senior Management Service – 31.57%; and DROP participants – 18.60%. These employer contribution rates include 1.66% HIS Plan subsidy for the periods July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

3. <u>Pension, liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions</u>

The School's contributions, including employee contributions, to the pension plan totaled \$18,595 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

At June 30, 2023, the School reported a liability of \$735,661 for its proportionate share of the Pension Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The School's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the School's 2021-2022 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2021-2022 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2022, the School's proportionate share was 0.001977156 percent, which was an decrease of two percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School recognized pension expense of \$115,464. In addition, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Description	Ou	eferred tflows of sources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	34,940	\$	-	
Change in assumptions		90,600		-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		48,576		-	
Changes in proportion and differences between school pension plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions		19,386		_	
School pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date		18,595			
	\$	212,097	\$	<del>-</del>	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING (continued)

3. <u>Pension, liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (continued)</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to the Pension Plan, totaling \$18,595 resulting from School contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending			
June 30:		Amo	ount
	2024	\$	47,326
	2025		19,522
	2026		(10,367)
	2027		130,510
	2028		6,511
The	ereafter		-
		\$	193,502

#### 4. Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumption. Applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.40%

Salary increases 3.25%, average, including inflation

Investment rate of return 6.70%, net of pension plan investment

Expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING (continued)

#### 4. Actuarial assumptions

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption for the based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

			Compound	
		Annual	Annual	
	Target	Arithmetic	(Geometric)	Standard
Asset Class	Allocation (1)	Return	Return	Deviation
Cash	1.0%	2.6%	2.6%	1.1%
Fixed income	19.8%	4.4%	4.4%	3.2%
Global equity	54.0%	8.8%	7.3%	17.8%
Real estate (property)	10.3%	7.4%	6.3%	15.7%
Private equity	11.1%	12.0%	8.9%	26.3%
Strategic investments	3.8%	6.2%	5.9%	7.8%
-	100.0%			
Assumed Inflation - Mea	an		2.4%	1.3%

#### 5. Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70%. The pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

#### 6. Sensitivity of net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following represents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of (6.70%), as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.70%) or one percentage point higher (7.70%) than the current rate:

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(5.70%)	(6.70%)	(7.70%)
School's proportionate share of			
the net pension liability	\$1,272,275	\$ 735,661	\$ 286,988

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE F - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING (continued)

# 7. Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information regarding the Pension Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRD Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

# 8. Payables to the pension plan

The School reported zero payables for outstanding contributions to the Pension Plan required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### NOTE G - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING SUBSIDY

Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS)

#### 1. Plan description

The HIS plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statues, and may be amended by the Florida legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

#### 2. Funding policy

The HIS plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the HIS contribution for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 was 1.66%. The School contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

The School's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$3,713 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE G – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING SUBSIDY (continued)

3. <u>Pension, liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions</u>

At June 30, 2023, the School reported a liability of \$301,675 for its proportionate share of the HIS plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The School's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the School's 2021-2022 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2021-2022 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2022, the School's proportionate share was 0.002849930 percent, which was an decrease of 4.02 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School recognized pension expense of \$23,263. In addition, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Description	Ou	eferred tflows of sources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	9,162	\$	1,328	
Change in assumptions		17,302		46,696	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		437		_	
Changes in proportion and differences between school pension plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions		(11,560)		_	
School pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date		3,713			
	\$	19,054	\$	48,024	

The deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS plan, totaling \$3,713 resulting from School contributions to the HIS plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE G – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING SUBSIDY (continued)

3. <u>Pension, liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (continued)</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Endi	ng		
June 30:		Amo	ount
	2024	\$	(2,855)
	2025		(6,187)
	2026		(5,185)
	2027		(6,332)
	2028		(8,355)
	Thereafter		(3,769)
		\$	(32,683)

# 4. Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Inflation 2.40%
Salary increases 3.25%, average, including inflation
Municipal bond rate 3.54%

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

#### 5. Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.54%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE G – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COST-SHARING SUBSIDY (continued)

#### 6. Sensitivity of net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following represents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of (3.54%), as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.54%) or one percentage point higher (4.54%) than the current rate:

		Current		
	1% Decrease	1% Increase		
	(2.54%)	(3.54%)	(4.54%)	
School's proportionate share of		·		
the net pension liability	\$ 345,345	\$ 301,853	\$ 265,865	

# 7. Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information regarding the HIS plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### 8. Payables to the pension plan

The School reported zero for outstanding contributions to the HIS plan required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **NOTE H - RELATED PARTY**

# 1. Management company

The management company provides financial, human resource, and administration services based on a contractual arrangement with the School. The management company manages the finances and operations and makes the final determinations regarding policies and contracts (See E-2). Total management fees charged to operations for the year ended June 30, 2023 are \$342,419.

#### 2. Shared operating expenses

The School shares various operating expenses with schools operated by the same management company. During the year, the School has \$0 of reimbursed shared operating expenses.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

#### **NOTE H – RELATED PARTY (continued)**

#### 2. Shared operating expenses (continued)

The School also provides educational services under a contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice ("DJJ") Residential Community Facility in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Under this contract, the School provides educational personnel and their salaries directly on behalf of the DJJ School which is operated by the same management company. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the School incurred expense on behalf of the DJJ School of payroll for \$453,585, insurance for \$5,257, and tax return for \$350.

#### **NOTE I – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Under the policy for property insurance, the School's liability is \$1,000 per occurrence. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during fiscal year 2023. Settled claims resulting for the risks described above have not exceeded the insurance coverage for each of the prior three years.

#### NOTE J - LEASE LIABILITIES AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

#### 1. Lease Liabilities – Right-of-Use

The School entered into leases for copiers for use in the School. The leases are noncancellable 60-month terms. The leases have nonrenewal clauses and the copies revert to the lessor at the end of the lease. The payment schedule for reducing the lease liabilities is as follows:

Type Start Date	July	/ 1, 2022	Ad	lditions	Inter	est Paid	Princ	cipal Paid	Totals	July	1, 2023	Сι	urrent Portion of Lease Liabilities
Copier 1 5/31/2018	\$	630	\$	-	\$	20	\$	630	\$ 650	\$	-	\$	-
Copier 2 5/26/2020		6,644		-		396		2,197	2,593		4,447		2,355
Totals	\$	7,274	\$	-	\$	416	\$	2,827	\$ 3,243	\$	4,447	\$	2,355

# **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

June 30, 2023

# **NOTE J – LEASE LIABILITIES AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (continued)**

# 2. Right-of-Use Assets

In relationship to the lease liabilities, the School chooses to amortize the lease assets on a straight-line basis. Changes in right-of-use assets are presented in the table below:

Right-of-Use Assets	July	1, 2022	Additions Decreases		Decreases		30, 2023	
Copiers	\$	14,276	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,276
Total right-of-use assets, being amortized		14,276		-		-		14,276
Less accumulated depreciation: Copiers		7,002 7,002		2,827 2,827		<u>-</u>		9,829 9,829
Total accumulated depreciation								
Total right-of-use assets being amortized, net	\$	7,274	\$	(2,827)	\$		\$	4,447

#### **NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The School has evaluated subsequent events through September 15, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available for issuance; and has determined that no material events occurred that would require additional disclosure in the financial statements.



# SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY

# LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS AS OF JUNE 30

#### **FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

				School's	
				proportionate share	
				of the net pension	
		School's		liability (asset) as a	Plan fiduciary net
	School's proportion	proportionate share		percentage of its	position as a
	of the net pension	of the net pension	School's covered-	covered-employee	percentage of the
	liability (asset)	liability (asset)	employee payroll	payroll	total pension liability
2022	0.001977156%	\$ 735,661	\$ 1,226,574	59.98%	82.89%
2021	0.001981344%	149,667	1,061,088	14.11%	96.40%
2020	0.001799088%	779,751	1,054,122	73.97%	78.85%
2019	0.001971851%	679,078	1,001,033	67.84%	82.61%
2018	0.001909773%	575,234	804,384	71.51%	84.26%
2017	0.001967710%	582,035	1,040,894	55.92%	83.89%
2016	0.001704266%	430,329	1,008,902	42.65%	84.88%
2015	0.001350565%	174,444	853,233	20.45%	92.00%
2014	0.001347008%	82,187	676,979	12.14%	96.09%

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY**

				School's	
				proportionate share	
				of the net pension	
		School's		liability (asset) as a	Plan fiduciary net
	School's proportion	proportionate share		percentage of its	position as a
	of the net pension	of the net pension	School's covered-	covered-employee	percentage of the
	liability (asset)	liability (asset)	employee payroll	payroll	total pension liability
2022	0.002849930%	\$ 301,853	\$ 1,226,574	24.61%	4.81%
2021	0.002969248%	364,223	1,061,088	34.33%	3.56%
2020	0.002838095%	346,527	1,054,122	32.87%	3.00%
2019	0.003085574%	345,245	1,001,033	34.49%	2.63%
2018	0.003104449%	328,578	804,384	40.85%	2.15%
2017	0.003157559%	337,621	1,040,894	32.44%	1.64%
2016	0.002763909%	322,122	1,008,902	31.93%	0.97%
2015	0.002241697%	228,618	853,233	26.79%	0.50%
2014	0.002245976%	210,004	676,979	31.02%	0.99%

Note 1: GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the School will present information for only those years for which information is available.

# SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY

# LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS AS OF JUNE 30

#### **FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

	Contractually required contribution	Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contrib deficiency		Cove	ered-employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
2022 \$	18,595	\$ 18,595	\$	-	\$	1,226,574	1.52%
2021	84,369	84,369		-		1,061,088	7.95%
2020	75,481	75,481		-		1,054,122	7.16%
2019	59,766	59,766		-		1,001,033	5.97%
2018	61,142	61,142		-		804,384	7.60%
2017	54,427	54,427		-		1,040,894	5.23%
2016	51,224	51,224		-		1,008,902	5.08%
2015	41,561	41,561		-		853,233	4.87%
2014	32,928	32,928		-		676,979	4.86%

# **HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY**

	Contribution in relation to the			Contributions as a
Contractually	contractually			percentage of
required	required	Contribution	Covered-employee	covered-employee
contribution	contribution	deficiency (excess)	payroll	payroll
2022 \$ 3,71	13 \$ 3,713	\$ -	\$ 1,226,574	0.30%
2021 17,24	14 17,244	-	1,061,088	1.63%
2020 17,45	53 17,453	-	1,054,122	1.66%
2019 16,35	55 16,355	-	1,001,033	1.63%
2018 17,13	34 17,134	-	804,384	2.15%
2017 16,83	36 16,836	-	1,040,894	1.62%
2016 16,71	11 16,711	-	1,008,902	1.66%
2015 14,17	76 14,176	-	853,233	1.66%
2014 8,56	8,569	-	676,979	1.27%

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#### SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**

#### Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgete	d Amounts	_	
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
FEFP	\$ 1,449,082	\$ 1,603,442	\$ 1,759,798	\$ 156,356
Teacher raises	20,000	29,338	29,338	(00.075)
ESSER allocation Lead teacher funds	243,982	236,999	206,624	(30,375)
	1,500	1,995	1,995	(GE 000)
Referral billing	65,000	65,000	823	(65,000)
Interest Uniforms	800 3,000	800 5 306	6,137	23 831
Donations	31,445	5,306 1,299	1,299	031
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,076	4,035	959
E-Rate	23,659	23,659	13,950	(9,709)
Total revenues	1,841,468	1,970,914	2,023,999	53,085
Expenditures	.,0,100			
Salaries	709,945	758,031	766,270	(8,239)
FFCRA lease expense	-	-	6,874	(6,874)
Retirement	92,996	91,440	84,924	6,516
Social security	55,151	59,594	60,958	(1,364)
Group insurance	129,961	124,619	119,511	5,108
Worker's compensation	4,500	6,900	5,739	1,161
Unemployment compensation	2,000	3,000	2,279	721
School resoure officer	35,000	35,000	31,312	3,688
Counseling services	62,000	-	· -	· -
Management fee	345,366	345.366	342,419	2,947
Curriculum/staff development	1,000	4,000	9,676	(5,676)
Audit/accounting	7,958	7,958	7,258	700
Professional services - other	500	1,000	1,864	(864)
Insurance	18,000	23,738	19,842	3,896
Travel	1,500	2,765	2,965	(200)
Repairs/maintenenace	12,000	12,000	9,351	2,649
Vehicle/maintenance	100	320	320	-
Computer repair	8,000	9,876	14,971	(5,095)
Inspections/fire extinguisher	500	870	870	-
Lease-copier	5,500	5,500	3,227	2,273
Rental - other	2,000	2,000	3,856	(1,856)
Postage	1,000	1,500	1,101	399
Telephone	16,000	16,000	15,846	154
Water/sewer	7,000	8,000	7,798	202
Garbage	4,500	4,500	3,133	1,367
Advertising	-	204	204	-
Custodial services	22,000	22,000	-	22,000
Pest control	1,500	1,500	1,305	195
Security monitoring	3,000	1,200	500	700
Lawn service	14,500	16,600	15,225	1,375
Non-professional services - other	5,000	5,000	4,123	877
Electricity	38,000	42,000	44,141	(2,141)
Gasoline	1,500	600	278	322
Uniforms	7,500	7,760	9,691	(1,931)
Testing materials	-	-	2,670	(2,670)
Supplies	35,000	52,000	58,268	(6,268)
Instructional material	9,000	500	-	500
Lunches	4,000	4,000	3,880	120
Other material and supplies	500	2,000	1,869	131
Equipment and furniture - non-capital	10,000	3,000	2,658	342
Equipment and furniture - other	57,403	57,403	26,621	30,782
Computer equipment	43,950	43,950	-	43,950
Software	45,000	45,000	37,703	7,297
Dues and fees	3,000	3,000	2,777	223
Auto tages and fees	25	25	15	10
Substitutes/temporary	12,000	29,670	33,150	(3,480)
Total expenditures	1,835,355	1,861,389	1,767,442	93,947
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over (under) expenditures	6,113	109,525	256,557	147,032
Other financing sources (uses):			_	
Transfers in				
Total other financing sources (uses)				
Net change in fund balance	6,113	109,525	256,557	147,032
Fund balance at July 1, 2022	760,893	760,893	760,893	-
Fund balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 767,006	\$ 870,418	\$ 1,017,450	\$ 147,032

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

# Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts							
	Original		Final		Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
Revenues								
Charter school capital outlay	\$	110,000	\$	114,770	\$	121,634	\$	6,864
Total revenues		110,000		114,770		121,634		6,864
Expenditures								_
Insurance		8,800		18,825		18,825		-
Repairs/maintenance		7,000		18,824		24,888		(6,064)
Lease-facility		48,000		48,000		50,748		(2,748)
Computer equipment		10,000		-		-		-
Capitalized fixtures and equipment		-		400		-		400
Improvements other than buildings		20,000		48,748		48,748		-
Total expenditures		93,800		134,797		143,209		(8,412)
Net change in fund balance		16,200		(20,027)		(21,575)		(1,548)
Fund balance at July 1, 2022		142,722		142,722		142,722		
Fund balance at June 30, 2023	\$	158,922	\$	122,695	\$	121,147	\$	(1,548)

#### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

June 30, 2023

#### NOTE A – SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY

#### 1. Ten-year trend

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is completed, the School is presenting information for only those years for which information is available for the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) plans.

#### 2. Fiduciary net position

The FRS and HIS plans' fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in the FRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (See FRS ACFR information).

#### NOTE B - SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

# Ten-year trend

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is completed, the School is presenting information for only those years for which information is available for the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) plans.

#### **NOTE C - BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

The School's annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual budgets are adopted for the general and capital outlay funds and may be amended by the School's Board of Directors (the "Board"). The budgets presented for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, have been amended according to Board Procedures.

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is the object level.





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# 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 Walton Academy, Inc. DeFuniak Springs, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walton Academy, Inc. (the "School"), a component unit of the Walton County School District, 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 September 15, 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 the School's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not 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 statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

Moss, Krusick & Associates, LLC

Winter Park, Florida September 15, 2023



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#### **MANAGEMENT LETTER**

To the Board of Directors of Walton Academy, Inc. DeFuniak Springs, Florida

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Walton Academy, Inc. (the "School"), a component unit of the Walton County School District, Florida, 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 Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated September 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. In connection with our audit, the School did not have prior year findings.

#### **Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity is *Walton Academy, Inc. and 1111*.

#### **Financial Condition and Management**

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

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

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, required 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 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 Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

# **Purpose of this Letter**

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

Moss, Krusick & Associates, LLC

Winter Park, Florida September 15, 2023

# MANAGEMENT FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES

For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were no management finding, recommendations or responses.