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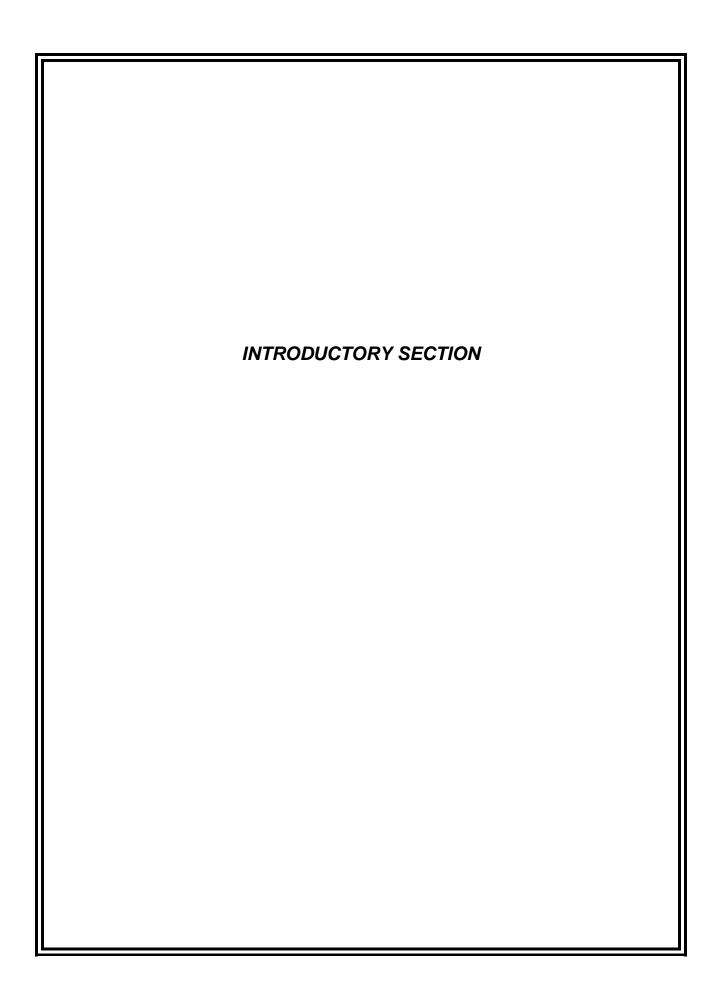
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November 28, 2016

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Passaic Arts and Science Charter School Elmwood Park, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The comprehensive annual financial report of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School (the "Charter School") for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Trustees (the "Board"). To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the basic financial statements and results of operations of the various funds of the Charter School. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Charter School's financial activities have been included.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is presented in four sections as follows:

- ➤ The Introductory Section contains a table of contents, Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the Charter School;
- ➤ The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditors' Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Charter School's financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information
- The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis;

➤ The Single Audit Section — The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (U.S. Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.* Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

Charter School Organization

An appointed seven member Board of Trustees (the "Board") serves as the policy maker for the Charter School. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures which serve as the basis for control over and authorization for all expenditures of Charter School tax money.

The Lead-Person is the chief executive officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The School Business Administrator is the chief financial officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the Charter School, acting as custodian of all Charter School funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

1. REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES: Passaic Arts and Science Charter School is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Auditing Standards Board (GASB) as established by Statement No. 14. All funds and account groups of the school are included in this report. Passaic Arts and Science Charter School Board of Trustees constitutes the Charter School's reporting entity.

Passaic Arts and Science Charter School provides a full range of educational services appropriate to Grades K-6. These services include regular, as well as special education and basic skills instruction. The Charter School completed the 2015-2016 school year with an enrollment of 725 students. The following details the student enrollment of the Charter School.

Average Daily Enrollment

Fiscal Year	Student Enrollment	Percent Change
2015-2016	725	29.93%
2014-2015	508	6.89%
2013-2014	473	12.47%
2012-2013	414	14.73%
2011-2012	353	0.00%

- 2. <u>ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK:</u> Passaic Arts and Science Charter School continues to experience a period of development and expansion that is expected to continue through the Twenty-First Century. The increasing number of businesses within the community results in an increase in the employment level which results in an increased tax base, both residential and industrial. This expansion is expected to continue which suggests Bergen will continue to prosper.
- **MAJOR INITIATIVES:** The Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's mission is to provide the ideal environment for the intellectual and social development for its students by utilizing a combined effort of students, educators, families, and the community as a whole.

Mission and Educational Program in Practice

Passaic Arts and Science Charter School aims to provide the ideal environment for the intellectual and social development of its students, utilizing the combined effort of students, educators, families, and the community as a whole, by providing boundless academic and co-curricular opportunities for individual skills and talents to develop. From the inception of the school, students have been provided a multitude of opportunities extended to them that have guided them on a path to success. Our mission and vision considers the educational goals that the New Jersey Department of Education has established for *all* students. This is evidenced in the four areas identified below, which are in direct correlation to the "Building Blocks of Education" outlined by Governor Christie.

- 1. Academic Achievement concentration is placed on providing a multidimensional curriculum, research-based "best practices" instructional strategies, and student/program assessments. Literacy objectives within the CCSS must be met to better prepare students for PARCC assessments, college acceptance, and workforce readiness. Summary writing, analysis of rich and varied literature and non-fiction text, critical research skills, and opinions supported by text-based evidence are the cornerstone elements of the CCSS. In mathematics, lessons are aligned to the CCSS and the content prioritized and supported with online programs for student instruction and assignments. Teachers and students have access to rich, CCSS-aligned, engaging content, and embedded assessments with instant data.
- 2. **Digital Learning Environment** concentration is placed on classroom organization, integration of technology, teacher development, and effective instructional programs. This allows the Charter School to provide the most relevant, research-based educational experience to our students. The design of the program currently embraces technological literacy and integration, and in the absence of these resources, curricula cannot be delivered as designed. The rigors of the Common Core State Standards and the next-generation digital assessments require us to adjust both the method and mode of instruction to prepare our students for college and careers. We fully expect student assessment data to evidence student growth as a result, in part, of digital instruction.

- 3. **Co-curricular Programs** concentration is placed on academic and non-academic programs that are designed to meet the needs of the **whole child** (academically, socially and emotionally). Passaic Arts and Science Charter School has a vibrant arts education model, which includes multiple performances including full-length theatrical productions, concerts, cultural dances and festivals. The school is often the host location for a variety of educational presentations, educational guest speakers, science fairs and Olympiads, and math competitions. Additionally, the Charter School hosts a summer learning institute, whereby all instructional staff come together in the form of a professional learning community in order to explore best practices in education.
- 4. **Community Involvement** concentration is placed on parent programs, community outreach, and fostering school, family and community collaboration/involvement. The students of Passaic ASCS are afforded the benefits of partnerships currently established with local universities, businesses, and community leaders. Passaic ASCS recognizes a school as an anchor in a community and believes the school is the anchor that the community needs. All children deserve the opportunity to be educated in a rich, nurturing environment that promotes inquiry-based learning and innovation in an equitable, culturally-sensitive environment.

CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT TO STANDARDS

In order to ensure that Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's curricula is aligned to state standards Passaic Arts and Science Charter School developed a high quality curriculum that is based on state standards. The curricula framework is well thought out and embodies the state standards and goals for which teachers and students are held accountable.

The standards-based curriculum governs the way that instructional programs are run and the way that teachers teach. The curricula framework considers the need for proper implementation of the state standards and therefore provides adequate time for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the standards.

At Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, the curricula is considered a living document which allows for ongoing critiquing and opportunities for reflection and revision so that the curriculum is updated and improved on a regular basis.

Specifically, Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Literacy in History/Social Studies in grades kindergarten – 10th were adopted in August 2012. Most recently, kindergarten through 8th grade ELA and Literacy in History/Social Studies was revised during the summer of 2015.

Common Core State Standards for Mathematics was adopted in August, 2012 and most recently revised during the summer of 2015.

Science curricula for grades kindergarten to 12 were revised most recently during the summer of 2015.

Visual and Performing Arts was revised in June, 2009, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education was revised in June, 2011, Technology was adopted in 2007, 21st Century Life and Careers was revised in September, 2012, and World Languages was revised in June, 2009.

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT OF FAMILIES / GUARDIANS

Passaic ASCS believes that family involvement is an integral component of our school culture. Our objective is to continue fostering close and positive relationships and constant communication between school, family and community. Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is a committee that maintains a strong presence at the school, and they are a vital component of enriching the experience of students. They make the purchase of sports equipment, musical instruments, yearbooks and classroom materials a reality for our Charter School. Additionally, the PTO organizes fundraisers to defray the cost of field trips for the students.

In the 2015-2016 Academic Year, Passaic ASCS campuses reached out to both families and the community-at-large with myriad programs and activities to enhance the experience of the students and school community as a whole. Parents are not only invited to attend, but asked to contribute to the planning and implementation programs and offerings. We look for continue to grow in terms of these opportunities, with expanded programs, meetings, and events to foster not only individual and whole student growth, but a continued support of our parent organization. With the 2015-2016 year seeing expansion to a third school, and the long-awaited debut of a high school grade (9th), these programs and activities are needed more than ever to ensure alignment with the Charter School's mission and vision.

Passaic ASCS cultivates and maintains steady school/family interaction through an array of activities. A selection of programs and events is provided below:

- ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
- BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT
- HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION
- WEEKLY PARENT/TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR BREAKFAST
- GRANDPARENT'S NIGHT
- ANNUAL PTO PARENT PICNIC
- HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE/CONTEST
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- STUDENT/TEACHER SPORTING EVENTS
- OPERATION GOODY BAG- A 9/11 Reflection and Action Event
- VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE
- QUARTERLY AWARDS CEREMONIES
- HOLIDAY DINNER/COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE
- HOLIDAY CAROLING
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

- PARCC SOCIAL and PI DAY
- SPRING AND WINTER CONCERTS/THEATRE PROGRAM/ART FAIR
- ANNUAL MUFFINS WITH MOMS/DONUTS WITH DADS
- QUALITY IN EDUCATION SUMMIT
- SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK
- READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION
- DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR/ SCIENCE FAIR FUN NIGHT
- GARDEN STATE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL
- FEAST OF GIVING
- MATH CONTEST
- SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
- MAKE THINGS HAPPEN FESTIVAL

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering organization	Description of the partnership		
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS			
Fairleigh Dickinson University	This partnership enabled students to take an AP course in English taught by one of our HS teachers. http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html		
	This partnership enabled students to participate in Jefferson Awards Students in Action program.		
Jefferson Awards	http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html		
Grand Canyon University	The purpose of this non-exclusive Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which students of Grand Canyon University may participate in Student Teaching Internships, Practicum and Observations at the schools located in the District		
	http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html (see link for a more detailed		
Rutgers University	description)		
NJIT	http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html (see link for a more detailed description)		
College of Saint Elizabeth	This partnership provided eligible employees the opportunity to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees, certificates and professional continuing education course through the college. http://ilearnschools.org/about-us.html		

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:	
Quality In Education Summit Panel Discussion	The panel discussions serve as a platform to raise awareness of, and highlight, the positive role of charter schools in New Jersey and the need for further support and development. These forums will continue to address macro issues confronting public education in the 21st Century.
	Panelists were: 1)Heather Tedesco, New Jersey Regional Director for Jefferson Awards Students in Action 2)Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly, Legislative District #35–3) Allison Scott-Williams, NJPAC Arts Director. Approximately 200 parents and community members attended this event which
	took place at our Paterson Arts and Science Charter School.
	This year's topic was ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND MUSIC: THREE ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR A COMPLETE PUBLIC EDUCATION
VIP Visitor Program	Community leaders (VIP Guest) were invited to give inspirational speeches to students regarding leadership and core values. (VIP Invitations were extended to but not limited to: Mayors, Freeholders,
	Assemblymen and women, Prosecutors, Police chiefs, Senators, CEOs, NJ DOE Staff, NJ Charter School Assn. Staff
	VIP guests were scheduled monthly. Fifth through ninth grade students, family members attended VIP Ceremonies. In most cases, VIP guests made connections with students that would afford them (students) opportunities to visit establishments and facilities that would enhance their knowledge of government/judicial systems and servant leadership.
Community Outreach Activities	Determined by grade and/or department Teachers planned outreach activities and/or projects for the classes
Garden State International Heritage Festival	The Garden State International Heritage Festival is the blending of the multidisciplinary content areas to recognize and celebrate diversity in the classroom throughout the year. Students, families, elected officials and community members.
	The GSIHF has been a project of the NJASCS organization for the last 4 years. The festival enables students, participants and visitors to experience a wide range of activities: performances, art displays, to sampling from a wide array of food from other vendors.

4. <u>INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS</u>: Management of the Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the Charter School are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the Charter School is also responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This internal control structure is also subject to periodic evaluation by the School's management.

As part of the Charter School's single audit described earlier, tests are made to determine the adequacy of the internal control structure, including that portion related to federal and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the Charter School has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

5. BUDGETARY CONTROLS: In addition to internal accounting controls, the Charter School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund and the special revenue fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the financial section.

An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year-end are either canceled or are included as re-appropriations of fund balance in subsequent year. Those amounts to be reappropriated are reported as reservations of fund balance at June 30, 2016.

- **6.** <u>CASH MANAGEMENT</u>: The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statement" Note 3. The Charter School had adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposits with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.
- **7. RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Charter School carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive collision, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, and fidelity bonds.

8. OTHER INFORMATION:

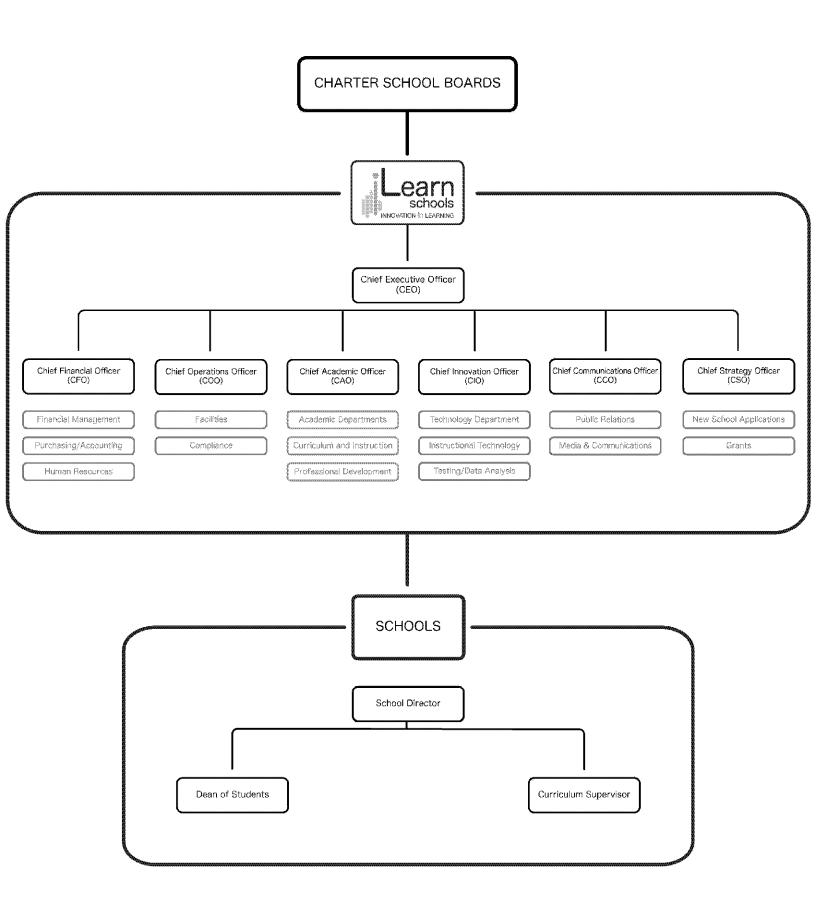
<u>Independent Audit</u> - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Barre & Company, CPA's, was appointed by the Board. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in State statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid.* The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and specific required supplemental information is included in the financial section of this report. The auditors' reports, related specifically to the single audit, are included in the single audit section of this report.

- **9. ANTI-BULLYING**: On January 5, 2011, Governor Chris Christie signed into law P.L. 2010, Chapter 122, known as the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act ("Act") requires initial and on-going training for all staff members, Anti-Bullying Specialists, Anti-Bullying Coordinators, administrative staff and Board members. N.J.S.A. 18A:37-22(d) requires every teacher to complete at least two hours of instruction on harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention in each professional development period. In 2015-2016, training was provided for harassment, intimidation and bullying prevention to comply with the training requirements of the Act.
- **10. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School Board of Trustees for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the Charter School and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Recep Ornek

Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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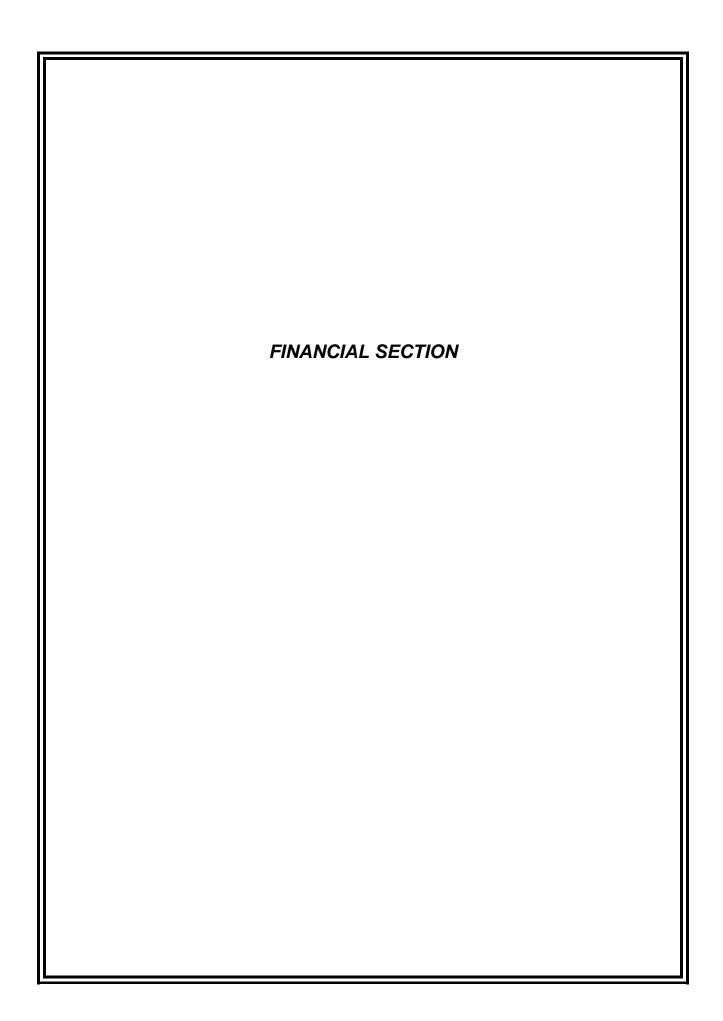
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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable President
Members of the Board of Trustees
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School (Charter School), in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Charter School's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audit contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Information and District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability for TPAF and PERS and District's PERS Contributions and the related notes starting on pages 19, 79 and 87, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's response 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.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information such as the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, and other information, such as the introductory and statistical sections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records use to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards and the Division of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Division of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated November 28, 2016 on our consideration of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards and the Division of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliances.

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Union, New Jersey November 28, 2016 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED

The discussion and analysis of Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's financial performance provides an overall review of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Charter School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Charter School's financial performance. Certain comparative information between the current year (2015-2016) and the prior year (2014-2015) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2016 are as follows:

- ❖ General revenues accounted for \$10,511,639 in revenue or 94% percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$667,277 or 6% of total revenues of \$11,178,916.
- ❖ The Charter School had \$12,670,373 in expenses; only \$667,277 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$10,511,639 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$10,012,403 in revenues and \$11,280,090 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance decreased \$1,267,687 over 2015. This decrease was anticipated by the Board of Trustees.

Using this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Passaic Arts and Science Charter School as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

Using this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Continued)

provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

Reporting the Charter School as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the Charter School to provide programs and activities, the view of the Charter School as a whole looks at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2016?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Charter School as a whole, the financial position of the Charter School have improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities — All of the Charter School's programs and services are reported here including instruction, administration, support services, and capital outlay.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Continued)

Business-Type Activities — These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

Reporting the Charter School's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Charter School's funds. The Charter School uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transaction. The Charter School's governmental funds are the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund.

Governmental Funds

The Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future years. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Enterprise Fund

The enterprise fund uses the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements are essentially the same.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Charter School-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 40 of this report.

The Charter School as a Whole

Recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

The Charter School's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities.

The Charter School's combined net position were \$655,119 for 2016 and \$2,146,576 for 2015.

Governmental Activities

The Charter School's total revenues were \$10,667,794 for 2016 and \$7,811,322 for 2015, this includes \$596,349 for 2016 and \$394,070 for 2015 of state reimbursed TPAF social security and pension contributions.

The total cost of all program and services was \$12,232,249 for 2016 and \$7,684,564 for 2015. Instruction comprises 47% for 2016 and 49% for 2015 of Charter School expenses.

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

Administration includes expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the Charter School.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

Support services include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students, including curriculum and staff development and the costs associated with operating the facility.

Capital Outlay represents instructional and/or non-instructional equipment purchased and is capitalized when such equipment is over the \$2,000 threshold.

Business-Type Activities

Revenues for the Charter School's business-type activities (food service program, school store and aftercare program) were comprised of charges for services and federal and state reimbursements.

- Proprietary Fund operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$72,998 for 2016 and operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$12,717 for 2015.
- Charges for services represent \$92,346 for 2016 and \$57,760 for 2015. This represents amounts paid by patrons.
- ❖ Federal and state reimbursements for meals, including payments for free and reduced lunches were \$418,776 for 2016 and \$294,875 for 2015.

The Charter School's Funds

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and special revenue fund presented in the fund-based statements) are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$10,667,794 for 2016 and \$7,811,322 for 2015 and expenditures were \$11,935,481 for 2016 and \$7,376,414 for 2015. The net change in fund balance for fiscal years 2016 and 2015 was most significant in the general fund, a decrease of \$1,267,687 in 2016 and an increase of \$434,908 in 2015.

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the Charter School continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedules present a summary of the revenues of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

The Charter School's Funds (Continued)

Revenues	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2015	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Local Sources State Sources Federal Sources	\$ 1,381,732 8,630,671 655,391	12.96% 80.90% 6.14%	\$ 275,597 2,346,944 233,931	24.92% 37.35% 55.50%
Total	\$10,667,794	100.00%	\$ 2,856,472	

The following schedule represents a summary of general fund and special revenue fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2015	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Instruction Administration Support Services Capital Outlay	\$ 4,868,550 3,995,422 2,895,510 175,999	40.79% 33.48% 24.26% 1.47%	\$ 1,684,517 1,606,282 1,092,269 175,999	52.91% 67.23% 60.57% 0.00%
Total	\$11,935,481	100.00%	\$ 4,559,067	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 UNAUDITED (CONTINUED)

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Charter School's budget is prepared according to New Jersey law, and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Over the course of the year, the Charter School revised the annual operating budget several times. Revisions in the budget were made to recognize revenues that were not anticipated and to prevent over-expenditures in specific line item accounts.

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

The Charter School had \$31,651 invested in machinery and equipment at the end of the fiscal year 2016 and \$60,429 for 2015.

For the Future

The Passaic Arts and Science Charter School is in good financial condition presently. The Charter School is proud of its community support. A major concern is the continued enrollment growth of the Charter School with the increased reliance on federal and state funding.

In conclusion, Passaic Arts and Science Charter School has committed itself to financial stability for many years. In addition, the Charter School's system for financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The Charter School plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenge of the future.

Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to show the Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mr. Nihat Guvercin, CEO/Lead Person at Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, 465 Boulevard, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407.

SECTION A - BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School.

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2016

400FT0	vernmental Activities	Business-Type Activities		Total	
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Internal Balances	\$ 801,637 225,087	\$	127,445	\$	929,082 225,087
Receivables Prepaid Expenses	277,530 114,600		34,094		311,624 114,600
Capital Assets, Net	31,651		18,513		50,164
Total Assets	1,450,505		180,052		1,630,557
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:					
Pensions	1,620,138	-			1,620,138
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,620,138				1,620,138
LIABILITIES:	102 121		20.281		242 402
Interfund Payable Payable to District	192,121 144,285		20,281		212,402 144,285
Accounts Payable Noncurrent Liabilities:	73,143				73,143
Pensions	 2,131,477				2,131,477
Total Liabilities	 2,541,026		20,281		2,561,307
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:					
Pensions	34,269				34,269
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 34,269				34,269
NET POSITION:					
Net Investment in Capital Assets Unassigned	31,651 463,697		159,771		31,651 623,468
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Total Net Position	\$ 495,348	\$	159,771	\$	655,119

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Statement of Activities For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Federal and State Aid Not Restricted

GENERAL REVENUES

General Purposes

Total General Revenues

Miscellaneous Income

Tuition

Change in Net Position Net Position - Beginning

Net Position - Ending

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10,511,639

1,365,231 9,129,907

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SECTION B – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.



Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2016

		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	Total
ASSETS:		- T GITG		T GITG	 10101
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	568,867	\$	157,770	\$ 726,637
Cash - Restricted		75,000			75,000
Receivables:		005 007			005 007
Interfund Receivables Receivables From Other Governments		225,087 26,714		92,907	225,087 119,621
Other Receivables		99,032		32,301	99,032
Receivables, Net		58,877			58,877
Security Deposits		114,600			114,600
Total Current Assets		1,168,177	-	250,677	 1,418,854
Total Guitetti Assets		1,100,177		250,077	 1,410,004
Total Assets	\$	1,168,177	\$	250,677	\$ 1,418,854
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:					
Liabilities:					
Current Liabilities:					
Interfund Payables	\$	-	\$	192,121	\$ 192,121
Payable to District		144,285		E0 EE0	144,285
Accounts Payable		14,587		58,556	 73,143
Total Current Liabilities		158,872		250,677	 409,549
Total Liabilities		158,872		250,677	 409,549
Fund Balances:					
Unassigned:					
General Fund		1,009,305			1,009,305
Total Fund Balances		1,009,305		_	 1,009,305
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	1,168,177	\$	250,677	
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of ne which are different:	t posi	tion (A-1)			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$154,762 and the accumulated depreciation is \$123,111.					31,651
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Net pension liability of \$2,131,477, deferred inflows of resource of \$34,269 less deferred outlows of resources	es				
of \$1,620,138 related to pensions are not reported					
in the governmental funds					 (545,608)
Net Position of Governmental Activities					\$ 495,348

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

DEVENUE	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES: Local Sources: Local Tax Levy Tuition Miscellaneous	\$ 1,365,231 7,596 8,905	\$ -	\$ 1,365,231 7,596 8,905
Total Local Sources	1,381,732		1,381,732
State Sources Federal Sources	8,630,671	655,391	8,630,671 655,391
Total Revenues	10,012,403	655,391	10,667,794
EXPENDITURES: Current:			
Instruction Administration Support Services	4,414,710 3,995,422 2,743,134	453,840 152,376	4,868,550 3,995,422 2,895,510
Capital Outlay	126,824	49,175	175,999
Total Expenditures	11,280,090	655,391	11,935,481
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,267,687)		(1,267,687)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	2,276,992		2,276,992
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 1,009,305	\$ -	\$ 1,009,305

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Total net change in fund balances - governmental fund (from B-2)

\$ (1,267,687)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) which are different:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those assets which are capitalized are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current fiscal year.

Depreciation Expense Capital Outlay

\$ (30,883) 2,104

(28,779)

Pension costs associated with the PERS pension plan are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures in the year the school pension contribution is paid. However, on the statement of activities, the net difference between the current and prior year net pension liability is recognized.

(267,989)

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ (1,564,455)



Proprietary Fund Statement of Fund Net Position June 30, 2016

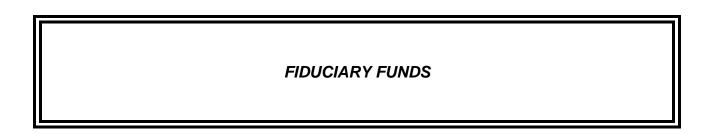
	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund								
		Food Service	_	chool Store		After Care		Total	
ASSETS:		OCI VICE		NOI 6		Cale		i Jiai	
Current Assets:									
Cash and Cash Equivalents Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:	\$	113,854	\$	-	\$	14,329	\$	128,183	
Federal		31,842						31,842	
State		382						382	
Other						1,870		1,870	
Total Current Assets		146,078				16,199		162,277	
Noncurrent Assets:									
Machinery and Equipment		26,887						26,887	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(8,374)						(8,374)	
Total Noncurrent Assets		18,513			-	-		18,513	
Total Assets	\$	164,591	\$		\$	16,199	\$	180,790	
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION Liabilities:									
Cash Overdraft	\$	_	\$	738	\$	_	\$	738	
Interfund Accounts Payable	Ψ	20,281	Ψ	750	Ψ		Ψ	20,281	
Total Liabilities		20,281		738		-		21,019	
Net Position:									
Unassigned		144,310		(738)		16,199		159,771	
Total Net Position		144,310		(738)		16,199		159,771	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	164,591	\$	_	\$	16,199	\$	180,790	

Proprietary Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund							
	<u> </u>	Food	School Store			After		
	;	Service				Care		Total
OPERATING REVENUES:								
Charges for Services:	Φ.	70.400	Φ.		•		Φ.	70.400
Daily Sales Reimbursable Program	\$	76,132	\$	-	\$	40.044	\$	76,132
Daily Sales Non-reimbursable Program	-					16,214		16,214
Total Operating Revenues		76,132				16,214		92,346
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Salaries		163,927				-		163,927
Management Fees		8,403						8,403
Supplies and Materials		22,505			15			22,520
Depreciation Expense		4,745						4,745
Cost of Sales		217,483						217,483
Miscellaneous Expenses		21,046						21,046
Total Operating Expenses		438,109				15		438,124
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(361,977)				16,199		(345,778)
NONOPERATING REVENUES:								
State Source:								
State School Breakfast/Lunch Program		5,678						5,678
Federal Source:		440.000						440.000
National School Breakfast/Lunch/Snack Program		413,098						413,098
Total Nonoperating Revenues		418,776						418,776
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		56,799		-		16,199		72,998
TOTAL NET POSITION, JULY 1		87,511		(738)				86,773
TOTAL NET POSITION, JUNE 30	\$	144,310	\$	(738)	\$	16,199	\$	159,771

Proprietary Fund Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund							
	Food Service			School Store	After			T-4-1
		Service		Store		Care		Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash Received from Customers Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	\$	76,132 (464,226)	\$	-	\$	16,214 (15)	\$	92,346 (464,241)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities		(388,094)				16,199		(371,895)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Cash Received From State And Federal Reimbursements		418,776						418,776
Net Cash Provided By Noncapital Financing Activities		418,776						418,776
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Acquisition And Construction Of Capital Assets	_	(18,990)						(18,990)
Net Cash Used For Capital And Related Financing Activities		(18,990)						(18,990)
Net Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalents		11,692		-		16,199		27,891
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning Of Year		102,162		(738)		(1,870)		99,554
Cash And Cash Equivalents, End Of Year	\$	113,854	\$	(738)	\$	14,329	\$	127,445
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities: Operating Profit (Loss) Used for Operating Activities Depreciation Change In Assets And Liabilities: Decrease In Receivables (Decrease) In Interfund Payable	\$	(361,977) 4,745 15,862 (46,724)	\$	-	\$	16,199	\$	(345,778) 4,745 15,862 (46,724)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	\$	(388,094)	\$	-	\$	16,199	\$	(371,895)



Fiduciary Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2016

	lgency Fund
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Student Activities	\$ 5,043 7,642
Total Assets	\$ 12,685
LIABILITIES: Interfund Accounts Payable	\$ 12,685
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,685

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE I: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of Passaic Arts and Science Charter School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body responsible for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. In its accounting and financial reporting, the Charter School follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The more significant accounting policies of the Charter School are described below.

For the fiscal year 2016, the Charter School implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68." GASB 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and expense/expenditure.

B. Reporting Entity

The Charter School is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, established in 2002 to operate and maintained a public school under a charter granted by the State of New Jersey. The Charter School consists of seven members and must comply with the Charter School Program Act of 1995 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity are set forth in Statement No. 14 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board entitled "The Financial Reporting Entity" (GASB 14) as codified in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. Under GASB Statement No. 14, the financial reporting entity is determined by the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds and account groups of the Charter School over which it exercises

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

B. Reporting Entity (Continued)

operating control. The operations of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School includes three schools an elementary, middle and high school. There are no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the Charter School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

C. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements</u>

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School. These statements include the financial activities of the Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the Charter School and for each function of the Charter School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses are allocated to the functions using an appropriate allocation method or association with the specific function. Indirect expenses include health benefits, employer's share of payroll taxes, compensated absences and tuition reimbursements.

Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each government function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u>

The financial transactions of the Charter School are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Charter School:

Governmental Fund Types

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Charter School.

<u>General Fund</u> – The general fund is the general operating fund of the Charter School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay subfund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School includes budgeted Capital Outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, charter school taxes and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by board resolution.

NOTE I: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u> (Continued)

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major capital projects, Debt Service or the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to finance major property acquisition, construction and improvement programs.

<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> - The focus of Proprietary Fund measurement is upon determination of net income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The generally accepted accounted principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the Proprietary Funds of the Charter School:

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> – The Enterprise Funds are utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Charter School is that the costs (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or, where the Charter School has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u> (Continued)

Governments should establish a policy that defines operating revenues and expenses that is appropriate to the nature of the activity being reported, and use it consistently from period to period. Transactions for which cash flows are reported as capital and related financing activities, non-capital financing activities, or investing activities normally would not be reported as components of operating income.

The Charter School's Enterprise Fund are comprised of the Food Service Fund operations.

Depreciation of all exhaustive fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Food Service Fund:

Equipment 12 Years Light Trucks and Vehicle 4 Years Heavy Trucks and Vehicle 6 Years

In its accounting and financial reporting, the Charter School follows the pronouncements of the GASB and the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and its predecessor organizations issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Charter School's business-type activities and enterprise funds have elected not to apply the standards issued by the FASB after November 30, 1989.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements; however, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u> (Continued)

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Charter School enterprise funds are charges for daily sales of food, special functions and miscellaneous receipts. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u> - Fiduciary Funds are sued to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Charter School programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASBS No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expense of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

The Charter School's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (Unemployment Compensation and Agency). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be sued to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u> (Continued)

<u>Trust Funds</u> – The unemployment compensation fund is used to account for contributions from the Charter School and employees and interest earned on the balance as well as payments to the State for reimbursement of unemployment claims. Although there is no formal trust agreement, the State of New Jersey requires charter schools to include the unemployment compensation trust as a private-purpose trust fund in the fiduciary fund. The principal and income deposited into this fund are for the sole benefit of the specific individuals or former employees. The management of the Charter School is not involved in determining the amounts current employees contribute to the fund or amounts paid out by the fund. That determination is made by the State of New Jersey. The Unemployment Compensation Fund is recorded as a trust fund because there is no debt issued related to unemployment compensation claims.

Agency Funds (*Payroll, Payroll Agency and Student Activity*): The agency funds are used to account for the assets that the Charter School holds on behalf of others as their agent. These are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

In accordance with GASB Statement 34, fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Charter School gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include state and federal aid, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations.

Government funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

E. <u>Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)</u>

The Charter School considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

F. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles with the exception of legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The following presents a reconciliation of the special revenue funds from the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis of accounting:

Total Revenues & Expenditures	
(Budgetary Basis)	\$ 655,391
Adjustments:	
Less Encumbrances at June 30, 2016	-
Plus Encumbrances at June 30, 2015	
Total Revenues and Expenditures	
(GAAP Basis)	\$ 655,391

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

F. <u>Budgets/Budgetary Control (Continued)</u>

The General Fund budgetary revenue differs from GAAP revenue due to a difference in recognition of the June state aid payments for the current year. Since the State is recording the June state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the Charter School cannot recognize these payments on the GAAP financial statements.

The reconciliation of the general and special revenue funds from the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis of accounting is presented on Note A in the Required Supplementary Information Section.

The Capital Projects Fund budgetary revenue differs from GAAP revenue due to a difference in the recognition of SDA grants receivable. SDA grants are recognized on the budgetary basis in full when they are awarded but are recognized on the GAAP basis as they are expended and requested for reimbursement.

G. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflow/Inflows of Resources, Net Position and Fund Equity</u> –

1. Deposits and Investments

Deposits are cash and cash equivalents including petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Other than Certificates of Deposit, deposits with maturities of greater than three months are considered to be Investments. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey charter schools are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statute 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey charter schools.

Additionally, the Charter School had adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provision of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

G. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflow/Inflows of Resources, Net Position and Fund Equity (Continued)</u>

2. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

Short-term interfund receivables/payables represents amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the Charter School and that are due within one year.

3. Inventories

Inventories, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on the following assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 years
Land Improvements	10-20 years
Other Infrastructure	10-50 years

Land and Construction in Progress are not depreciated.

GASB No. 34 requires the Charter School to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets include roads, parking lots, underground pipe, etc. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The Charter School has included all infrastructure assets in the current fiscal year.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

G. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflow/Inflows of Resources, Net Position and Fund Equity (Continued)</u>

5. Fund Equity

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent plans for future use of financial resources.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reports, amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

7. Net Position/Fund Balance

The Charter School implemented GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, during the current fiscal year. This statement defines net position as the residual of all other elements presented in statement of financial position. It is the difference between (1) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (2) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. This Statement provides guidance for reporting net position within a framework that includes deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, in addition to assets and liabilities.

In the Government-Wide Statements, there are three classes of net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

G. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflow/Inflows of Resources, Net Position and Fund Equity (Continued)</u>

<u>Restricted Net Position</u> – reports net position when constraints placed on the residual amount of noncapital assets are either imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> – any portion of net position not already classified as either net investment in capital assets or net position-restricted.

H. Fund Balance Reserves

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

<u>Unassigned</u> – Includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund. The Charter School reports all amounts that meet the unrestricted General Fund Balance Policy described below as unassigned:

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Charter School considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Charter School considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed.

I. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School implemented GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. As a result of implementing this statement, the Charter School is required to measure certain investments at fair value for financial reporting purposes. In addition, the Charter School is required to measure donated capital assets at acquisition value (an entry price); these assets were previously required to

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

I. <u>Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)</u>

Adopted Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

be measured at fair value. Statement No. 72 requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. Implementation of this Statement did not impact the Charter School's financial statements.

The Charter School implemented GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. Implementation of this Statement did not impact the Charter School's financial statements.

The Charter School implemented GASB Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments.* Implementation of this Statement did not impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as shown below:

Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. The objective of this Statement is to improve the usefulness of information about postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental OPEB plans for making decisions and assessing accountability. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all postemployment benefits (pensions and OPEB) with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2017. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

I. <u>Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)</u>

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This Statements replaces the requirements of Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions, as amended, and No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agency Employers and Agent Multi-Employer Plans, for OPEB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for OPEB Plans. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2018. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures. This Statement requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose information about those agreements. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2017. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 78, Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans. The objective of this Statement is to address a practice issue regarding the scope and applicability of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2017. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2017. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14. The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement amends the blending requirements established in paragraph 53 of Statement

NOTE I: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

I. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity, as amended.* This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2018. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2018. Management does not expect this Statement to impact the Charter School's financial statements.

Statement No. 82, Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, 68 and 73. The objective of this Statement is to address certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within The Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. This Statement will be effective for the year ended June 30, 2018. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the Charter School's financial statements.

J. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net pension of the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the PERS's and TPAF's net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS and the TPAF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Pension Plan investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE II: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING ASSETS AND REVENUES</u>

A. Deposits and Investments

Deposits

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Savings Association Insurance Fund or by any other agencies of the United States that insure deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. Seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. Public depositories include savings and loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks of which the deposits are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

As of June 30, 2016, cash and cash equivalents of the Charter School consisted of the following:

	(General	,	Special	Proprie	etary	Fi	duciary	
		Fund	F	Revenue	Fun	ds	F	unds	 Total
Operating									
Account	\$	643,867	\$	157,770	\$ 127	,445	\$	5,043	\$ 934,125

The Charter School had no investments at June 30, 2016.

The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2016 was \$934,125 and the bank balance was \$1,210,992. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) and/or by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by GUDPA.

NOTE II: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING ASSETS AND REVENUES</u> (CONTINUED)

Deposits (Continued)

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* ("GASB 40"), the Charter School's operating cash accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the Charter School would not be able to recover the value of its deposits and investments). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollaterized (securities not pledged to the depositor), collateralized with securities held by a pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name.

As of June 30, 2016, none of the cash and cash equivalents for Passaic Arts and Science Charter School were exposed to custodial credit risk.

The Charter School does not have a policy for the management of custodial credit risk, except as noted above, other than depositing all of its funds in banks covered by GUDPA.

<u>Investments</u>

New Jersey statutes (N.J.S.A.18A:20-37) permit the Charter School to purchase the following types of securities:

- a. When authorized by resolution adopted by a majority vote of all its board members, the Charter School may use moneys which may be in hand for the purchase of the following types of securities, which, if suitable for registry, may be registered in the name of the Charter School;
 - Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
 - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
 - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest no dependent on any index or other external factor;
 - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the charter school or bonds or other obligations of local unit or units within which the charter school is located:

NOTE II: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING ASSETS AND REVENUES</u> (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by charter schools;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4) or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if:
 - a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days; and
 - d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in Section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41) and for which a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

<u>Credit Risk</u>: The Charter School does not have an investment policy regarding the management of credit risk. GASB 40 requires that disclosures be made as to the credit rating of all debt security investments except for obligations of the U.S. government or investments guaranteed by the U.S. government. The Charter School did not have any investments at June 30, 2016.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>: The Charter School does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Charter School did not have any investments at June 30, 2016.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>: The Charter School places no limit on the amount they may invest in any one issuer. The Charter School did not have any investments at June 30, 2016.

NOTE II: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING ASSETS AND REVENUES</u> (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2016, consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, grants, and miscellaneous.

All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Gov	ernmental	Gov	ernmental
		Fund		Wide
	F	inancial	F	inancial
	St	atements	St	atements
State Aid	\$	85,591	\$	85,973
Federal Aid		92,907		124,749
Other		99,032		100,902
Gross Receivables		277,530		311,624
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles		-		-
Total Receivables, Net	\$	277,530	\$	311,624

A. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Transfers between funds are used to repay expenses paid by another fund.

The following interfund balances remained on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2016:

	li	nterfund	I	nterfund
Fund	R	eceivable		Payable
General Fund	\$	225,087	\$	-
Special Revenue Fund				192,121
Proprietary Fund				20,281
Fiduciary Fund				12,685
Total	\$	225,087	\$	225,087

NOTE II: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING ASSETS AND REVENUES</u> (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

B. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance Additions		dditions	Retirements		Ending salance
Governmental Activities:						
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:						
Building and Building Improvements	\$ 14,500	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 14,500
Machinery and Equipment	 138,158		2,104			140,262
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	152,658		2,104		-	154,762
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:						
Building and Building Improvements	10,150		2,900		-	13,050
Machinery and Equipment	 82,078		27,983			110,061
Total Accumulated Depreciation	92,228		30,883		-	123,111
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated,						
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	 60,430		(28,779)		-	31,651
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	\$ 60,430	\$	(28,779)	\$	-	\$ 31,651
Business-Type Activities:						
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:						
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 7,897	\$	18,990	\$	-	\$ 26,887
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,629)		(4,745)		-	(8,374)
Enterprise Fund Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,268	\$	14,245	\$	-	\$ 18,513

Depreciation expense of \$30,883 was charged to functions as follows:

Instructional	\$ 7,933
Administration	19,115
Support	935
Unallocated	2,900
Total	\$ 30,883

On January 11, 2001, the NJ State Department of Education announced that effective July 1, 2001, the capitalization threshold used by charter schools in the State of New Jersey is increased to \$2,000. The previous threshold was \$500. Applying the higher capitalization threshold retroactively (removal of old assets from the General Fixed Assets Account Group) will be permitted by the State regulations in situations where (1) the assets have been fully depreciated, or (2) the assets have exceeded their useful lives. The retirement of machinery and equipment is due to the retroactive application of the higher threshold of equipment capitalization. That is, the Charter School has removed from their records assets with a historical cost greater than \$500 but not greater than \$2,000 that were fully depreciated or had exceeded their useful lives.

NOTE III: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURES REGARDING LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES</u>

Rental Leases

The school leases classroom and office space at 40 Tulip Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The lease is for sixty (60) months commencing July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		Amount		
2017	\$	360,000		
2018		384,000		
2019		384,000		
2020		384,000		
Total future minimum lease payments	\$	1,512,000		

In addition, the school leases classroom and office space at 10 St. Francis Way, Passaic, New Jersey under a lease agreement for four (4) years commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015. The school exercised its option on the building to extend the lease until June 30, 2020. The option calls for an adjustment for the cumulative percentage of the Consumer Price Index. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		Amount		
2017	\$	438,576		
2018		451,733		
2019		465,285		
2020		479,244		
Total future minimum lease payments	\$	1,834,838		

In addition, the school leases classroom and office space at 6 Wall Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The lease is for sixty (60) months commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		Amount
2017	\$	229,200
2018		248,300
2019		267,400
2020		286,500
Total future minimum lease payments	\$	1,031,400

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS

Substantially all the Board's employees participate in one of the two contributory, defined benefit public employee systems: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) or the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) of New Jersey; or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP).

A. <u>Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)</u>

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees; Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Benefits Provided

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier	Descriptions
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a members retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 50 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 15A and required contributions by active members and contributing members. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability.

The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. There were no Charter School contributions to PERS for fiscal year 2016.

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

At June 30, 2016, the Charter School reported a liability of \$ 1,322,492 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the Charter School's proportion was 0.00706356%. There was no proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Charter School recognized no pension expense of \$58,231. At June 30, 2015, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred related to pensions from the following sources.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Changes in Assumptions	\$	228,903	\$	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		50,850		
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				34,270
	\$	279,753	\$	34,270

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows resources (excluding employer specific amounts including changes in proportion) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	
June 30,	Total
2016	\$ 44,690
2017 2018	44,690 44,690
2019	71,176
2020	40,236
	,
	\$ 245,483

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2015 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2014 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2014. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate 3.04%

Salary Increases:

2012-2021 2.15-4.40% based on age Thereafter 3.15-5.40% based on age

Investment Rate of Return 7.90%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Tables (setback 1 year for females) with adjustments for mortality improvements from the base year of 2012 based on Projection Scale AA. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Tables (setback 3 years for males and setback 1 year for females) are used to value disabled retirees.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pension and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

Long Term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	5.00%	1.04%
Core Bonds	1.75%	1.64%
Intermediate-Term Bonds	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgage	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.25%
Broad U.S. Equities	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foregn Equities	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	4.25%	5.12%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.39% and 5.55% as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, respectively. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.9% and a municipal bond rate of 4.29% and 4.63% as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, respectively based on the Bond Buyer Go 20 Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contributions made in relation to the last five years of recommended contributions. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2033. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

Sensitivity of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2015 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Fiscal	Year En	ded June 30, 201	.5					
			1%					
	Decrease (3.90%)			scount Rate		Increase		
				(4.90%)	(5.90%)			
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net								
Pension Liability	\$	2,649,163	\$	2,131,475	\$	1,697,450		
Fiscal	Year En	ded June 30, 201	4					
		1%		Current		1%		
		Decrease	Di	scount Rate		Increase		
		(4.39%) (5.39%)				(6.39%)		
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net								
Pension Liability	\$	1,663,740	\$	1,322,492	\$	1,035,931		

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial statements.

B. Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Pension Description

The State of New Jersey, Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, by which the State of New Jersey (the State) is responsible fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. The TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the TPAF, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Benefit Provided

The vesting and benefit provision are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested of 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, member's beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the member's accounts. The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

Tier	Descriptions
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tier 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have a least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

Contributions

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which included the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For Fiscal year 2014 and 2013, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarially determined amount.

Special Funding Situation

The Employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers, such as the Charter School.

This note discloses the portion of the Charter School's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Charter School. During the fiscal year ended 2016, the State of New Jersey contributed 17,630 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Charter School, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$86,754

The employee contribution rate was 7.06% effective July 1, 2015. Subsequent increases after October 1, 2011 are being phased in over 7 years effective on each July 1st to bring the total pension contribution rate to 7.5% of base salary as of July 1, 2018.

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

As June 30, 2016, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School was \$ 10,202,719. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015.

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, Charter School's proportion was 0.0161425%, which was an increase of 0.0161425% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

Total	\$ 10,202,719
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	10,202,719
Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the State recognized pension expense on behalf of the Charter School in the amount of \$86,754 and the Charter School recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 financial statements.

The State reported collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 7,200,153,386	\$	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	321,224,871		19,039,817
Changes in Proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	117,933,318		117,933,318
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual			
Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments			535,359,188
	\$ 7,639,311,575	\$	672,332,323

The \$ 7,639,311,575 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from changes in assumptions will be amortized over a period of 8.5 years. The 7,639,311,575 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from changes in assumptions will amortized over a period of 8.5 years. The \$ 672,332,323 reported as a deferred inflow of resources resulting from the difference between projected and actual.

Total						
\$ 818,433,596 818,433,596						
818,433,598						
1,253,742,742						
1,061,100,680						
2,196,835,040						
\$ 6,966,979,252						

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2015 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate 2.50%

Salary Increases:

2012-2021 Varies based on experience
Thereafter Varies based on experience

Investment Rate of Return 7.90%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Health Annuitant Mortality Tables for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA. Pre-retirement mortality improvements for active members are projected using Scale AA from the base year of 200 until the valuation date plus 15 years to account for future mortality improvement. Post-retirement mortality improvements for non-disabled annuitants are projected using Scale AA from the base year of 2000 for males and 2003 for females until the valuation date plus 7 years to account future mortality improvement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension investments (7.90% at June 30, 2015) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pension and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Long Term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)

real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 is summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
		Expected Real
	Target	Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
US Cash	5.00%	0.53%
US Government Bonds	1.75%	1.39%
US Credit Bonds	13.50%	2.72%
US Mortgages	2.10%	2.54%
US Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	1.47%
US High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.57%
U.S. Equity Markets	27.25%	5.63%
Foreign Developed Equity	12.00%	6.22%
Emerging Market Equities	6.40%	8.46%
Private Real Estate Property	4.25%	3.97%
Timber	1.00%	4.09%
Farmland	1.00%	4.61%
Private Equity	9.25%	9.15%
Commodities	1.00%	3.58%
Hedge Funds- Multi Strategy	4.00%	4.59%
Hedge Funds- Equity Hedge	4.00%	5.68%
Hedge Funds- Distressed	4.00%	4.30%

NOTE IV: <u>PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)</u>

<u>Sensitivity of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</u>

The following presents the net pension liability of the State as of June 30, 2015 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the State's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

For the F	iscal Y	ear Ended June 3	0, 2015	5			
		1%		Current	1%		
		Decrease	D	iscount Rate	Increase		
	(3.13%)			(4.13%)	(5.13%)		
Charter School's proportionate share of the							
Net Pension Liability	\$	12,197,223	\$	10,259,797	\$ 8,596,600		
For the F	iscal Y	ear Ended June 3	0, 2014	1			
		1%		Current	1%		
		Decrease	D	iscount Rate	Increase		
		(3.68%)		(4.68%)	 (5.68%)		
Charter School's proportionate share of the							
Net Pension Liability	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -		

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - TPAF

Detailed information about the TPAF's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TPAF financial statements.

C. <u>Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)</u>

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

NOTE IV: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) (Continued)</u>

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

The contribution policy is set by the New Jersey Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by the State of New Jersey regulation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for costof-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

For DCRP, the Charter School recognized no pension expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. There were no employee contributions to DCRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

NOTE V: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

P.L. 1987, c.384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required Teachers' Pensions and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), respectively, to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those state employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. P.L. 2007, c.103 amended the law to eliminate the funding of post-retirement medical benefits through the TPAF and PERS. It created separate funds outside of the pension plans for the funding and payment of post-retirement medical benefits for retired state employees and retired educational employees. As of June 30, 2015, there were 107,314

NOTE V: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

retirees receiving post-retirement medical benefits, and the State contributed \$1.25 billion on their behalf. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a prefunding basis to a payas-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

The State is also responsible for the cost attributable to P.L. 1992 c.126, which provides employer paid health benefits to members of PERS and the Alternate Benefit Program who retired from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service. The State paid \$214.1 million toward Chapter 126 benefits for 19,056 eligible retired members in Fiscal Year 2015.

The school contributes to the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/substance abuse, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to: State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or by visiting their website at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/gasb43-sept2008.pdf.

The Charter School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

NOTE VI: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Charter School is a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group, Educational Risk and Insurance Consortium (the Consortium). The Consortium is both an insured and self-administered group of Charter Schools established for the purpose of providing certain low-cost workers' compensation, employees' liability, automobile and equipment liability, general liability and boiler and machinery insurance coverage for member Charter Schools in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum. The Charter School pays an annual assessment to the Consortium and should it be determined that payments received by the Consortium are deficient, additional assessments may be levied. Additionally, the Consortium maintains a contract of excess insurance with a commercial reinsuror to secure the payment of benefits.

The Charter School continues to carry commercial insurance coverage for all other risks of loss, including health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Charter School has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method." Under this plan, the Charter School is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Charter School is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

Fiscal Year	S	narter chool <u>ributions</u>	mployee htributions_	mount mbursed	nding lance
2015-2016 2014-2015	\$	-	\$ - -	\$ -	\$ -
2013-2014		-	44,846	44,846	-

NOTE VII: <u>DETAILED DISCLOSURE REGARDING FUND EQUITY</u>

General Fund

General Fund balance at June 30, 2016 is \$1,009,305 and unassigned

NOTE VIII: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's management has informed us that there are no significant events that need to be disclosed after the balance sheet date through the date of audit.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

 ${\it SECTION}~C-BUDGETARY~COMPARISON~SCHEDULE$

General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

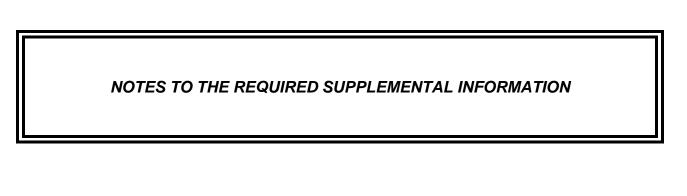
	Original Budget		Budget Transfers	Final Budget				Variance Final to Actual		
REVENUES: Local Levy Budget:				_						
"Local Levy Budget. "Local Levy" Local Share-Charter School Aid	\$	1,410,647	\$ -	\$ 1,410,647	\$	1,365,231	\$	(45,416)		
Total Local Levy Budget		1,410,647	 	 1,410,647	_	1,365,231		(45,416)		
Categorical Aid:										
"Local Levy" State Share-Charter School Aid		7,552,267		7,552,267		7,598,380		46,113		
Special Education Aid Security Aid		239,562 (320,652)		239,562 (320,652)		156,155 279,787		(83,407) 600,439		
Occurry Aid		(320,032)		 (320,032)	_	213,101		000,433		
Total Categorical Aid		7,471,177	 -	 7,471,177	_	8,034,322		563,145		
Revenues From Other Sources: Miscellaneous Revenue Reimbursed TPAF Social Security						16,501		16,501		
Contributions (Non-Budgeted) Reimbursed TPAF Pension						253,368		253,368		
Contributions (Non-Budgeted)			 	 		342,981		342,981		
Total Revenues From Other Sources		-	 	 <u>-</u>		612,850		269,869		
Total Revenues		8,881,824	 -	 8,881,824		10,012,403		787,598		
EXPENDITURES:										
Instruction:		0.070.000	(407.044)	0.000.745		0.045.045		00.000		
Salaries of Teachers Other Salaries for Instruction		3,070,689 398,349	(187,944) 318,055	2,882,745 716,404		2,845,945 716,404		36,800		
Purchased Prof/Tech Services		98,500	(32,821)	65,679		60.005		5,674		
Other Purchased Services		68,200	(5,720)	62,480		59,404		3,076		
General Supplies		483,505	138,261	621,766		610,181		11,585		
Textbooks		80,000	(52,016)	27,984		27,984		´-		
Miscellaneous		55,000	 57,093	 112,093		94,787		17,306		
Total Instruction		4,254,243	 234,908	 4,489,151		4,414,710		74,441		
Administration:										
Salaries - General Administration		542,975	59,324	602,299		602,299		-		
Salaries of Secretarial/Clerical Assistants		175,620	6,682	182,302		177,679		4,623		
Total Benefits Cost		1,110,403	20,855	1,131,258		1,089,205		42,053		
Purchases Prof/Tech Services		1,202,275	233,612	1,435,887		1,420,205		15,682		
Communications/Telephone		63,650	(22,910)	40,740		27,005		13,735		
Travel		7,000	(5,122)	1,878		644		1,234		
Supplies and Materials Miscellaneous Expenses		45,000 24,780	(3,163) 22,303	41,837 47,083		39,953 42,083		1,884 5,000		
iviiscellarieous Experises		24,780	 22,303	 41,003		42,063		5,000		
Total Administration		3,171,703	 311,581	 3,483,284		3,399,073		84,211		

General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Original Budget		Budget Transfers		Final Budget		Actual			ariance
(Continued from Prior Page)										
Support Services: Salaries	\$	632,443	\$	306,324	\$	938,767	\$	938,766	\$	1
Purchased Prof/Ed Services	Ф	141,735	Ф	95,707	Φ	237,442	Ф	202,631	Ф	34,811
Purchased Prof/Tech Services		43,500		347		43,847		40,778		3,069
Maintenance Services		141,600		35,160		176,760		171,793		4,967
Rental of Land and Buildings		1,025,802		(52,976)		972,826		972,826		-
Other Purchased Services				30,000		30,000		30,000		-
Transportation-Other Than To/From School		15,000		45,063		60,063		60,063		-
Insurance for Property, Liability and Fidelity		61,304		- (4.4.000)		61,304		54,799		6,505
Supplies and Materials		172,400		(14,000)		158,400 125,329		149,329 114,150		9,071 11,179
Energy Costs (Heat and Electricity) Miscellaneous Expenses		154,000 28,000		(28,671) (10,192)		17,808		7,999		9,809
Miscenarieous Expenses		20,000		(10,192)		17,000		7,999		9,609
Total Support Services		2,415,784		406,762		2,822,546		2,743,134		79,412
Capital Outlay:										
Instructional Equipment										
Non-Instructional Equipment		214,550	_	4,346	_	218,896		126,824		92,072
Total Capital Outlay		214,550		4,346		218,896		126,824		92,072
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security										
Contributions (Non-Budgeted)								253,368		(253,368)
Reimbursed TPAF Pension								0.40.004		(0.40,004)
Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				-				342,981		(342,981)
Total Expenditures		10,056,280		957,597		11,013,877		11,280,090		76,768
Evenes (Definionary) of Boyonuss										
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(1,174,456)		(957,597)		(2,132,053)		(1,267,687)		864,366
Over (Order) Experiancies		(1,174,400)		(557,557)		(2,132,033)		(1,207,007)		004,300
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1		2,276,992				2,276,992		2,276,992		
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$	1,102,536	\$	(957,597)	\$	144,939	\$	1,009,305	\$	864,366
Recapitulation of Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
Over (Under) Expenditures										
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$	1,102,536	\$	(957,597)	\$	144,939	\$	1,009,305	\$	864,366
Total	\$	1,102,536	\$	(957,597)	\$	144,939	\$	1,009,305	\$	864,366

Special Revenue Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Original Budget		Budget Transfers		Final Budget		Actual		Variance Final to Actual	
REVENUE SOURCES: Federal	\$ 632,369	\$	28,630	\$	660,999	\$	655,391	\$	(5,608)	
Total Revenues	 632,369		28,630		660,999		655,391		(5,608)	
EXPENDITURES: Instruction:										
Salaries	342,159		(107,372)		234,787		234,787		-	
Other Salaries for Instruction			132,061		132,061		132,061		-	
General Supplies	87,778		(1,411)		86,367		86,017		350	
Other Objects	 975				975		975			
Total Instruction	 430,912		23,278		454,190		453,840		350	
Support Services:										
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	68,031		6,420		74,451		74,451		-	
Purchased Technical Services	55,410		(1,068)		54,342		49,351		4,991	
Other Purchased Services	28,841		, ,		28,841		28,574		267	
Total Support Services	 152,282		5,352		157,634		152,376		5,258	
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services: Instructional Equipment	 49,175		<u>-</u>		49,175		49,175		_	
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	 49,175		<u>-</u>		49,175		49,175			
Total Expenditures	632,369		28,630		660,999		655,391		5,608	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ _	\$	_	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$		

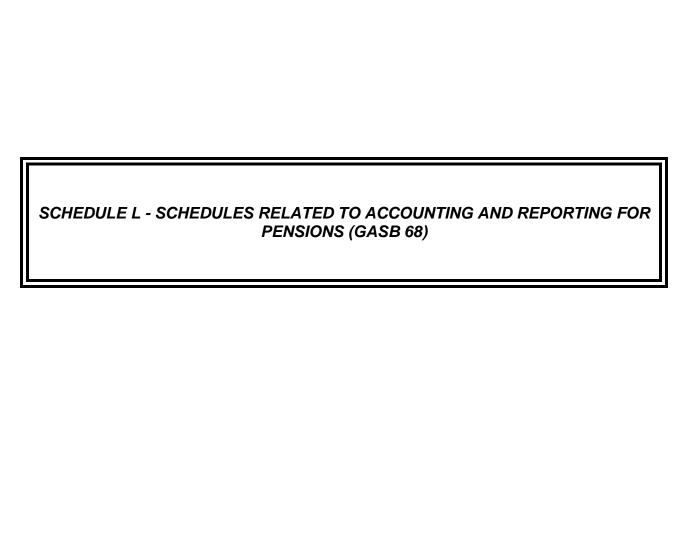


Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Note to RSI Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	[C-1] \$ 10,012,403 [C-	2] \$ 655,391
Difference - Budget to GAAP Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized		
Total revenues as reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	[B-2] <u>\$ 10,012,403</u> [B-	2] \$ 655,391
Uses/Outflows of resources Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] \$ 11,280,090 [C-	2] \$ 655,391
Differences - Budget to GAAP: Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial accounting purposes.		
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	[B-2] <u>\$ 11,280,090</u> [B-	2] <u>\$ 655,391</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III



PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS UNAUDITED

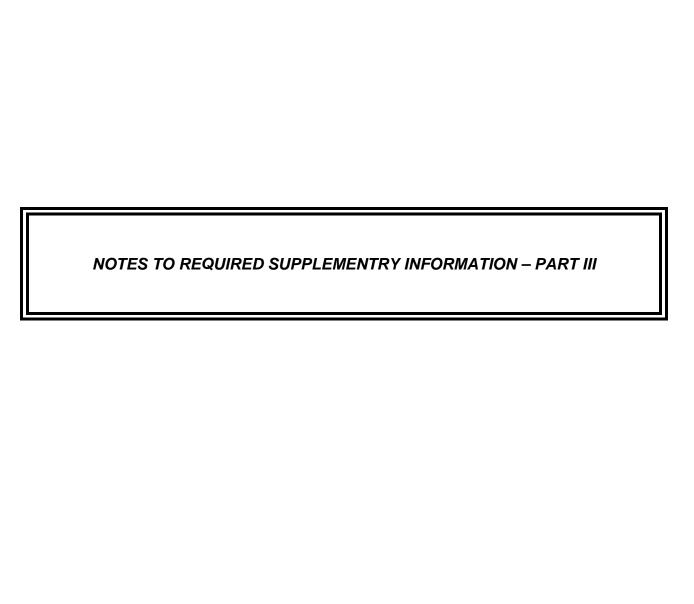
	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,							
	2014		2015	2016				
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability	N/A		0.007063563%		0.009495170%			
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	N/A	\$	1,322,492	\$	2,131,475			
Charter School's covered employees payroll	N/A	\$	668,593	\$	2,052,344			
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	N/A		198%		104%			
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	N/A		52.08%		47.93%			

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 2015 2016 81,633 Contractually required contribution N/A \$ 78,372 \$ Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution N/A (78,372)(81,633) Contribution deficiency/(excess) N/A Charter School's covered employee payroll \$ 668,593 \$ 2,052,344 N/A Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll N/A 11.72% 3.98%

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS UNAUDITED

		0,	,		
	2014	2015		2016	
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the Charter School	N/A	0.0000000%		0.01614245%	
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Charter School	N/A	\$ -	\$	10,202,719	
CS / District's covered employees payroll	N/A	\$ 2,369,291	\$	3,822,883	
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	N/A	0.00%		266.89%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	N/A	33.64%		28.71%	



PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 5.55% as of June 30, 2014 to 5.39% as of June 30, 2015 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 4.95% as of June 30, 2014 to 4.68% as of June 30, 2015 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SECTION E - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than expandable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Schedule of Program Revenues and Expenditures - Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

DELVENIE COLIDORS.	NCLB Title I		NCLB Title III	= -	I.D.E.A. Part B	I.D.E.A. Preschool	2 F &	NCLB Title II Part A		Grand Total
REVENUE SOUNCES. Federal	\$ 509,117	€9	11,457	s	130,408	705	s	3,704	s	655,391
Total Revenues	509,117		11,457		130,408	705		3,704		655,391
EXPENDITURES: Instruction: Salaries Other Salaries for Instruction General Supplies Other Objects	234,787 18,000 75,293		10,724		114,061					234,787 132,061 86,017 975
Total Instruction	328,080		10,724		115,036					453,840
Support Services: Personal Services - Employee Benefits Other Purchased Prof/Tech Services Other Purchased Services	65,725 42,000 24,137.00		733		8,726	705		3,704		74,451 49,351 28,574
Total Support Services	131,862		733		15,372	705		3,704		152,376
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services: Instructional Equipment	49,175									49,175
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	49,175									49,175
Total Expenditures	509,117		11,457		130,408	705		3,704		655,391
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	€	65		65		· <i>Θ</i>	€:		65	

SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Charter School's board is that the costs of providing goods or services be financed through user charges.

Food Services Fund – The fund provides for the operation of food services in all schools within the Charter School.

THIS SECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS B-4, B-5, AND B-6.

SECTION H – FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for funds received by the school for a specific purpose.

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Charter School as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

Student Activity Fund – This agency fund is used to account for student funds held at the schools.

Payroll Fund – this agency fund is used to account for payroll transactions of the Charter School.

Fiduciary Funds
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
As of June 30, 2016

			Age	ency		
		ayroll gency	 Net Payroll		Student ctivities	 Total Agency Fund
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Student Activities	\$	179	\$ 62	\$	4,802 7,642	\$ 5,043 7,642
Total Current Assets	\$	179	\$ 62	\$	12,444	\$ 12,685
LIABILITIES Liabiliites: Interfund Accounts Payable	_\$	179	\$ 62	\$	12,444	\$ 12,685
Total Liabilities	\$	179	\$ 62	\$	12,444	\$ 12,685

Fiduciary Funds Student Activity Agency Fund Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

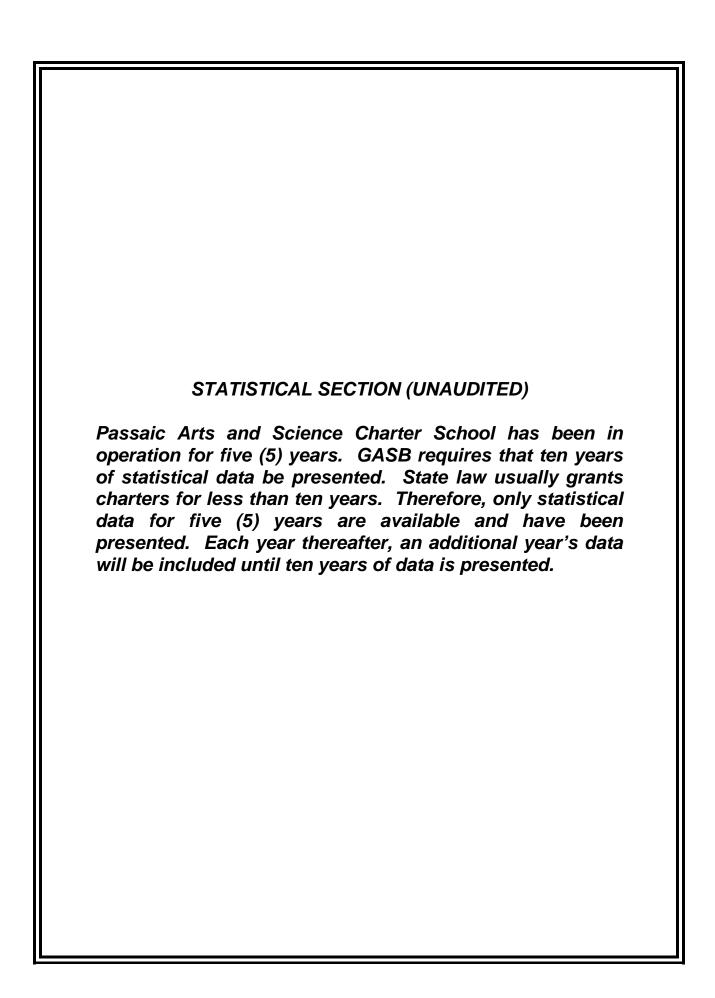
	Balance y 1, 2015			 eletions	Balance June 30, 2016		
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Student Activities	\$ 4,843 9,078	\$	26,452 (26,452)	\$ 26,493 (25,016)	\$	4,802 7,642	
Total Assets	\$ 13,921	\$		\$ 1,477	\$	12,444	
LIABILITIES: Interfund Accounts Payable	\$ 13,921	\$		\$ 1,477	\$	12,444	
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,921	\$	_	\$ 1,477	\$	12,444	

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PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Fiduciary Funds
Payroll Agency Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Salance y 1, 2015	Additions	Balance June 30, 2016	
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 46,866	\$ 2,580,647	\$ 2,627,334	\$ 179
Total Assets	\$ 46,866	\$ 2,580,647	\$ 2,627,334	\$ 179
LIABILITIES: Interfund Accounts Payable Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	\$ 46,866	\$ - 2,580,647	\$ 46,687 2,580,647	\$ 179
Total Liabilities	\$ 46,866	\$ 2,580,647	\$ 2,627,334	\$ 179



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Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the charter school's financial performance and well being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity (Not Applicable To Charter School)

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the Charter School's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the charter school's current levels of outstanding debt and the charter school's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the charter school's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the charter school's financial report relates to the services the Charter School provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR) for the relevant year. The charter school implemented GASB Statement 34 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; schedules presenting charter school-wide information include information beginning in that year.



Net Position by Component Last Five Fiscal Years (Accrual Basis of Accounting) (Unaudited)

		2016		2015		2014	2013	 2012
Governmental Activities Net Investment in Capital Assets Assigned	\$	31,651	\$	90,962 8,015	\$	77,052 8,492	\$ 99,067 32,934	\$ (99,067) 15,850
Unassigned		463,697		1,960,827		1,847,501	1,749,021	1,065,201
Total Governmental Activities Net Assets/Position	\$	495,348	\$	2,059,804	\$	1,933,045	\$ 1,881,022	\$ 981,984
Business-Type Activities	_		_		_			
Unassigned	\$	159,771	\$	86,773	\$	74,056	 75,496	 14,001
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	\$	159,771	\$	86,773	\$	74,056	\$ 75,496	\$ 14,001
Charter School-wide								
Net Investment in Capital Assets Assigned	\$	31,651	\$	90,962 8,015	\$	77,052 8,492	\$ 99,067 32,934	\$ (99,067) 15,850
Unassigned		623,468		2,047,600		1,921,557	1,824,517	1,079,202
Total Charter School Net Position	\$	655,119	\$	2,146,577	\$	2,007,101	\$ 1,956,518	\$ 995,985

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL
Changes in Net Position
Last Five Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)

		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Expenses					,,	
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$	5,625,957	\$ 3,784,056	\$ 3,292,064	\$ 2,390,779	\$ 2,291,837
Administration		3,138,242	1,977,141	1,358,181	934,633	622,482
Support Services		3,135,100	1,920,467	1,944,254	1,109,616	982,690
Capital Outlay		173,895		13,319	472,602	79,274
Unallocated Depreciation		2,900	2,900	2,900	22,015	11,007
Total Governmental Activities Expenses		12,076,094	7,684,564	6,610,718	4,929,645	3,987,290
Business-Type Activities:						
Food Service and Before & After School Care		438,124	339,918	360,926	203,118	188,052
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses		438,124	339,918	360,926	203,118	188,052
Total Charter School Expenses	\$	12,514,218	\$ 8,024,482	\$ 6,971,644	\$ 5,132,763	\$ 4,175,342
Program Revenues						
Governmental Activities:						
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	156,155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Governmental Activities Expenses		156,155			-	-
Business-Type Activities:						
Charges for Services		92,346	57,760	66,959	61,394	195,538
Operating Grants and Contributions		418,776	294,875	292,527	203,219	6,515
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses		511,122	352,635	359,486	264,613	202,053
Total Charter School Program Revenues	\$	667,277	\$ 352,635	\$ 359,486	\$ 264,613	\$ 202,053
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Governmental Activities	\$	(12,076,094)	\$ (7,684,564)	\$ (6,610,718)	\$ (4,929,645)	\$ (3,987,290)
Business-Type Activities	•	72,998	12,717	(1,440)	61,495	14,001
Total Charter School-wide Net Expense	\$	(12,003,096)	\$ (7,671,847)	\$ (6,612,158)	\$ (4,868,150)	\$ (3,973,289)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position						
Governmental Activities:						
General Purposes	\$	1,365,231	\$ 1,071,366	\$ 907,165	\$ 772,927	\$ 579,668
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	•	9,129,907	6,705,187	5,733,013	5,035,769	4,369,340
Tuition		7,596	, ,		, ,	, ,
Miscellaneous Income		8,905	34,769	22,563	19,987	20,266
Total Governmental Activities		10,511,639	7,811,322	6,662,741	5,828,683	4,969,274
Total Charter School-wide	\$	10,511,639	\$ 7,811,322	\$ 6,662,741	\$ 5,828,683	\$ 4,969,274
Change in Net Position						
Governmental Activities	\$	(1,564,455)	\$ 126,758	\$ 52,023	\$ 899,038	\$ 981,984
Business-Type Activities	*	72,998	12,717	(1,440)	61,495	14,001
Total Charter School	\$	(1,491,457)	\$ 139,475	\$ 50,583	\$ 960,533	\$ 995,985
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Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Five Fiscal Years (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting) (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ending

			June 30,		
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
General Fund Assigned Unassigned	\$ - 1,009,305	\$ 8,015 2,268,977	\$ 8,492 1,833,592	\$ 32,934 1,771,036	\$ 15,850 867,067
Total General Fund	\$ 1,009,305	\$ 2,276,992	\$ 1,842,084	\$ 1,803,970	\$ 882,917

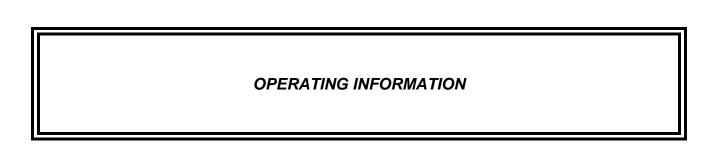
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Five Fiscal Years (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting) (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Revenues:					
Local Sources:					
Local Tax Levy	\$ 1,365,231	\$ 1,071,366	\$ 907,165	\$ 772,927	\$ 579,668
Tuition	7,596				
Miscellaneous	8,905	34,769	22,563	19,987	20,266
State Sources	8,630,671	6,283,727	5,289,319	4,699,160	4,244,171
Federal Sources	655,391	421,460	443,694	336,609	125,169
Total Revenues	10,667,794	7,811,322	6,662,741	5,828,683	4,969,274
Expenditures:					
Instruction	4,868,550	3,184,033	2,861,449	2,075,852	1,970,029
Administration	3,995,422	2,389,140	1,863,341	1,301,727	1,003,117
Support Services	2,895,510	1,803,241	1,843,935	1,057,449	923,863
Capital Outlay	175,999		55,902	472,602	189,348
Total Expenditures	11,935,481	7,376,414	6,624,627	4,907,630	4,086,357
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (1,267,687)	\$ 434,908	\$ 38,114	\$ 921,053	\$ 882,917

General Fund - Other Local Revenue by Source Last Five Fiscal Years (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting) (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Doi	nations	_	or Year funds	cellaneous evenue	Annual Total
2016 2015 2014 2013 2012	\$	- 933 575	\$	167	\$ 8,738 33,836 21,988 19,987 20,266	\$ 8,905 34,769 22,563 19,987 20,266

Source: Charter School Records



Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function Last Five Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Function	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Instruction	74	52	39	40	33
Administrative	19	5	5	3	2
Support Services	12	28	27	13	11
Total	105	85	<u>71</u>	56	46

Source: Charter School Personnel Records

Operating Statistics Last Five Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Student Attendance Percentage	100.00% 100.00% 95.35% 98.79%
Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	29.93% 6.89% 12.47% 14.73% 0.00%
Average Daily Attendance (ADA) °	725 508 451 409 349
Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) ^c	725 508 473 414 353
Pupil/ Teacher Ratio	10:1 12:1 1:1 1:1
Teaching Staff ^b	74 39 33 33
Percentage Change	15.88% 1.00% 28.32% -0.23% 0.00%
Cost Per Pupil	\$ 16,220 \$ 13,997 \$ 13,858 \$ 10,800 \$ 10,825
Operating Expenditures ^a	\$ 11,759,482 7,376,414 6,568,725 4,535,925 3,897,009
Enrollment	725 527 474 420 360
Fiscal Year	2016 2015 2013 2013

Sources: Charter School records

Note: Enrollment based on annual final Charter School count.

- a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.

 b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certified staff.

 c Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from School Register Summary (SRS).

School Building Information Last Five Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Charter School Building					
Middle School					
Square Feet	25,390	25,390	25,390	31,800	31,800
Capacity (students)	240	240	240	420	420
Enrollment	235	236	237	420	360
High School					
Square Feet	31,800	31,800	31,800		
Capacity (students)	260	300	240		
Enrollment	255	291	237		
Elementary					
Square Feet	19,100				
Capacity (students)	240				
Enrollment	235				

Number of Schools at June 30, 2016

Elementary School = 1 Middle School = 1 High School = 1

Source: Charter School Facilities Office

Note: Increases in square footage and capacity are the result of additions. Enrollment is based on the annual October Charter School count.

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465 BOULEVARD ELMWOOD PARK, NJ

DATE PREPARED: 10/28/2015

COVERAGE	AMOUNTS/LIM	I TERM	EXPIRES	COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	R PREMIUM
School Location #1: 7 St. Francis Way,	, Passaic, NJ					
School Location #2: 40 Tulip Street, Pa	issaic, NJ					
School Location #3: 6 Wall Street, Pas	saic, NJ					
Central Office: 465 Blvd, Elmwood Par	rk, NJ					
Package Policy		1 YR.	7/1/2016	NJSIG	P976AG	\$29,370.58
Loc #1)Business Personal Property	\$250,000					
Loc#2)Business Personal Property	\$75,000					
Loc#3)Business Personal Property	\$75,000					
Extra Expense	25% of contents					
Valuable Papers & Records Deductible: \$1000	\$25,000					
Business Income	\$3,000,000					
Flood Zones A & V Special Hazard	\$20,000,000					
Deductible	\$500,000					
All other Flood Zones NJSBAIG Agg	\$75,000,000					
Deductible	\$10,000					
EDP						
Blanket Hardware/Software	\$500,000					
Blanket Extra Expense	included					
Transit	\$25,000					
Loss of Income	\$10,000					
Deductible: \$1000						
Equipment Breakdown						
Property Damage & Extra Expense	\$100,000,000					
Deductible	\$1,000					
<u>Crime</u>						
Public Employee Dishonesty	\$250,000					
Loss of Money & Securities	\$50,000					
Money Orders & Counterfeit	\$50,000					
Forgery or Alteration	\$50,000					
Computer Fraud/\$1K ded	\$250,000					

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PASSAIC ARTS & SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

DATE PREPARED: 10/28/2015

COVERAGE	AMOUNTS/LIM	I TERM	EXPIRES	COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	R PREMIUM
General Liability						
Each Occurrence	\$16,000,000					
Products/Completed Ops annual agg	\$16,000,000					
Sexual Abuse per occurrence	\$16,000,000					
Sexual Abuse annual pool agg	\$17,000,000					
Personal & Advertising Injury per occ	\$16,000,000					
Personal & Adver. Injury Ann Agg	\$16,000,000					
Employee Benefits	\$16,000,000					
Employee Benefits Deductible	\$1,000					
Premises Medical Payment per person	\$5,000					
Terrorism each occ/annual NJSIG Agg	\$1,000,000					
Business Auto						
Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability	\$16,000,000					
-						
ERRORS & OMISSIONS		1 YR.	7/1/2016	NJSIG	E976AG	\$21,117.89
Coverage A - Limit of Liability	\$16,000,000					
Deductible each claim: \$5,000						
Coverage B - Limit of Liability						
Each Claim	\$100,000					
Each Policy Period	\$300,000					
Deductible each claim: \$5,000	·					
WORKERS COMPENSATION		1 YR.	7/1/2016	NJSIG	W976AG	\$48,665.34
'						, -,
1 0	\$2,000,000	Each Ac	cident			
	42 ,000,000		-r,			
Business Auto Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability ERRORS & OMISSIONS Coverage A - Limit of Liability Deductible each claim: \$5,000 Coverage B - Limit of Liability Each Claim Each Policy Period	\$16,000,000 \$16,000,000 \$100,000	1 YR. 1 YR. Each Ac Each En Each En	7/1/2016 cident aployee	NJSIG NJSIG	E976AG W976AG	\$21,117.89 \$48,665.34

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COVERAGE	AMOUNTS/LIM	I TERM	EXPIRES	COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	PREMIUM
SUPPLEMENTAL INDEMNITY Maximum Benefit Period	52 Weeks	1 YR.	7/1/2016	Federal Ins Co (Chubb)	o 9907-15-88	\$1,439.60
Maximum Weekly Benefit 7 day waiting period	\$2,500					
STUDENT ACCIDENT Basic Sports K-8 (no football) Maximum Benefit Volunteers	Full Excess \$1,000,000 \$25,000	1 YR.	7/1/2016	Zurich American Ins Co	MCB5858711	\$1,777
PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS ** (included in Package Policy) 1)Recep Ornek - Bd.Secretary 2) Chris Lessard - Treasurer	\$195,000 \$195,000	1 YR.	7/1/2016	NJSIG	Included in P976AG	included
FF CAP PROGRAM Group Policy Limit each occurrence 2 X replenishent factor EPL Sublimit	\$50,000,000 \$50,000,000 \$25,000,000	1 YR.	7/1/2016	Firemans Fund Indemnity Corp.	SHX-000-5798-7810	\$2,534

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PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL
Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators
Fiscal Ratios

Last Three Fiscal Years

Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers DOE Enrollment Reports Charter School Budget Audit: Exhibit A-1 Audit: Exhibit A-1 Audit: Exhibit A-1 Audit: Exhibit A-2 Audit: Exhibit A-2 Audit: Exhibit A-2 Audit: Exhibit A-1 Audit: Exhibit A-1 Audit: Exhibit A-7 1,580,393 1,630,557 429,830 2,561,307 655,119 725.00 780 30,883 11,178,916 12,670,373 (1,491,457)Audit 2,741,537 3,929,951 382,040 460,883 2,146,576 508.00 139,475 8,163,957 539 8,024,482 30,532 Andit 1,542,049 2,250,689 2,347,497 340,396 340,396 2,007,100 7,022,227 6,971,643 414.00 28,675 50,584 420 2014 Audit Final Average Daily Enrollment March 30th Budgeted Enrollment Depreciation Expense Total Expenses Change in Net Assets Principal Payments Interest Payments **Current Liabilities** Interest Expense **Total Liabilities** Total Revenue Total Assets Net Assets

		NOT AX	OS ANALYSIS	o			
Near Te	Near Term Indicators	2014	2015	2016	3 YR CUM	Source:	Target
1a.	Current Ratio	6.61	7.18	3.68		Current Assets/Current Liabilities	> 1.1
1b.	Unrestricted Days Cash	80.73	87.99	26.76		Cash/(Total Expenses/365)	30-60
1c.	Enrollment Variance	%66	94%	%86		Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment	%56<
1d.*	Default	A/N	N/A	N/A		Audit	not in default
Sustain	ustainability Indicators						
2a.	Total Margin	1%	2%	-13%	%9-	Change in Net Assets/Total Revenue	positive
2b.	Debt to Asset	0.15	0.12	1.57		Total Liabilities/Total Assets	6:>
2c. **	Cash Flow	851,322	392,342	(1,005,309)	238,355		3 yr cum positive
2d.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	∀/Z	A/A	₩.		(Change in Net Assets+Depreciation+Interest Expense)/(Principal & Interest Payments)	>1.10

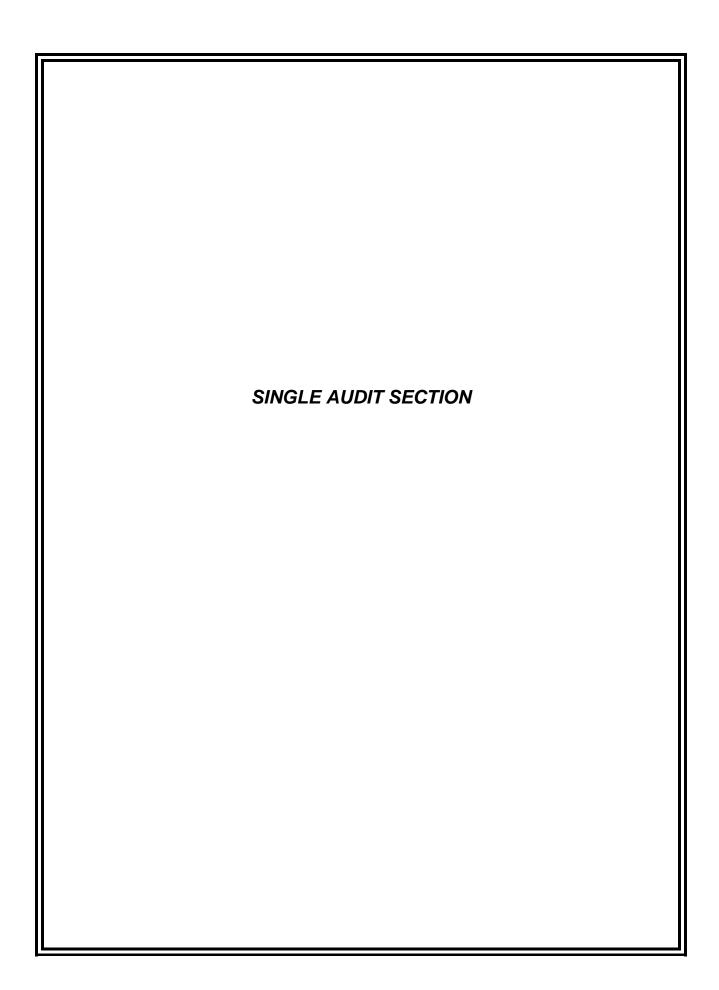
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Changes

Is school in default of loan covenant(s) and/or is deliquent with debt service payments? Yes or No 2016 = 2016 Cash - 2015 Cash - 2015 Cash - 2014 Cash - 2014 Cash - 2013 Cash

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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Passaic Arts and Science Charter School County of Passaic Elmwood Park, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Passaic Arts and Science Charter School (Charter School), in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2016.

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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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 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 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 matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

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* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Richard M. Barre

Public School Accountant PSA Number CS-01181

Union, New Jersey November 28, 2016

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY U.S. UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY CIRCULAR 15-08-OMB

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Passaic Arts and Science Charter School County of Passaic Elmwood Park, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School's (Charter School) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement and the New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The Charter School's major federal and state programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

The Charter School's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal and state programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance 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; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.* Those standards, Uniform Guidance and New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements

referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Charter School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Charter School's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

In our opinion, the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Charter School's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal or state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance and New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Required by New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Passaic Arts and Science Charter School, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures. including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Union, New Jersey November 28, 2016

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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	Federal	Federal	Grant or State	Program or				Carryover/				Repayment	Balaı	Balance at June 30, 2016	16
Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	CFDA Number	FAIN Number	Project Number	Award Amount	Grant Period From Tc	Period To	Balance at June 30, 2015	(Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments	Of Prior Years' Balances	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Due to Grantor
U.S. Department of Education Passed-through State Department of Education Special Revenue Fund															
Title I Part A Title I Part A Carryover	84.010A 84.010A	S010A150030	NCLB - 6080 - 16 \$	\$ 509,117		6/30/16 \$	(98,665)	. ↔	\$ 497,017 79,635	\$ (509,117)	. ↔	· \$	\$ (12,100) \$ (19,030)		, ⊗
Title IP art A Carryover Title II Part A Title III	84.010A 84.367A 84.365A	S367A150029	NCLB - 6080 - 14 NCLB - 6080 - 16 NCLB - 6080 - 16	3,704	7/1/13	6/30/14 6/30/16 6/30/16	(87,755)		3,704 3,704 10,607	(3,704)			(1,298)		
Total No Child Left Behind Cluster	1000			10.5			(186,420)	•	677,420	(524,278)	•		(33,278)		
Individuals with Disabilities Cluster: LDEA, Part B Basic	84.027	H027A150100	IDEA - 6080 - 16	130,408		6/30/16			111,083	(130,408)			(19,325)		
I.D.E.A. Part B Basic Carryover I.D.E.A. Preschool Total Individuals with Disabilities Cluster	84.027 84.173		IDEA - 6080 - 15 IDEA - 6080 - 16	93,954 5,696	7/1/15	6/30/15	(40,304)	,	705 111,788	(705) (131,113)	·		(40,304)	,	
Total Special Revenue Fund						ļ	(226,724)		789,208	(655,391)			(92,907)		
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-through State Department of Agriculture Enlerprise Fund:															
School Breakfast Program		16161NJ304N1099	Υ/Z	61,551	7/1/15	6/30/16	(7 330)		57,840	(61,551)			(3,711)		
National School Lunch Program		16161NJ304N1099	Q Q S	291,831		6/30/16	(600,1)		272,085	(291,831)			(19,746)		
National School Lunch Program Child Care Food Program	10.558	16161NJ304N1099	∢ ∢ ; 2 2 :	30,352		6/30/15	(37,460)		37,460 28,928	(30,352)			(1,424)		
Cnild Care Food Program Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program	•	16161NJ304L1603	¥ ¥ Ž Ž	29,635	7/1/15	6/30/15	(2,586)		22,404	(29,365)	j		(6,961)		
Total Enterprise Fund							(47,385)		428,642	(413,099)			(31,842)		
Total Federal Financial Awards						₩	\$ (274,109)	· \$	\$ 1,217,850	(1,068,490)	•	· •	\$ (124,749)	· \$	•

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

					Balanc	Balance at June 30, 2015	015					Bal	Balance at June 30, 2016	91		MEMO	
State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Gran	Grant Period om To	Deferred Revenue (Accounts Receivable)		Due to Grantor	Carryover/ (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Repayment of Prior Year's Balance	(Accounts Receivable)	Deferred Revenue/ Interfund Payable	Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable		Cumulative Total Expenditures
State Department of Education General Fund: State Ald-Public Cluster State Ald-Public Cluster Equalization Ad Special Education Ad Security Ad Security Ad Total State Ad-Public Cluster	16.495-034-5120-071 16.495-034-5120-089 16.495-034-5120-084	\$ 7,598,380 156,155 279,787	7/1/15 7/1/15 7/1/15	6/30/16 6/30/16 6/30/16	€9	₩.	·	•	\$ 7,539,503 156,155 279,787 7,975,445	\$ (7,598,380) (156,155) (279,787) (8,034,322)	· •	\$ (58,877)	, sa	· •>	88 88 88 88 88	7 \$ 778,85 8 778,85	7,598,380 156,155 279,787 8,034,322
TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	16 495-034-5095-001 16 495-034-5095-006 16 495-034-5095-002 15 495-034-5095-002	186,420 156,561 253,368 168,253	7/1/15 7/1/15 7/1/15	6/30/16 6/30/16 6/30/16 6/30/15	(26,	(26,940)			186,420 156,561 226,654 26,940	(186,420) (156,561) (253,368)		(26,714)			56	26,714	186,420 156,561 253,368
Total General Fund					(26,	(26,940)			8,572,020	(8,630,671)		(85,591)			85,	85,591 8	8,630,671
State Department of Agriculture Enterprise Fund. National School Lurch Program (State Share) National School Lurch Program (State Share)	16-100-010-3350-023 15-100-010-3350-023	5,678	7/1/15	6/30/16	J	(701)			5,296	(5,678)		(382)				382	5,678
Total Enterprise Fund						(701)	,		5,997	(5,678)		(382)				382	5,678
Total All Funds					\$ (27,	(27,641) \$		Ì	\$ 8,578,017	\$ (8,636,349)	9	\$ (85,973)	\$		\$ 82	85,973 \$ 8	8,636,349
State Financial Assistance Not Subject To Major Program Determination: General Funds: General Funds: On-Behalf TPAP FRM Confroutions On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	16.495.034.5095.001 16.495.034.5095.006	\$ 186,420 156,561	7/1/15	6/30/16	69	<i>y</i>			\$ (186,420) (156,561) (342,981)	\$ 186,420 156,561 342,981	· · · · ·	69	· · · ·	· · · ·	es.	φ.	186,420 156,561 342,981
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Single Audit					\$ (27,	(27,641) \$		·	\$ 8,235,036	\$ (8,293,368)		\$ (85,973)			\$ 85	85,973 \$ 8	8,979,330

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance
June 30, 2016

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance include federal and state award activity of the Board of Trustees, Passaic Arts and Science Charter School. The Board of Trustees is defined in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These basis of accounting are described in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 CFR 200 – *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.* Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or when expenditures have been made.

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-44.2. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance
June 30, 2016

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June state aid payments in the subsequent year. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more June state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-4.2.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is none for the general fund and none for the special revenue fund. See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

Federal	State	Total
\$ -	\$ 8,630,671	\$ 8,630,671
655,391		655,391
413,098	5,678	418,776
\$ 1,068,489	\$ 8,636,349	\$ 9,704,838
	\$ - 655,391 413,098	\$ - \$ 8,630,671 655,391 413,098 5,678

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

NOTE 5. FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

Passaic Arts and Science Charter School has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2016.

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance
June 30, 2016

NOTE 6. OTHER

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2016. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2016.

NOTE 7. ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions payments are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

NOTE 8. SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM FUNDS

Schoolwide programs are not separate federal programs as defined in *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards;* amounts used in schoolwide programs are included in the total expenditures of the program contributing the funds in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The following funds by program are included in schoolwide programs in the charter school.

Program		Total
Title I, Part A: Grants to Local Education Agencies	\$	509,117
Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting		3,704
Title III: English Language Acquisition		11,457
Total	¢	E04 070
Total	Φ_	524,278

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Section I Sun	amory of Auditor's D	loculto	
Financial Statements Type of auditors' report issued on financial sta	nmary of Auditor's R tements	esuits	<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over financial reporting: 1) Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	X No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are be material weaknesses?	not considered to	Yes	None _ <u>X</u> _ Reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial stat noted?	ements	Yes	X No
Fodoral Awarda			
Federal Awards Internal control over major programs: 1) Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	X No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are be material weaknesses?	not considered to	Yes	None X Reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance	for major programs		<u>Unmodified</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required t accordance with Uniform Guidance?	to be reported in	Yes	X No
Identification of major federal programs:			
CFDA Number(s)	Name of Fe	deral Program or	Cluster
	NO CHILD L	EFT BEHIND CL	JSTER:
<u>84.010A</u>	Title I Part A		
84.365A		Title III	
84.367A		Title II Part A_	
10.555	Child Nutri	tional Program Cl	uster
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between T Type B programs:	ype A and		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		<u>X</u> Yes	No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)

State Awards			
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type B programs:	ype A and		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		<u>X</u> Yes	No
Internal control over major programs:			
1) Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	<u>X</u> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are in be material weaknesses?	not considered to	Yes	None X Reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance	for major programs		<u>Unmodified</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to accordance with NJ Circular 15-08-OMB, as		Yes	X No
Identification of major state programs:			
GMIS Number(s)	Nam	ne of State Progr	am
	STATE AI	D – PUBLIC CLU	STER
16-495-034-5120-071		Equalization Aid	
16-495-034-5120-089	Special E	ducation Categor	ical Aid
16-495-034-5120-084		Security Aid	

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

The section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and instances of noncompliance related to the basic financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

No Current Year Findings

Section III – Federal and State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies audit findings required to be reported by Title 2 CFR 200 Section .516 of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and NJ Circular 15-08-OMB, as applicable.

No Current Year Findings

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Prepared by Management For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

STATUS OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, US OMB *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (511 (a)(b)) and NJ Circular 04-04-OMB and/or 15-08-OMB, as applicable.

No Prior Year Findings